

# Sidelines

## Post-season test next for 24-0 Flyers

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The Farmington Unified hockey team achieved a season-long objective Wednesday and immediately began focusing on another that had been put on hold until the first was secured.

The Flyers accomplished a perfect regular season, finishing with a 24-0 record after whipping Waterford Mott at

Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 10-0.

"Our goal at the beginning of the year was to win every game," Flyers coach Mark Vellucci said. "The boys can be proud of what they've done, and I'm proud of them. That's what we did, and now it's a new season."

The second season begins Tuesday with post-season play in which No. 2-ranked Farmington will meet top-ranked and four-time defending state champion

Redford-Detroit Catholic Central.

Due to the great demand for tickets, the regional tournament game has been moved to Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. Faceoff is still at 8 p.m.

"We knew we'd have to go through them to win the state," Farmington senior captain Keith Hay said. "They're the best in the state. We'll see what they have and try to knock them off in the first round."

### Farmington-CC rematch

For three months, the Flyers were focused on winning the Oakland Activities Association Division I championship and going undefeated through the regular season, but an eventual game with CC was always in the back of the players' minds.

"Everyone has been expecting and

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### College baseball

Justin Prinstein of Farmington Hills, a first-year student at Albion College and a graduate of North Farmington, has earned a spot on the Britons' baseball roster.

Albion begins the 2003 season with 10 games March 8-14 in Fort Myers, Fla. The home opener is March 18 against Manchester (Ind.) College. Prinstein is the son of Jay and Dayle Prinstein.

### Stingrays' signup

The Farmington Family YMCA Stingray swim team is registering swimmers for its "Spring Tune-Up," a competitive program that runs from Monday, March 24, through Friday, May 30.



Team participation is open to anyone between the ages of 6 and 18. Participants do not need to be YMCA members during the spring session only. Depending on ability, participants will swim either at the YMCA or local high school pools.

For more information, please e-mail Pamela Campbell at pcampbell@ymca.org or call 248-682-5836 in the evening after 7 p.m. All calls will be returned during evening hours.

### Hockey signup

The Farmington Hills Hockey Association will register new players beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

The cost is \$100 for residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills and \$125 for non-residents. A player must present a check for one of the above amounts and a copy of his/her birth certificate.

### Volleyball stats

Farmington Harrison volleyball players recorded some impressive numbers in the recent city tournament, according to coach Kevin Lashbrook.

The Hawks defeated their public-school rivals and finished second behind two-time champion Farmington Hills Mercy. Maggie Condeni had 12 kills and two aces, Jamila Fair 10 kills and five aces, Jessica Condeni 10 kills, Diana Platt 36 kill assists, Alex Crenn 11 digs and Merrill DeRose 10 digs. "Overall, it was a team effort and everyone played well," Lashbrook said. "Mercy was too overpowering. We didn't have much left after our emotional wins against North and Farmington."

### Baseball tryouts

Tryouts for the 17-year-old Oakland Titans travel baseball team will take place 1-3 p.m. Saturday, March 8.

The site will be Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes Campus gym on Cooley Lake Road in Commerce Township.

All positions are open. Players must be 17 or under as of July 31, 2003. For more information and directions, call Ray Merriman at (248) 626-3034.

## North boys earn share of D3 title

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North Farmington was slow to get started on the basketball court Friday night, but the Raiders were rolling once they did.

Royal Oak Kimball went down to defeat surprisingly easy as host North coasted to a 69-29 victory. The Raiders clinched at least a share of the Oakland Activities Association Division III championship.

North, which leads the division with an 11-1 record and is 13-5 overall, has a two-game lead over Birmingham Seaholm with two remaining. Third-place Kimball is 6-6 and 9-9.

"It starts with the seniors," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "Marcus (McComb) has started at guard for three years and has won three championships now."

"Matt Clark is another senior captain who could care less how many minutes he plays. It's all about the team winning, and what a great leader he has been."

"Robert White and David Grant ain't aren't worried about minutes but making sure they're always ready and the team is always ready."

The Raiders, who needed a last-second shot to beat the Knights on their court, 52-50, in the first meeting, were behind early Friday.

Kimball led 4-0 and North didn't score until McComb made the

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Sophomore center Sean Hackler shoots over the reach of Kimball's Mike Sheldon during North Farmington's 59-33 victory Friday.

## Farmington shares lead in D4 hoops

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Farmington took care of business and did what needed to be done by defeating host Oakland in boys basketball Friday, 60-58.

And the Falcons got some additional good news when they learned of Madison Heights Lamphere's 55-53 win over Madison.

That means Farmington and Madison are tied for the Oakland Activities Association Division IV

**BASKETBALL** lead with two games remaining.

Both teams are 10-2 in the division. If both win Tuesday, it will be a winner-take-all showdown for the championship when the teams meet in the regular-season finale Friday at Madison.

"We have to take care of business Tuesday (at home against Hazel Park), or there's no matchup Friday," Farmington coach Steve Norgrove said.

"Good teams prepare themselves for each and every game, and that's what we're going to do - get prepared for Tuesday's game and worry about Friday's game after that."

The visiting Falcons trilled by a point at halftime, 27-26, and were behind most of the second half Friday.

They matched the Trojans point for point in the third quarter, 17-17, but were still down one after three.

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## Last Marathon awaits adventurer

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Walt Pheneey's next adventure will take him to the end of the earth, literally.

The Farmington Hills resident departed Saturday on an 8,000-mile journey to the frozen, snow-covered continent of Antarctica.

And when he reaches the most remote place in the world, he will take part in The Last Marathon.

The 60-year-old engineer will be one of 60 runners around the globe participating in the March 3 race.

But it's more than a sporting event. It's the trip of a lifetime for Pheneey and his wife, Phyllis, who won't be running the marathon, however.

"Although the marathon is at the centroid of our journey to the South Pole, I believe it will be just a small part of the overall adventure," Pheneey said.

"I try to keep a lot of adventure in my life, and this is just one of them. The marathon is just one of many. I do a lot of triathlons and races. But that's really a small part."

Pheneey, who served as a paratrooper in Vietnam, has done the Alcatraz Triathlon



Walt Pheneey of Farmington Hills trains outdoors in the snow early one morning in preparation for an upcoming marathon on the frozen continent of Antarctica.

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## Roseville tops CC in regional final

BY PAUL BEAUDRY  
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Redford-Detroit Catholic Central's year-long quest to avenge last year's wrestling regional loss to Dearborn Fordson came true on Wednesday night.

But the Shamrocks will have to wait another year to avenge their latest upset - a 32-31 loss to Roseville in the Division I regional at Grosse Pointe South High School, keeping CC out of the state finals in Battle Creek for another year.

"When we wrestled them this year, they only had half their kids at the meet," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, whose team beat the Panthers (31-8) earlier this season.

"We're very strong in the lower weights and at the upper weights. They started winning in the middle, and it never got back around to the lower weights."

After coming from behind to beat the Tractors in the semifinals, 38-28, the fourth-ranked Shamrocks started the match with an 11-3 win at 119 from Matt Koziara.

But then the Panthers - a 60-9 winner over Warren Mott in the other semifinal - got going. Rian Brassell won by a pin at 125 pounds, then Dan Setter won a decision, then Joe Malorano had another pin. A major decision and two 17-1 technical falls later found the Shamrocks down 29-4 halfway through the match. It didn't help that CC was without Nate

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