

# Canton downs Hawks in Western Six battle

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Plymouth Canton cagers ended Farmington Harrison's five-game win streak and strengthened its hold on the Western Six League lead with a 69-65 victory over the Hawks Friday night at the Canton court.

The triumph raised the Chiefs' overall record to 6-5 but more importantly gave the Plymouth squad a 4-1 loop mark which is top in the conference at the halfway mark of the schedule. Harrison dropped to a 5-7 record and 2-3 in league play.

After taking an early 20-13 first quarter lead, Canton found itself in a tough battle as the never-say-die Hawks slowly but surely closed the advantage.

Harrison controlled the first five minutes of the second stanza and finally overcame the Chiefs' margin in grabbing a 31-30 lead with 2:32 left in the first half.

After a Canton timeout, the Chiefs started putting things back together, however, and outscored Harrison 12-3 in the final minutes of the half to take a commanding 42-33 lead at intermission.

The Chiefs continued to pour it on at the beginning of the third quarter, scoring the first six points of the second half to take a 15-point advantage. Canton never fell behind after this second-half spree but received a bit of a scare in the final quarter as the Hawks were determined to peck away the margin.

Harrison closed the gap to seven points, 56-49, after three quarters but saw the Chiefs build the lead back to 12 points, 67-55, with 4:31 left in the game.

Four consecutive Chief turnovers resulted in eight quick Hawk points in the next three minutes to close the advantage to four. The Hawks and three different chances to tie the game in the closing moments but the Chiefs responded with good ball control and tough defense to register the victory.

"With 2:30 left (and a four-point lead) we moved the ball well and ate up some time," said Canton coach Casey Cavell. "From that point, I wasn't worried. We were thinking and helping each other out."

"Defense was the key to this victory. We also had a good passing game on offense."

Harrison's first-year coach Mike Techman was pleased with his squad's ability to stay in the game.

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"Our kids really went out and hustled," the Hawk mentor said. "We relaxed on defense when their (Canton's) streak hurt us. We only played four minutes of lousy basketball. We have nothing to be ashamed of."

"We're still making improvements on our 1-4 start and this game wasn't a step backwards."

The Hawks' Al Shay led all scorers with 23 points. Scott Hendrix added 14, and Paul Butkunas chipped in with 13.

Canton was led by guard Butch King's 22 points. Kurt Herbert followed with 12, and Randy Riemas and Mike Leary added eight each.

Rusty Mandle played a strong floor game for the Chiefs, assisting on 10 baskets and grabbing seven rebounds.

**PLYMOUTH CANTON-FARMINGTON HARRISON**  
Plymouth Canton (69): Randy Riemas 4, 6, 8, 8; Butch King 11, 5, 2, 2; Rusty Mandle 2, 8, 4; Bruce Ezikes 2, 5, 4; Mike Leary 1, 6, 8; Doug Smith 2, 3, 4; Keith Farthing 1, 5, 4, 2; Kurt Herbert 2, 2, 12; Jay McKinley 1, 3, 2, 1; Frank LaDora 1, 5, 2, 2; Totals—69, 11-18, 69.

Farmington Harrison (65): Brian Burgess 9, 12, 1; Paul Butkunas 5, 3, 4, 10; Scott Hendrix 6, 2, 2, 14; Pete Lamberti 1, 5, 2, 2; Pat Driscoll 1, 2, 4, 4; Ed McDonald 1, 5, 2, 2; Dave Turpin 2, 2, 4; Al Shay 11, 12, 13 Totals—65, 11-18, 65.

Field Goals—None  
Plymouth Canton 22 22 14 13 —69  
Farmington Harrison 12 28 16 16 —65

### Falcons fall

## Raiders win big

THURSTON-N FARMINGTON

Redford Thurston put together a tremendous team effort during the first three periods Friday only to turn cold from the field and free-throw line in the fourth and fell to North Farmington, 51-39, in a Northwest Suburban League basketball game.

"The team just gave a super-valiant effort," said Thurston coach Bill Creben.

Jerry Bradford scored 13 points and Willy Gibson 11 for the Eagles.

NORTHERN - FARMINGTON

Andrew Ewing's 23 points helped Portia Northern defeat Farmington High, 69-51, last Friday at Farmington. Ewing, a 6-foot-4 forward, made 10 baskets and went three for eight at the

free throw line. James Anderson scored nine points, and Terry Taylor had eight for Northern, which had a 32-18 lead at halftime.

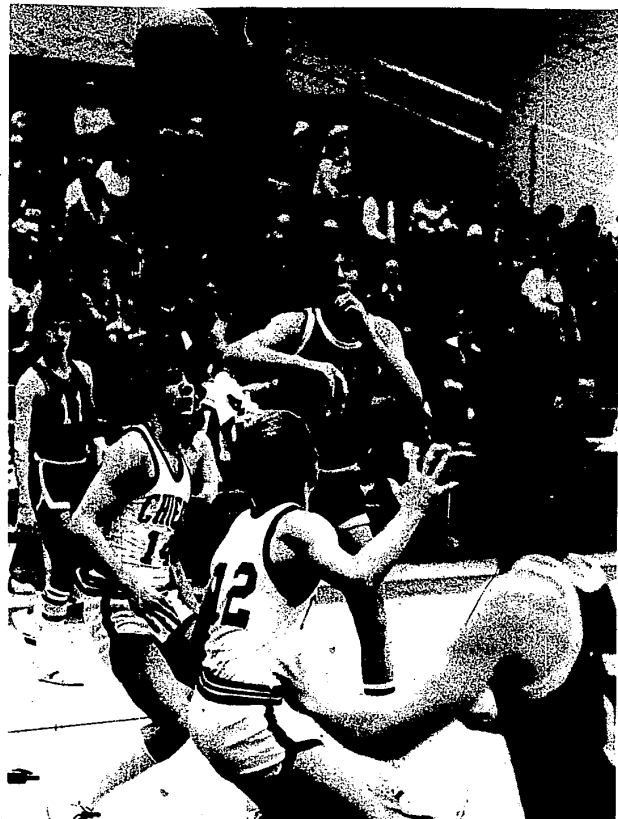
Rick McKibben scored 10 points, and Joe Hauska and Greg Kuhnlein each added eight for Farmington, which fell to 4-9 overall and 2-5 in the Inter Lakes League.

NORTHERN 69 - FARMINGTON 51

PORTIA NORTHERN (69): James Anderson 4, 14, 9; James Brown 1, 5, 4, 6; Milton Carlsson 2, 5, 4; Andrew Ewing 10, 2, 8, 23; John James 2, 2, 2, 6; Maurice Miller 6, 5, 1, 2; Terry Taylor 3, 2, 2, 8; Tony Thompson 5, 2, 4, 2; Terrell Washington 6, 4, 4, 4; Roy Webb 1, 1, 2, 2. TOTALS: 69, 17-32, 69.

FARMINGTON HIGH (51): Jim Bobey 3, 0, 6, 8; Andy Beggs 1, 5, 1, 2; Mike Bush 1, 2, 4; Kevin Delp 2, 5, 4, 4; Joe Hauska 2, 2, 2, 8; Dave Keady 0, 1, 1, 1; Jerry Krist 2, 5, 4, 4; Greg Kuhnlein 4, 5, 4, 2; Rick McKibben 4, 12, 10; Brian Tyler 1, 5, 4, 2. TOTALS: 51, 9-35, 51.

TOTAL FOULS - Farmington 22, Northern 17.  
FOULED OUT: Kuhnlein (F).  
NORTHERN 17 - FARMINGTON 17  
N 17 14 13 13 — 69  
F 9 18 13 11 — 51



Harrison's Paul Butkunas (41) lobs a pass to driving guard Pat Driscoll (foreground) as Canton's Rusty Mandle (14) and Doug Smith (12) defend. Hawk Al Shay (11) looks on in the background. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey).

## Harrison tankers lose; Andover sinks North

Northville High defeated Farmington Harrison, 48-35, last Thursday in Western Six League swimming meet in Northville's pool. The loss put Harrison at 2-2 in the WSL and 2-5 overall.

Harrison won four of the 11 events. Jay Emerson won the 200-yard freestyle (1:54.8), Eric Pedersgill won the diving competition (205.50 points), Al Laforte won the 100-yard butterfly, and John Rudel took the 500-yard freestyle (5:17.6).

Northville had a double winner in Yanooschick, who won the 50 free (22.8) and the 100 free (50.5). Haynie, also of Northville, won the 200 individual medley (2:08.5) and the 100 backstroke (1:58.3).

In another swimming meet last Thursday, Bloomfield Hills Andover won eight of the 11 events and defeated North Farmington, 109-62, in a non-league at Andover. North Farmington has a 2-3 overall record.

North's Clay Sowerett won two events, the 200 free (1:56.5) and the 500 free (5:11.6). Teammate Steve Robertson won the diving event with 201.50 points.

Dean Ottati was a double winner for Andover, posting a :50.5 in the 100 free and a 1:08.8 in the 100 breast.

Farmington High has a 3-3 overall record and a 1-1 mark in the Inter Lakes League after its 107-65 loss to Livonia Stevenson last Thursday.

Stevenson won every event except for diving and the 500 free. Rick Ross scored 239.15 points to win diving,

and Terry Inch won 4:59.2 in the free style.

Earlier last week, North Farmington defeated Farmington, 87-63. Farmington's Inch won two freestyle events, going 1:53.5 in the 200, and 5:01.2 in the 500. Teammate Jim Pogue won the 100 butterfly (1:56.1) and the 100 backstroke (1:01.6).

North Farmington's 200 medley relay (Jeff Priestap, David Paul, Jim Spengenberg and Keith Whetter) won in 1:53.0. North's Sowerett won the 100 free (1:52.6) and teammate Jim Landenberger won the 50 free (1:24.9).

North Farmington swims next on Monday (Jan. 23) at Pontiac Central. On the following Thursday (Jan. 26), Farmington swims at Walled Lake Central, and North Farmington swims at Livonia Franklin.

### Meet summaries

NORTHVILLE 48 - HARRISON 35

50-YARD MEDLEY RELAY - Northville (Lockwood, Gatz, Tim Cahill, Bargett) 1:31.8; Farmington Harrison, Northville.

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Jay Emerson (F) 1:54.8; Tom Cahill (N), John Rudel (H).

50-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - Haynie (N) 2:08.5; Steve Ottar (H), Bruce Bierwirth (H).

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Yanooschick (H) 22.8; Al Laforte (H), Charlie Oestende (H).

DIVING - Eric Pedersgill (H) 205.50 points; Dan Petrelli (H), Cooper (N).

100-YARD BUTTERFLY - Al Laforte (H) 58.9; Ottar (H), Amy McCharger (H).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - Yanooschick (H) 50.5; Bargett (N), Al Oestende (H).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - John Rudel (H) 5:17.6; Lockwood (H), Bruce Bierwirth (H).

100-YARD BACKSTROKE - Haynie (N) 1:58.3; Jim Emerson (H), Lockwood (H).

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE - Tim Cahill (H) 1:08.8; Cooper (H), Charlie Oestende (H).

500-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY - Northville (Yanooschick, Haynie, Pook, Tom Cahill) 5:15.3; Northville, Farmington Harrison.

ANDOVER 109 - N. FARMINGTON 62

50-YARD MEDLEY RELAY - Bloomfield Hills Andover (Kieber, Cheshire, Reed, Parnell) 1:50.4; Bloomfield Hills Andover, North Farmington.

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Clay Sowerett (F) 1:56.5; Dana (H), Thelake (H).

50-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - Dittus (H) 2:12.8; John Spengenberg (N), Ritten (H).

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Ferguson (H) 2:27; Kieber (H), Keith Whetter (N).

DIVING - Steve Robertson (N) 201.50 points; Reed (H), Rick Ellis (N).

100-YARD BUTTERFLY - Ferguson (H) 53.3; Kieber (H), John Spengenberg (N).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - Clay Sowerett (N) 5:11.6; Dittus (H), Dana (H).

100-YARD BACKSTROKE - Thelake (H) 1:58.3; Cheshire (H), Jeff Priestap (N).

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE - Ottar (H) 1:08.8; Ritten (H), David Paul (N).

500-YARD FREESTYLE - Ottar (H) 5:15.3; Keith Whetter (N), Reed (H).

500-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY - Bloomfield Hills Andover (Ottar, Reed, Thelake, Reed) 5:26.7; North Farmington, Bloomfield Hills Andover.

N. FARMINGTON 62 - FARMINGTON 42

50-YARD MEDLEY RELAY - North Farmington (Jeff Priestap, David Paul, John Spengenberg, Keith Whetter) 1:53.5; Farmington High, North Farmington.

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Terry Inch (F) 1:54.8; Clay Robertson (N), Joe Brown (N).

50-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - John Spengenberg (N) 2:08.5; Bargett (F), David Paul (N).

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Jim Landenberger (N) 5:15.3; Bob Carruthers (F), Matt Raloff (F).

DIVING - Rick Ellis (F) 202.50 points; Steve Robertson (N), Dennis Antolin (F).

100-YARD BUTTERFLY - Jay Pogue (F) 58.1; John Spengenberg (N), Peter (F).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - Clay Sowerett (N) 5:11.6; Dave Ussler (F), Jim Landenberger (N).

100-YARD BACKSTROKE - Thelake (H) 1:58.3; Bob Carruthers (F), Jeff Priestap (N).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - Farmington High (Clay Ussler, Jim Pogue, Kim, Terry Inch) 5:15.3; North Farmington, Farmington High.



North Farmington coach Pat Duttie checks times during a recent meet.

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