Harrison downs Canton, 74-62

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Farmington Harrison's stingy 1-2-2 zone defense proved to be the decid-ing factor in its 74-62 victory over Plymouth Canton in a crucial Western Sy Legane beekshell partied found Six League basketball contest played at the Centennial Park gym Friday night.

This contest was important for the This contest was important for the Hawks because the road victory helped them keep pace with league-leading Livonia Churchill which easily beat Walled Lake Western. The Chargers hold a perfect 5-9 re-cord after the first half of the league season while Harrison maintains the second spot at 4-1.

The loss to the Chiefs spelled equal importance to their chances for the Western Six title. This setback on Can-Plymouth squad a chance to tie for second place in the standings, but now it all but ends any hopes for a league

Canton holds a 5-7 overall record and a mediocre 2-3 mark in confer-ence play. Harrison is 6-5 overall.

THE CHIEFS started the game quickly wearing down the Hawks' man-to-man defense. Canton raced to a 17-12 lead after the first quarter and maintained that margin for the first four minutes of the second period.

four minutes of the second period. Harrison then switched to its 1-22 zone defense and riddled the Chiefs the rest of the way. The Hawks final-ly grabbed the lead for good with one minute left in the half and took a 28-27 advantage at intermission. Harrison nearly doubled its total of-fensive output of the first half in the third quarter alone as the Hawks blew Canton off the court with a 27-14 spurt.

The Hawks built its margin to as many as 20 points midway in the final quarter as the game was never in doubt.

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"WE'VE HAD some trouble on the road and I knew we had to have this one. The kids knew it too," said Harrison coach Bob Sutter.

"We were afraid to try a zone because we thought Canton had a good shooting team. But they hurt us on their drives to the basket when we were in the man-to-man."

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were in the man-to-man."

"We had a hard time penetrating and couldn't use the baseline because they were so big," said Canton coach Casey Cavell. "Harrison played the zone well—I can't take anything away from them. The only good thing about it was that we forced them to go to it. "I can't balme our kids," the Canton mentor said. "They worked their butts off trying to penetrate the zone but Harrison played a good defensive game. I didn't think they would be that powerful."

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THE HAWKS Paul Butkanus put on an excellent display of outside and inside shooting for his game-high total of 41 points. Larry Pamp, playing the point on Harrison's zone defense, was able to squirm loose for numerous fast break lay-ups which led to a 16-min night.

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Lou Vulaj also hit double figures for the winners with 13 and Bryant Gil-bert added 11.

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For the Chiefs' junior Randy Rienas led his squad with 17 points—seven of sunk I1 and Keith Fuelling added 10. Sunk II and



Harrison's Paul Butkunas follows through for two of his game-high 21 points against Plymouth Canton. The Hawks won this West-ern Six league contest 74-62 Friday night. (Staff photo by Gary Cas-

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Thurston's Dave Beebe led all scorers with 25 points, while teammates Brian Mulvihill and Mike Nagle tallied 10 and nine, respectively. The win was the Raiders, third in four league outings. The Eagles have lost all four of their conference games.

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Falcons fall

Pontiac Northern, with a balanced scoring at-tack, defeated Farmington, 85-99, last Friday night in an Inter Lakes League game on the Fal-cons' court.
Four of the seven Northern players scored 71 of the team's 85 points for the evning, Kirk James topped his teanmates with 22 points. James An-derson scored 17. Darryl Herring 16, and Andy Eu-wing 15.

James dunking two baskets and teammate Euling dunking one.
The deteat dropped Farmington's record to 6-6 overall, and 22 in the league.
Farmington travels to Waterford next Tuesday (Jan. 25) to play a non-league game which begins at 8 p.m.

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Despite Farmington's Rick Milhizer's game-high 26 points and Dick Radatz's 19, coach Bruce 1Brown's Farmington Falcons were not able to Keep up with the scoring of Northern, one of the top three teams in the state.

Lathrup tops Lahser in MSA

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Metro Suburban Association wrestling meet last
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High, 39-24 in a nonleague meet.
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Lathrup won seven of the 13 matches

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Nichols (BHL) pinned Lozay Nafto, 3:39; ISS—Dave Setucis (SU, pinned Ted Mobley, 1:14; 163—Sieve Hill (BHL) pinned Andy Concors, 1:31; ISI—Brady Buckley (BHL) pinned Chri-Buckley (BHL) pinned Chri Smith, 3:45; Rearyweight—Hal-btem Kallabat (SL) won or void. LATHRUP—SOUTHFELD

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