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Mercy eliminates Falcons in district

By TOM BAER

After what Farmington Our Lady of Mercy went through last week in the Catholic League playoffs and the Public School League-Catholic League championship game, the state Class A district at Farmington High must seem like a lull after a storm for coach Larry Baker's Marlins.

Well, Mercy floundered in that lull in the first half against host Farmington last Monday in the district opener. But, beginning in the third quarter, Mercy showed its quality without too much strain, and won easily, 57-19.

Actually, Mercy, now 18-0 with impressive victories over Detroit Dominican (Catholic League title game) and Detroit Mumford (PSL-Catholic League championship), should tear up the undersized, inexperienced district competition — Farmington (5-16 record), Farmington Harrison (7-11), North Farmington (11-16) and Detroit Central (6-4).

But Baker is of two minds about playing in such an easy district tournament.

"There's good aspects and bad," said Baker, now in his third year as head coach at Mercy. "Sure, it's nice to win. But, in a game like tonight, we got into some real bad habits. For example, I couldn't believe all our turnovers (26).

"I guess we just had a little too much excitement last week. Maybe we were looking ahead in the tournaments. But I can tell you that we're going to have some spirited practices around here, and we'll look much better in the next tournament game."

THERE WERE moments early in the Farmington game when the spectators must have wondered if they were watching the same Mercy team, which had won 17 in a row and threatened to go all the way in Class A.

Farmington, which had trouble shooting over taller Mercy, got off only five shots — but made

two of them — in the first quarter, and trailed, 6-4. Mercy outpointed Farmington, 14-5, in the second quarter, scoring the last eight points in the stanza.

But the rout was really on in the third quarter, when a Mercy blitz produced 25 points and its defense held Farmington to three. The winners completed the mismatch by outscoring the Falcons, 12-7, in the last quarter.

Senior Katie McNamara, Mercy's tallest player at 5-10, celebrated her birthday last Monday by scoring a game-high 13 points on four field goals and five of nine free throws. Teammate Diane Dietz, a 5-8 senior forward, followed with 12 points. Sue Brown and Deanne Banfield added nine and seven points, respectively.

Senior Liz Merrell led coach Bob Lekovich's Farmington team with nine points on four buckets and one of one at the line. Kay Deeg and Kim Patton each had three points, and Julie Tadrzynski and Pat Fournier each had two to complete Farmington's scoring.

Last Wednesday, Detroit Central was to have played North Farmington, and Mercy was to have played Farmington. The district finals will be played on Friday, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The district champion stays at Farmington for the Class A regional tournament.

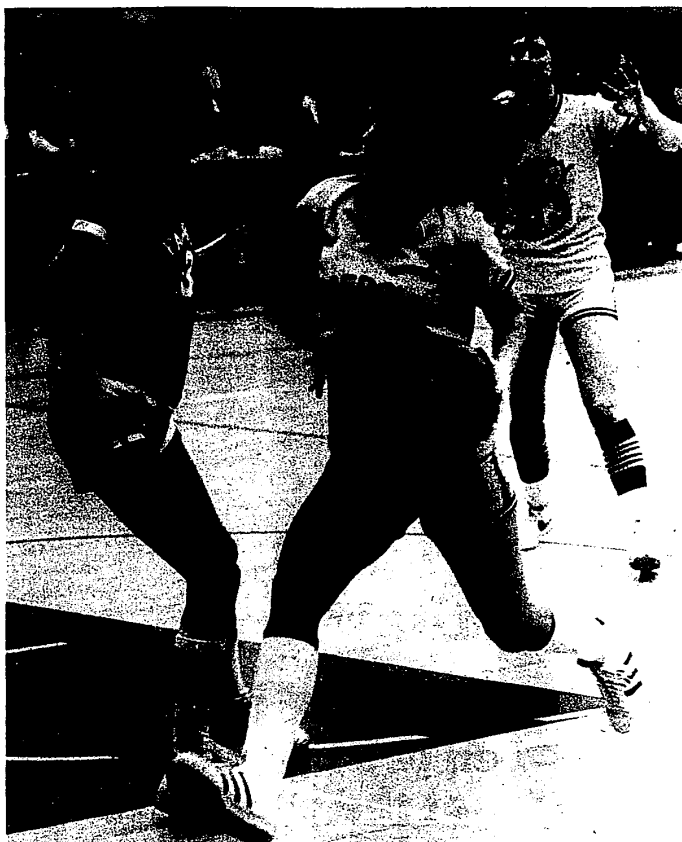
MERCY 57 — FARMINGTON 19

OUR LADY OF MERCY (57) — Kathy Sodech 1, 0-0, 2; Katie McNamara 4, 3-9, 13; Diane Dietz 4, 0-1, 13; Lynn Vadach 2, 0-0, 4; Deanne Banfield 2, 2-4, 7; Sue Brown 4, 1-2, 1; Agatha Conli 1, 0-0, 2; Denise Siewert 0, 0-0, 0; Nancy Malone 0, 0-2, 5; Laura Zwiler 0, 1-2, 1; Anne Harbold 0, 0-0, 0; Gretchen Larson 0, 0-0, 0; Kelly West 0, 0-0, 0; Pat Schneider 2, 0-0, 4; Carol Burns 0, 0-1, 1. TOTALS: 57, 11-26, 33.

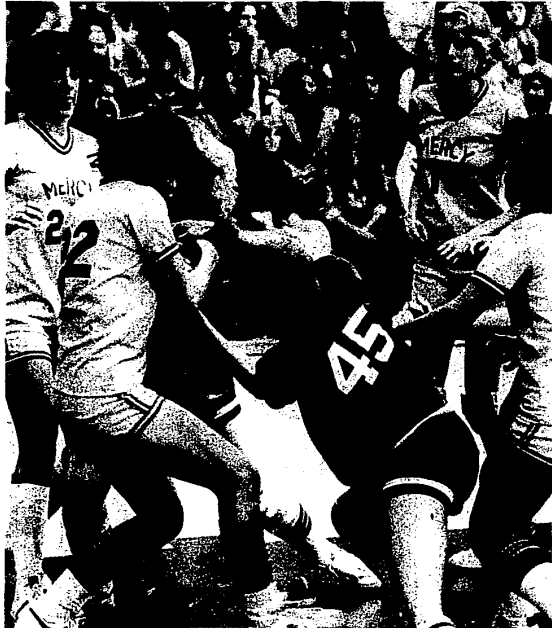
FARMINGTON HIGH (19) — Kim Patton 1, 1-1, 3; Liz Merrell 4, 1-1, 9; Pat Fournier 1, 0-0, 2; Kay Deeg 1, 1-1, 3; Charm Noble 0, 0-0, 0; Therese Jordan 0, 0-0, 0; Julie Tadrzynski 0, 0-0, 2; Lisa King 0, 0-0, 0; Barbara Person 0, 0-0, 0; Tedd Andrews 0, 0-1, 0; Cheryl Lacey 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 19, 1-19, 19.

TOTAL FOULS — Mercy 18; Farmington 17. FOULED OUT: None.

MERCY 4 11 12 11 11 — 57
FARMINGTON 4 3 3 7 1 — 19



Mercy's Diane Dietz (21) drives past Farmington's Kim Patton during last Monday's district game.



Farmington's Julie Tadrzynski (45) and Mercy's Nancy Malone fight for possession. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

Bentley bombs Farmington

Raiders rip Hawks

Mark Thompson scored 14 points, and Jeff Thomas added 12 to pace North Farmington's 64-44 victory over visiting Farmington Harrison last Tuesday night in the season opener for both teams.

Coach Ken Dean's North Farmington squad never trailed after the opening minutes, and extended a five point (16-11) first-quarter lead to 12 points (35-23) at halftime.

Thompson, a 5-foot-11 senior guard, made seven field goals and field goals. Harold Beardsley added 10 points to North's total.

The outcome of the game spoiled the coaching debut of Mike Teachman, who took over as Harrison's basketball coach after Bob Sutter resigned last March. Paul Burkous and Scott Hendries each scored six points for Harrison.

North plays next on Friday (Dec. 2) at home against Thurston High. The Northwest Suburban League game begins at 8 p.m.

Harrison opens its Western Six League season on Friday at home against Plymouth Canton. Game time is 8 p.m.

BENTLEY — FARMINGTON

for first-year Farmington coach Rich Roy.

Eric Throderman clipped in with 16 points for Bentley, and teammate Mark Carroni added 10.

Farmington opens its Inter Lakes League season at Pontiac Northern next Friday. The game starts at 8 p.m.

N. FARMINGTON 64 — HARRISON 44

NORTH FARMINGTON (64) — Mike Thompson 6, 0-2, 6; Robb Hendrichs 2, 1-2, 6; Ron Walter 2, 0-0, 2; Mark Thompson 7, 0-0, 14; Tim Mather 1, 0-0, 4; Ron Fredericks 1, 0-0, 2; Mike Ziemba 0, 0-0, 2; Jeff Thomas 4, 0-1, 10; Dieter Rucker 1, 1-2, 2; Harold Beardsley 3, 0-1, 10; Mark Buhl 2, 0-0, 17, 0-0, 16.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (44) — Ben Baruch 2, 1-2, 5; Dan Burdette 1, 0-0, 2; Ron Brown 1, 0-0, 2; Brian Burgess 0, 0-0, 0; Paul Burkous 2, 0-0, 6; John Cable 2, 0-0, 4; Pat Driscoll 0, 0-0, 2; Scott Hendries 1, 0-0, 6; Paul Lambert 1, 0-0, 2; Scott MacDonald 1, 0-0, 2; Al Saly 2, 0-0, 4; John Tremont 1, 0-0, 2; Keith Turqueti 2, 0-0, 4. TOTALS: 64, 22-44.

TOTAL FOULS — N. Farmington 16, Harrison 12. FOULED OUT: None.

N. FARMINGTON 16 19 18 11 — 64
HARRISON 13 11 11 10 — 44

BENTLEY 68 — FARMINGTON 53

LIVONIA BENTLEY (68) — David Stone 8, 7-8, 19; Eric Throderman 2, 2-10, 10; Chris Bohl 3, 1-2, 7; Tim Stone 1, 0-1, 2; Mark Carroni 4, 2-10, 10; Steve Booth 2, 0-2, 4; Steve Gable 1, 0-2, 2; Greg Shuster 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 68, 22-46.

FARMINGTON HIGH (53) — Jim Bobby 4, 1-4, 8; Mike Buhl 2, 2-2, 6; Jerry Kuhl 0, 0-0, 0; Greg Kuhlmann 0, 1-0, 2; Mike Meribibout 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 53, 19-46.

FOULED OUT: Bobby (F); Bentley (F).

BENTLEY 13 18 18 19 — 68
FARMINGTON 13 9 14 17 — 53

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