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Mercy needs overtime to top Lathrup, 47-44

By TOM BAER

The bottom line of the official scorebook told the story of Farmington Our Lady of Mercy's 47-44 overtime victory over Southfield-Lathrup in non-league girls' basketball last Thursday at Lathrup.

Both state Class A champions Mercy and always-respectable Lathrup finished with 18 field goals. Free throws made the difference: Mercy sank 11 of 17, while Lathrup hit on eight of 17.

Mercy, which led by three points at halftime and then fell behind by nine in the final quarter, finally tied it at 44-all when Deanne Banfield, the only returning starter from last year's championship squad, hit a 10-foot jump shot with 27 seconds left in regulation time.

Mercy then outscored Lathrup, 3-0, in the overtime period.

"I just feel tremendous pride in our team," said Mercy coach Larry Baker. "We're not all that experienced, but we picked up about six games worth of experience with this one. I never coached a team which made a comeback like this."

Senior Laura Zwilfer, one of Mercy's taller players at 5-8, finished with 12 points and nine rebounds. Banfield, a 5-7 senior, played a key role that went beyond her 10 points and 11 rebounds.

"She played the entire game," Baker said. "Despite the wear and tear, she was very aggressive right to the end, coming up with a couple of steals and some important rebounds. And then, of course, she made that basket which tied the game."

MISSY THOMAS led Lathrup with 11 points, and teammate Michelle Thomas added 10 and pulled down 15

rebounds. Two Lathrup starters, Selene Toliver and Sue Owens, fouled out and finished far below their scoring averages.

Still, Lathrup coach Chuck Daniel said he thought the two teams were evenly matched.

"Hey, when we were through playing, Larry and I still didn't know who had the better team," he said. "If we played them (Mercy) again, it would be just as close. We're very evenly matched, although Mercy has a bit more experience."

Mercy, now 2-0 this season, opened its season Tuesday with a 58-41 victory over Southfield High.

Gretchen Larges, who got lots of playing time last season, led all scorers with 17 points. Banfield had 12 points, and freshman Denise Basford added nine. Leslie Fink scored 10 points for Southfield.

In another girls' basketball game

last week, Livonia Bentley bested Farmington High, 61-44. Beth Burgess, Carla Holley and Maureen Hughes each had 12 points for Bentley. Farmington, which fell to 0-2 with the loss, got 12 points from Julie Tedyrnyak.

Redford Union, with Betty Owens scoring 12 points, defeated Farmington Harrison, 49-24. Linda Bache and Kathy Corbett each scored six points for Harrison, now 1-1.

North Farmington, which is having its problems in the girls' basketball department, dropped a 62-10 decision to Dearborn Edsel Ford last Tuesday. Joanne Cromwell had four points for North, which is 0-3 this season.

On Tuesday, Mercy entertains Ann Arbor Pioneer, and Farmington plays host to Farmington High. North plays next on Thursday at home against Redford Thurston. All games begin at 7:30 p.m.

Girls' basketball box scores

MERCY 47-LATHRUP 44

OUR LADY OF MERCY (17)—Deanne Banfield 1, 4, 12; Cheryl Chapman 1, 1, 3, 5; Anne Banfield 1, 0, 4; Gretchen Larges 4, 4, 16; Pat Schneider 1, 0, 3; Laura Zwilfer 1, 0, 12. TOTAL: 18, 17, 47. SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP (14)—Selene Toliver 2, 2, 4, 7; Sue Owens 1, 2, 4; Michelle Thomas 1, 2, 4; Mary Thomas 1, 1, 4, 11; Sue Owens 1, 2, 4; Julie Fink 1, 1, 4, 11; Carol Matthews 1, 2, 2. TOTAL: 18, 17, 44.

TOTAL FOUls—Mercy 20, Lathrup 20. FOULED OUT—Owens 4, Toliver 10.

MERCY 10 7 12 3 —47

LATHRUP 10 10 10 4 —44

MERCY 8-SOUTHFIELD 41

OUR LADY OF MERCY (14)—Deanne Banfield 4, 12, 12; Denise Basford 2, 3, 4; Cheryl Chapman 1, 1, 2; Gretchen Larges 1, 1, 12; Mary Thomas 1, 2, 2, 4; Pat Schneider 1, 0, 1; Kelly Walsh 1, 2, 2; Laura Zwilfer 1, 1, 2. TOTAL: 13, 12, 58.

SOUTHFIELD HIGH (11)—Leslie Fink 3, 4, 12;

Theresa Knoch 2, 2, 4; Karen Blumstein 1, 4, 8; Beth Lazar 1, 1, 1; Corinna Nickelson 1, 3, 4, 7; Sue Owens 1, 1, 2, 4; Toni Watkins 1, 0, 1, 2. TOTAL: 18, 11, 41.

TOTAL FOUls—Mercy 25, Southfield 21. FOULED OUT: None.

MERCY 9 10 10 11 —48

SOUTHFIELD 9 9 11 11 —41

BENTLEY 61-FARMINGTON 41

LIVONIA BENTLEY (10)—Debbie Brooks 2, 4, 4; Beth Burgess 1, 4, 12; Dawn Gersbach 1, 4, 2; Carla Holley 1, 4, 12; Maureen Hughes 1, 4, 12; Kelly Holley 1, 4, 12; Theresa Jordan 1, 4, 12; Kay Dett 1, 4, 12. TOTAL: 18, 12, 61.

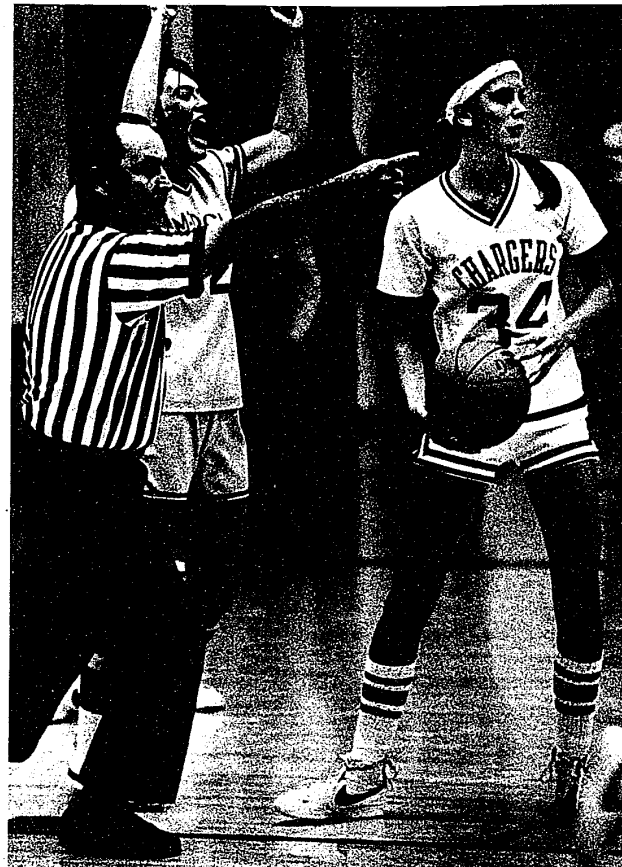
FARMINGTON HIGH (10)—Julie Tedyrnyak 4, 4, 12; Betty Owens 2, 3, 4, 3; Carol Holley 1, 1, 2, 2; Wendy Jackson 1, 1, 4; Kim Patton 1, 1, 1; Debbie Gibb 1, 4, 2; Theresa Jordan 1, 4, 4; Kay Dett 1, 4, 12. TOTAL: 18, 12, 61.

TOTAL FOUls—Bentley 18, Farmington 12.

FOULED OUT: None.

BENTLEY 11 11 10 19 —61

FARMINGTON 11 11 10 12 —44



The referee whistles Lathrup for a foul, dis- but pleasing Mercy's Deanne Banfield. (Staff photo appointing Lathrup's Michelle Thomas (with ball), by Gary Friedman)

Harrison edges Mott

Raider netters stop Hawks

North Farmington's girls' tennis team is 3-2 overall after its 7-0 victory over Walled Lake Central last Wednesday. Earlier last week, North whipped city-rival Farmington Harrison, 5-2.

Against Central, North's Jennifer McEwen needed three sets to overcome Debbie Choler, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3, in the No. 1 singles match. In the No. 3 doubles contest, North's Jill Robins and Stacy Smith downed Brooks Pitts and Pam Smith, 6-4, 6-3.

Against Harrison, North won every match except for No. 1 and 4 doubles. In the top singles match, Harrison's

Nancy Green topped Jennifer McEwen, 6-1, 6-2. Harrison's No. 4 singles player, Joanne Gorte, beat Barb Kross, 6-3, 6-3.

In another most last week, Harrison edged Waterford Mott, 4-3, in the Western Six League. The No. 1 doubles match lasted three sets with Mott's Cheryl Denton and Terri Pearson outlasting Dee Duncan and Jennifer Morrow, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. In No. 1 singles, Green stopped Libby Pridmore, 6-0, 6-0.

The victory lifted coach Bernie Goldstein's Harrison girls to 3-2 over-

all and 2-0 in the Western Six.

N. FARMINGTON 1-CENTRAL 8

SINGLES—Jennifer McEwen (North Farmington) defeated Debbie Choler, 6-7, 6-2, 6-3; Kelly O'Hall (NF) defeated Lisa Garrett, 6-4, 6-0; Beth Ross (NF) defeated Lynn Minahan, 6-4, 6-1; Joe Smith (NF) defeated Lisa Anne Cooper, 6-3, 6-2.

DOUBLES—Kelly O'Hall and Anne Olson (NF) defeated Sue Bern and Sara Reitzler, 6-2, 6-0; Marsha Kitch and Barb Kross (NF) defeated Michelle Meneke and Wendy Wilson, 6-2, 7-5; Jill Robins and Stacy Smith (NF) defeated Brooks Pitts and Pam Smith, 6-4, 6-3.

N. FARMINGTON 3-HARRISON 2

SINGLES—Nancy Green (Harrison) defeated Jennifer McEwen, 6-1, 6-2; Kelly O'Hall (North Farmington) defeated Rhonda Verona, 6-3, 6-2; Doreen

Gardel (NF) defeated Beth Ross, 6-3, 6-2; Joanne Gorte (H) defeated Barb Kross, 6-3, 6-3.

DOUBLES—Kelly O'Hall and Beth Ross (NF) defeated Jennifer Morrow and Dee Duncan, 6-1, 6-4; Lisa Tedyrnyak and Debbie Valentin, 6-4, 6-1; Marsha Kitch and Barb Kross (NF) defeated Lisa Anne Cooper and Anna Lwazer, 6-2, 6-4.

HARRISON 5-MOTT 3

SINGLES—Nancy Green (Harrison) defeated Lisa Anne Cooper, 6-3, 6-2; Rhonda Verona (H) defeated Joanne Watson, 6-1, 6-2; Beth Ross (H) defeated Marla Holberg, 6-1, 6-2; Joanne Gorte (H) defeated Michelle Meneke, 6-4, 6-2.

DOUBLES—Cheryl Denton and Terri Pearson (Waterford Mott) defeated Dee Duncan and Jennifer Morrow, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; Lisa Anne Cooper and Debbie Valentin, 6-4, 6-1; Denise McCall and Jeri Johnson (WM) defeated Lisa Ross and Anna Lwazer, 6-2, 7-5.

Raiders outrun GC East

Test in store for FHS runners

Farmington High's cross country team is unbeaten so far with six straight dual-meet victories, but the Falcons' streak is in jeopardy.

On Tuesday, two of the state's best cross country teams, Northville and Brighton, will travel to Farmington's Oakland Community College course for a tri-meet at 4 p.m. Northville is ranked No. 5 in one poll, and Brighton is No. 6.

"It's going to be an outstanding cross country meet," said Farmington coach Gerald Young. "We're going to be watching the powers in the state do some fancy running. Both Northville and Brighton have some outstanding runners."

Farmington upped its overall record to 6-0 and its Inter Lakes League mark to 2-0 last Thursday with a 15-50 vic-

tory over Pontiac Northern.

Farmington junior John Murphy established a Northern course record with his time of 15:20, good for first place. Farmington took the next four places with Eric Leidién (16:47), Steve Medonis (16:52), Paul Wallach (17:00) and Mike Jermu (17:11).

N. FARMINGTON-G.C. EAST

North Farmington's Paul Welch fin-

ished the three-mile Oakland Community College course in 16:18 to pace his team's 21-34 victory over Garden City East in a Northwest Suburban League meet last Thursday. North is 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the NSL.

Rest of the field: North's Gregg Rapp (16:45), North's Jeff Temple (17:10), East's Mike Stapleton (17:19) and North's Joe Phillips (17:30).

Earlier last week, North Farmington bested Walled Lake Western, 23-22, at OCC. Welch won the race in 16:14, and Western's John Yum finished second in 16:54. Rapp and Temple followed with times of 17:07 and 17:45, respectively.

North runs next at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Waterford.

REDFORD UNION-MERCY

Redford Union defeated Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, 25-31, last Wednesday in a girls' cross country meet at Marshall's Metropark. The loss put coach Bob Kirkland's Mercy team at 1-1 this season.

Mercy grabbed the first two places with Sue Heinlin winning in 19:30, and Michelle Collins placing in 19:38. However, the next four places belonged to RU.

On Monday, Mercy runs Livonia Ladywood at 4 p.m. at Marshall.

Falcon kickers

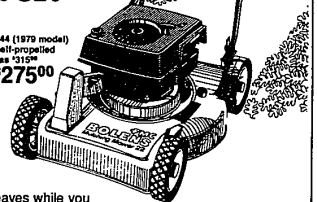
tie Groves, 1-1

Todd Kamstra scored an unassisted goal to pull Farmington High into a 1-1 tie with Birmingham Groves last Thursday in a boys' soccer match at Farmington. Coach Dave Neher's Farmington squad has a 1-1 record. Farmington goalie Roger Becker recorded 14 saves.

Farmington plays next on Tuesday at home against Ann Arbor Greenhills. Game time is 4 p.m.

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North Farmington runners (from left) Gregg Rapp, Temple limber up before a recent cross country Barry Miller, Joe Phillips, Paul Welch and Jeff meel.