

HAWKS

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play sweeper most of the time she's on the field. "Those two have played together for a long time," Punzal added. "Another freshman, Jessica Waldecker, may end up starting at midfield for us." Leading the team are captain Danni Platt (senior), and junior Arianna Sundrick, who will patrol the midfield. The only other senior on the team is Alex Ciceri, who will also play in the midfield. Punzal said this year's team, while young, is skilled at most positions on the field. "We're in the process of building a program, and I think our young players are very skilled," she said. "The entire team seems to fit together very well. We have good chemistry and are mixing together very well right now." A large sophomore class for

the Hawks includes Heather Christensen, Leann Burns, Rachel Morrison, Stephanie Klosek, Ashley Nelson, Nikki Kurylo and Sara Abau-El-Scouh. Liz Pursitz, Mary Bresnihan and Dita Dauti round out the freshman class. Junior Besa Vunijqi will also see lots of field time. But one player who won't - at least early in the season - is Jilena Vunijqi, who broke her leg last month in an indoor game. Punzal said she hopes to be back at the end of next month. Junior Taylor Wong and sophomore Stacey Potrykus should get plenty of action from their forward positions. Punzal said her team has simple goals this season: Improve the individual skills every game and have team unity on and off the field. "I like where we're at with the second one," she said. "We lost just one senior who played a lot from last year's team, so I expect a lot of improvement this year."

TENNIS

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our playing experience from last year, so we're counting on those guys a lot." Other top returning players include Andre Zelikov, Michael Zakalick, J.P. Martin, Derek Linkous and Steve Denton. One of several talented freshmen for the Raiders is Nick Ludwig, who is playing well enough to earn himself a starting spot somewhere on the varsity team, according to Shenton. "This may be the best group of incoming freshmen we've had since I've been here," the coach added. The Raiders, who have finished as high as second overall in the state, will have to work hard to duplicate last year's eighth-place state finish, according to Shenton.

Farmington joins OAA II

Another school fielding a young team will be the Farmington Falcons, who have a pair of sophomores atop the singles flights and a few freshmen who could crack the doubles lineup. Coach Carl Badynee said the move to the OAA II puts his team in with more even competition, which is a positive move for his program. "The charm of the OAA is that you go into league play knowing you can be competi-

tive every time out," Badynee said. "But we do have a pretty young team and none of our singles players from last year are returning." Sophomore Alex Perez is lined up for the No. 1 singles spot, according to Badynee. He played at No. 1 doubles last year, but Badynee said he doesn't feel Perez will have any trouble making the transition to singles competition. "He's a strong player, who plays year round," Badynee said. "He will be competing against a lot of players older than him, but I know he can handle it." Fellow sophomore Felix Popescu will start for the Falcons at the No. 2 singles spot. Like Perez, Badynee said Popescu has the overall skills to compete with anyone he'll face this season. Other returning players who will have as-yet determined spots in the varsity order include Sagar Agrawal, Mike Schuller, Sohail Balasubramanian and Brent Rubin. Freshmen Kunal Patel and Max Tenkin could also play their way into starting spots, Badynee said.

LAKERS

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here, and then now we're going home. It's not a good feeling." Richardson (7 points, 9 rebounds) came within inches of possibly giving his team a chance to at least take the game to overtime. With :57 left and Carman-Ainsworth leading 55-53, the Cavalier player clanked the first of a one-and-one free-throw situation, and Richardson battled several opponents to try and get the rebound. Had he come away with the ball, West Bloomfield had time to even the game or take the lead. But during a desperate scramble, 6-foot forward Zack McGee (12 points, 13 rebounds) got the offensive board. McGee missed his first lay-up, then got his own rebound and put it in for a 57-53 lead. "If I would have had the rebound," said Richardson, noting that the Cavaliers seemed to be "coming from all angles" to snatch rebounds at both ends of the floor.

NOT THEIR DAY

Then, the usually sure-shooting Kyle Flanchaum (13 points) and Mando Martin (15 points) missed three-point attempts the next two times down the floor for the Lakers, to all but eliminate the possibility of a comeback. West Bloomfield (22-5), which fell one victory short of reaching its first state final in history, never seemed comfortable under the bright lights of Breslin. "If we had it back I think we'd do a lot better," West Bloomfield head coach Larry Moore said. "It just wasn't our day, not taking anything away from Flint." The Lakers came out missing shots they'd been causing during their sweep of the state district and regionals and then in Tuesday state quarterfinal triumph over Detroit Southeastern. For the game, West Bloomfield hit just 18 of 57 from the floor and 13 of 24 from the free-throw line. "We were just trying to get into a rhythm and we couldn't," said Moore, during the postgame press conference. "... That's what we do, we shoot the ball. That's how we got to

where we are. If a few (of those shots fell), we'd be coming back to play tomorrow." Compounding matters were the speed, athleticism and muscle around both baskets displayed by the Cavaliers, who took a 25-2 record into Saturday's Class A final against Rockford. "Defensively, they were very quick," said Moore, whose team still won more games than any other in West Bloomfield High School history. The Lakers last trip to the state semifinals was in 1969. The Cavaliers out-rebounded West Bloomfield by a 51-34 margin, led by Zack McGee's 13 boards. Two Carman-Ainsworth players tallied nine rebounds, Scott Richardson and Brandon Stephens. "They were very difficult to play," Richardson said. "If you boxed out one man, they'd have another one coming."

BEST YEAR

Despite the disappointing finale, Moore said he was "very proud of my guys. We set a school record for wins this year and that's something to hang your hat on. My guys stepped up and played big all year." In the first half, the Cavaliers did not allow the large contingent of West Bloomfield fans to get overly enthusiastic. Carman-Ainsworth built a 15-8 lead after one frame and carried a 30-26 advantage into the halftime break. But the Lakers were not that far behind for having shot 10 of 24 from the floor.

West Bloomfield came on to start the third, and went on a 13-4 spurt to open up a five-point lead (39-34) with 3:50 remaining in the quarter. After Merritt (13 points, 6 rebounds) pulled down a defensive carom and fed Richardson for a bank-shot, the Lakers led for the first time, 35-34. Martin then connected on a try to give the Lakers their biggest lead of the entire game, sending the sections of West Bloomfield fans into a frenzy. Unfortunately for West Bloomfield, the Cavaliers did not go away. Junior guard Brandon Carr hit a triple and a short jumper at the buzzer to give Carman-Ainsworth a 44-41 lead entering the fourth.

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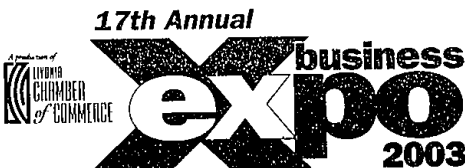
CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 8:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976. PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Harrison, McShane, Mitchell. OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards. The agenda was approved as amended. Minutes were approved and/or received and filed. Council granted permission to the Groves-Walker Post #316, American Legion, to conduct their annual Poppy Days sale on May 17, 18, and 19, 2003 and proclaimed these dates as "Poppy Days" in the City of Farmington. Council granted approval to the Downtown Merchant Association to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 13, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in Memorial Park. Council granted permission for the Farmington Community Arts Council to allow a banner to be hung across Grand River Avenue from April 17 through May 5, 2003 to promote the Festival of the Arts. Council granted permission to the annual South Farmington Baseball opening day parade on Saturday, May 3, 2003. Council accepted the resignation of Patricia Seim from the Board of Zoning Appeals. Council appointed Coreen Paul to the Board of Zoning Appeals for an unexpired term ending June 2004. Public and Council comments were heard. Council concurred to consider an amendment to the City Code to allow for increased membership in the Commission on Children, Youth and Families. JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer Publish: March 23, 2003



CITY OF FARMINGTON STUDY SESSION (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held on Monday, March 17, 2003 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Harrison, McShane (arrived at 7:20 p.m.), Mitchell. COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None. OTHERS PRESENT: OHM Consulting Engineers, John Hiltz & Jon Kramer. FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Director Gushman, City Manager Pastue, Assistant City Manager Richards. Council met to discuss options on meeting the flow requirements imposed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on the Evergreen-Farmington Sanitary Sewer System. JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer Publish: March 23, 2003



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