Patritto hired as Rochester Adams grid coach

He'll have some big shees to fill, but Troy Patritto is up for the challenge.

Patritto was hired earlier but month as Rochester Adams next football locach, replacing seteran Jim Dedarger, who stepped adult hast November from the position be had held for H highly successful seasons. Patritic sports a highly respectable resume that

includes the last time seasons as head coach at Madison Heights Bishop Foley. Prior to that, Patritio served as varying assistant at Foley (1 year) and U+10 Jesuit (three years). "It's a great program with strong support and I'm really looking forward to exacting at Adams and In such a great leggue as the OAA Division I," said Patritto, who resides in Rechester Hills. "It seems the community has always been behind the team and the athlet-

Patritto was selected over a Patritto was selected over host of qualified applicants, who were vying for one of Oakland County's premier

Oakland County's premier coaching positions.

"The common theme I was hearing about Tony was he was able to get the most out of his kids all the time at Foley, voiced Adams Athletic Director Jason Rappe, who headed the screening committee to replace

DeJarger. "I heard he had a dynamic personality and that everything was always positive and he could really maximize his effort."

his effort.
Patriito takes over a Highlander program that rijloyed a great deal of success over the last several regular seasons of play, but struggled to rack up victories in the state playoffs. The Highlanders posted a 9-0 ledger in summing the freque title in 2001 and shared OAA Dicision I crowns in 1998

and 2002. They qualified for the playoffs each of the past six seasons under Dedaeger, after having never previously quali-fied in school history.

'I have seen my share of good footfall (coaching against opponents such as Birmingham Brother Rice and Orchard Lake S., Mary's Jandt Will again in the OAA's Patritto sald, 'I know the OAA's depth and power from top to bottom and you can't take a second off against anybody. Ulbe to think I do

things the right way and that is do it with intensity. I want to do what I can to make it a great experience for the kith.

Patritto, an alum of Foley who moved on to play college football as wide receiver at Alma College, said his coaching attengths lie on the offensive side of the line and include a spread/triple option attack that keep definites guessing. He is body putting a staff into place and plans on having it finalized by mid-february.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

STINGRAYS SIGNUP

The Faradington Family YMCA Stingray swim team is registering swimmers for its "Spring Thur-Hy," a competitive program that trust 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.

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pants will swim either at the YMCA or local high school

MICA or assembled to the peak.
For more information, please e-mail Pamela Campbell at peaupbell (2 nonce orgor cell 2 2 8 - 682 - 5836 in the evening after 7 p.m. All calls will be returned during evening hous.

SPRING HOCKEY PROGRAMS

Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills will host the eight-week Suburban Hockey

Spring Training Programs starting on April 1.

There will be a movice program once a week for children (ages 4-65, youth programs twice a week for initial mites (ages 8-60, mites (ages 7-80, squites (ages 9-10) and pee week (ages 11-12) girls (ages 12 and under), high and adult programs once a week.

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For more information or to register call (248) 478-1609 or visit www.suburbauhockey.com.

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Deanna Gauer had one kill and one block; Melissa Patterson had two kills and flve digs; Katy Johnson and Mallory Amnarius, who served five points, had four digs apiece. Outside hitter Jill Alsyach played Saturday despite being sick but was unable to play as well as she usually does, according to Perrin. "She was the reason we beat Mercy (in the dis-trict tournament) to a large degree," he sald. 'Had she played that well against Marian, it would have been a competitive match."

Junior setter I Isa Hellebuyck developed into a leader and solid player over the course of the season, Evrin added.

"That bodes well for next year," he said.
"Toward the end of the season, she was demanding the team play at a higher level, and its hard for glets to do that. She was no longer satisfied with playing well. She wanted more result-oriented things.

"At the beginning of the year, she was feeling her way through things, learning the manners of the game and discovering how to do things, by the end, she was mastering those things."

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HOUCHINS

"Clara is like a dominating warrior who always comes to compete," Doyer said. "She was kinda beat up from the day before (team meet). She had some aniske probleme and third recorpete on vault Saturday." I was glad to see her media and become a state limitist. It was her first time medaling at state. She had always been .05 or .10 away from a state medal. It was a good sendolf for her in her sentor year.
"It's not by coincidence in her tenure we've placed sirth, third, fifth and third in the state. She has been an integral part of each of those teams." Junior Lindsay Smith was part of a three-way the for second place in Division II floor everview (9.275).
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She had qualified to compete in the all-around but puly did

one event. A fall during warm-ups on vault caused her to withdraw from the meet. Smith was taken to a hospi-tal by ambulance for fear of a possible neck injury, according to Devyer. Easts proved nega-tive and Smith later returned to the even

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That was the seariest scene few eithers death in own genuasts. Dower said. As she was leaving, she had tears streaming down her face. She was upologizing; she wanted to root.

To the next four hours, we were waiting for a phone call. At the end of the meet, we looked up and Lindsay was there.

hooked up and Lamsay some there.

"When she came back in, they stopped the unert and awarded her her metal. They gave her a standing ovation, because the whole gent knew

what happened.
All in all, it worked out well. You go to the state meet and

take for granted these girls can do tricke easily, and it really involves quite a bit of risk."

The Farmington had three other girls place in the top 15. In Division 1, Cattlin McPherson was 18th on vault (9.2); in Division 11, Rachel Wasson was tell for ninth on vault (9.2) and Natable Olesko was 18th on beam (8.53). McPherson and Wasson was tell for ninth on vault (9.2) and Natable Olesko was 18th on beam (8.53). McPherson and Wasson are suphomores with club experience, and Dwyer expects them to help 'the Farmington remain a strong team in the next two years. Olesko is a senior who also was a key team member in recent season. Tower said of Olesko. That she happened to be on a team that was third in the state, and sometimes you would if you were on another team. Natable is a very good gymnast, and I hope she real-text.

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