



Lou Vulaj (45), Farmington Harrison, reaches in front of teammate Paul Butkunas (41) and John Jameson (52) of Livonia Churchill to grab a rebound. Bryant Gilbert (55) and Tom Bay watch at left. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

Churchill cops WSL lead

Harrison cagers fall

CHURCHILL-HARRISON

Controlling the boards with cool efficiency, Livonia Churchill overpowered Farmington Harrison Friday night, 61-55, to become undisputed leader in the Western Six basketball league.

In the first half of play, the Chargers went out in front by controlling the ebb and flow of the contest. Churchill led 18-13 in the first quarter and at the half led, 31-27.

The second half started out slow for both teams as the pace of the game picked up.

Churchill took control of the inside

and forced the Hawks outside which upset the Harrison offense. Also the Charger's control of the boards stopped the Hawk fast break.

"We ran when we had to and we slowed down when we had too. Our board play also helped in every way," said Churchill assistant coach Fred Price.

Leading scorers for the Chargers were Tom Bay with 25 points and Paul Eberly with 18 points. John Jameson, Bay and Eberly did most of the work on the boards for Churchill.

High scorers for Harrison were Lou Julaj with 17 points and Brian Gilbert

with 14 points.

Churchill's record now stands at 4-0 in league play and Harrison's is 3-1 in the league.

In the junior varsity contest the Chargers came out on top, 64-53.

CHURCHILL-HARRISON
Livonia Churchill: 40; Larry Davis 2, 22, 6; Dave Spert 1, 12, 3; John Jameson 3, 11, 7; Tom Bay 7, 10, 25; Paul Eberly 7, 47, 18; Ron Nutter 6, 21, 3; Totals: 29, 23, 46
Farmington Harrison: 55; Lou Vulaj 7, 35, 17; Larry Pump 3, 12, 11; Paul Butkunas 1, 13, 3; Bryant Gilbert 6, 22, 14; Greg Matka 5, 10, 4; Paul Driscoll 6, 12, 1; Matt Barch 2, 12, 3; Totals: 21, 9, 10
Total Foul: Livonia Churchill 17; Farmington Harrison 19; Field Goal: Lou Vulaj, Paul Butkunas, and Dave Spert
Churchill 18 12 25 10 46
Harrison 13 14 13 10 40

Buzzer shot lifts Raiders

A 25-foot jump shot at the final buzzer by Mark Bentley edged North Farmington past Garden City East, 52-50, last Friday night in a Northwest Suburban League basketball game on the Raiders' court. Bentley's winning basket came after North had taken possession with only six seconds left.

"We didn't play as well as we had hoped in the first three quarters," said North assistant coach Tom Noshian, whose team battled East to a 22-all tie at halftime. "We just weren't hitting the baskets. We took good shots, but they just weren't going in."

East's Dan Loacano led all scorers with 22 points. North's Mike Garcia

fired in 19 points.

The victory lifted coach Ken Dean's North Farmington club to 6-3 (all to 5-4 overall and 1-1 in the league). The Panthers had won their last four games, including upset victories over Livonia Stevenson and Southfield-Lathrup.

"I was very pleased with the way we played, but I was very disappointed with the loss," Young said.

North Farmington plays next on Tuesday (Jan. 18) at home against non-league Southfield High. East hosts

Livonia Franklin on Friday (Jan. 21). Both games begin at 8 p.m.

In the reserve contest, North defeated East, 58-33.

N. FARMINGTON-GARDEN CITY EAST
N. FARMINGTON: 52; Robb Henderhan 8, 6, 6; Mike Garcia 8, 13, 19; Mark Thompson 3, 6, 6; Mark Bentley 4, 12, 8; Harold Brantley 4, 0, 0; Mark Beld 4, 0, 0; Mike Zamb 1, 10, 3; Totals: 45, 25, 52
GARDEN CITY EAST: 50; Bob Davis 0, 0, 0; Steve Trapp 2, 0, 4; Jim Dierker 1, 0, 0; Dan Loacano 14, 0, 1; Dave McCall 1, 22, 4; Phil Kinty 2, 0, 0; Totals: 20, 23, 50
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DAN MALONEY

Battling Maloney believes in Wings

By RON ONCZA

Jay frosh edge KJK

Pierre Coker made a layup with 17 seconds to give Southfield High's freshman basketball team a 46-45 victory over Royal Oak Kimball in a recent game played on the Knights' court. The victory lifted coach Burton Hurshe's Southfield team to 2-2 this season.

Don Maloney, an aggressive hockey player for the Detroit Red Wings, came close to battling away his career last season at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Maloney knocked Toronto's Brian Glennie to the ice and repeatedly picked him up and slammed him down much like dribbling a basketball.

He was charged with assault and taken to court, only the third hockey player in the history of the National Hockey League to be criminally charged for actions on the ice.

"I think the court case has made many players change their style of hockey," began Maloney, who was acquitted of the charge.

"The way the NHL is set up today,

it deters any aggressiveness with the intent to injure or punish. If you start a fight today, you're automatically kicked out of the game."

"I think the stiffer penalties are a derivative of the court case," Maloney continued. "I'm just happy that it's over."

The 9-2, 165-pound left winger, has played with three teams during his seven-year career.

Maloney was drafted in the first round by the Chicago Black Hawks in 1970. He was sent to the Los Angeles Kings during the 1972-73 season. In 1975 he was obtained by the Detroit Red Wings along with Terry Harper as compensation for free agent Marcel Dionne.

Maloney, who lives in Bloomfield with his wife and two children, expects to improve as a hockey player.

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