

## SPORTS

Thursday, November 30, 1978

F11C

# Mercy to vie for district title

By CHUCK RISAK

Defending Class A champion Farmington Our Lady of Mercy moved into the girls' basketball district finals at Farmington High with a 70-48 win over Livonia Stevenson last night.

Farmington Harrison advanced to the finals opposite Mercy, as the Hawks defeated Northville, 31-20, in the first game of the night. Gretchen Larges scored 15 points for Mercy, while Beth Mueller and Noreen Kelly each contributed 11 for Stevenson. Top scorer for Harrison was Beth Dille with eight points, while Sue Townsend tallied nine for Northville.

In the district opener Monday, Mercy used a zone press to break away from a 21-21 deadlock and defeat host Farmington High, 56-34.

"Mercy started pressing us with a 1-22 zone in the second half, and we couldn't handle it," said Farmington coach Bob Lekovich. "We were making a lot of turnovers."

"We started breaking the press later on, but then our offense failed. That's because Kay Deeg was in foul trouble. She's our playmaker, and when she's out of the lineup, we usually don't do so well."

Whatever the reasons, Mercy exploded for 20 third quarter points, while holding Farmington to just two. Kurt Thorderson 14 and Chris Bollin 11.

pointing the Falcons, 15-10, in the final quarter.

Mercy coach Larry Baker used all 13 players. Deanne Banfield led the winners with 12 points on five baskets and two of two free throw shots. Teammates Pat Schneider and Gretchen Larges added eight and seven points, respectively.

Betsy VanDeusen, a junior, led Farmington with 11 points on three field goals and five of 10 foul shots. Kim Patton had six points for Farmington, and Julie Tadrzynski had five.

For the second-straight season, Farmington was eliminated in the district opener by powerful Mercy. Lekovich, however, isn't discouraged.

"It was a good game," he said. "We were in it until that bad third quarter. Like Larry (Baker) says, we're coming closer every year."

Farmington finished with a 9-12 record.

## MERCY 56-FARMINGTON 34

OUR LADY OF MERCY (46)—Deanne Banfield 5, 22; 12; Denise Basford 2, 0-4; Carolyn Chapman 2, 2-4; 6; Kelly Patterson 2, 0-4; Gretchen Larges 2, 3-4; Meg Mallon 0, 0-2; Nancy Malone 1-4; 1-4; Lisa Morris 1, 0-0; 2; Pat Schneider 3, 2-2; 8; Kelly Walsh 2, 2-5; 5; Laura Zeller 2, 0-0; 1; Mary Zilek 1, 1-2; 1; Karen Walsh 0, 0-0. TOTALS: 20, 14-20.

FARMINGTON HIGH (31)—Kim Patton 3, 0-6; 6; Betsy VanDeusen 2, 4-10; 11; Kay Deeg 2, 0-4; 4; Sue Zdenek 1, 0-2; Julie Tadrzynski 2, 1-4; 5; Cath Noble 0, 1-2; 1. TOTALS: 12, 12-30-34.

TOTAL FOUls—Mercy 23, Farmington 19.

FOULED OUT: None.

OUR LADY OF MERCY 10 11 20 15 —54

FARMINGTON HIGH 9 12 13 —34

## Falcons drop opener

A 21-7 scoring advantage during the second quarter powered Livonia Bentley to a 71-47 non-conference basketball victory Tuesday over Farmington.

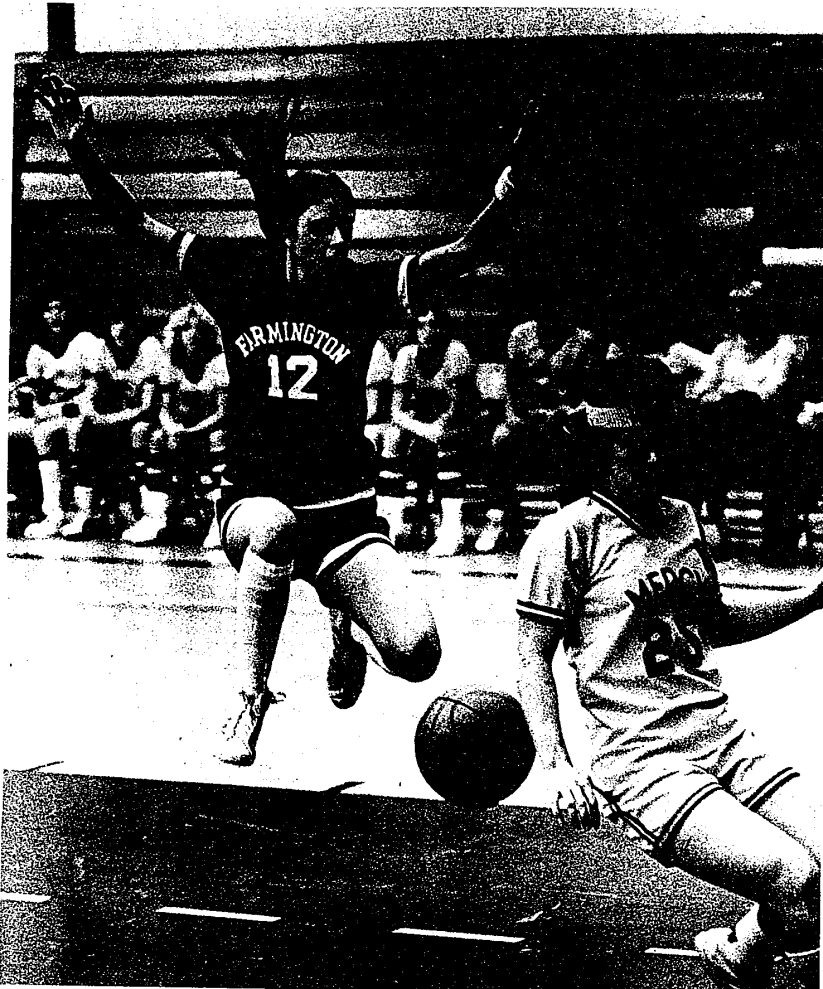
It was the first game of the season for both boys' squads.

Four Bulldogs reached the double-digit column of the scoring book. Eric Thorderson popped in 20 points, Steve Bohl 16, Kurt Thorderson 14 and Chris Bollin 11.

Greg Kuhnlein paced the Falcons with 13 points and Ron Sarcevic chipped in nine.

"For the first game, it was OK," said Bentley coach Jim Komula. "We played a lot of kids and a lot of kids got a chance to get experience. Both teams were rusty, but the efforts were good both ways."

"Even (balanced) scoring, I think, was a point in our favor," Komula added.



Farmington's Kim Patton (12) was flying high against Mercy for the first half of their district basketball game last Monday. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Tankers set for season

By TOM BAER

The swimming coaches at North Farmington and Farmington Harrison lost some good competitors through graduation and will count heavily on untried sophomores this season.

Farmington High, which won the Inter Lakes championship the past two seasons, also graduated some good swimmers. And coach Jack Merritt wishes he had some sophomores to count on.

"That's the picture in the three Farmington public high schools as the boys' swimming teams prepare for the upcoming season."

At Farmington, Merritt has two returning seniors in Bob Carruthers and Dave Uzelac, who won the 100-yard freestyle in last year's league meet with a :51.5 clocking. "They'll have to do just about everything, and swim wherever they're needed," said Merritt, whose turnout of 14 included only three sophomores.

Sophomores John Uzielac, Dave's brother, and John Ehard could help things a little. Junior diver Dennis Antichin had some experience last season.

"We're really short-handed, and it doesn't look like there's much help around the corner with only three sophs on the team," said Merritt, who teaches at East Junior High in Farmington Hills.

Last season, Farmington compiled a 7-4 overall record to go with a 3-2 mark in the ILL. Farmington won the title by finishing first in the league meet.

Farmington opens its season on Dec. 5 at non-league Livonia Bentley. Livonia Stevenson, coached by Lois McDonald, looks like a good bet to win the ILL title this year, Merritt said.

THE OTHER two teams, Harrison and North, have a bit more time to prepare. Both squads have Jan. 9 openers.

"That seems like a long ways off, but the time goes so quickly," said Jim Pawloski, who begins his first year as head coach at Harrison.

Last year, Harrison had a 5-10 overall record and a 4-4 showing in the Western Six League. Two good swimmers, senior Al Laforet and junior John Rudel, return from that team. Rudel won the 500-yard freestyle in the WSL conference meet with a time of 5:08.2. Laforet's main event is the 100-yard butterfly.

Some other Harrison hopefuls are junior Dan Delamora in the breaststroke and individual medley; sophomore sprinters Don Dahlin and Alan Babcock; and sophomore diver, Doug Anderson.

"We should be decent in the distance events (200 and 500 freestyle)," said Pawloski, who spent last season as an assistant coach at Inkster Cherry Hill. "Unfortunately, we'll probably have only one guy in each event—but I expect that guy to do very well."

Harrison opens with a home meet against WSL-foe Northville High on Jan. 9.

NORTH FARMINGTON, which has won six-straight Northwest Suburban League titles under coach Pat Duthie, is counting on senior John Spangenberg, the conference champ in the 100 butterfly (:58.0) and the 200 IM (1:10.0).

Some other North veterans include senior sprinter Keith Whetter, senior freestyler Phil Holcomb and junior diver Scott Whetter. North has a good group of sophomores: Jim Gasser, Kirk



North Farmington coach Pat Duthie

Knock, Brian Manderfield and Gerry Highley.

"Overall, I'm looking forward to this season," Duthie said. "This is probably the best group of sophomores we've had here in the past seven or eight years. They're all experienced through AAU or summer swimming programs, and that'll help us a lot."

Last season, North went 5-7 overall, and won the NSL title with a 4-0 record and a first-place in the conference meet.

North Farmington swims at Farmington High on Jan. 9.

## FARMINGTON SWIMMING

VARSITY SCHEDULE—Dec. 5—at Livonia Bentley, 7 p.m.; Dec. 10—at Redford Union Relay, Dec. 14—at Southfield High, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 21—at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 8—at North Farmington, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 11—Pontiac Northern, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 25—at Livonia Stevenson, 7 p.m.; Jan. 30—at Walled Lake Central, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 1—at Walled Lake Western, 4 p.m.; Feb. 8—at Pontiac Northern, 7 p.m.; Feb. 13—at West Bloomfield, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 15—at Farmington Harrison, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 22—at Livonia Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 27—at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; March 1—at Walled Lake Central, 4 p.m.; March 8—at Redford Union Relay.

## N. FARMINGTON SWIMMING

VARSITY SCHEDULE—Jan. 8—at Farmington High, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 11—at West Bloomfield, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 15—at Bloomfield Hills, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 18—at Farmington Harrison, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 1—at Redford Union, 7 p.m.; Feb. 8—at Livonia Franklin, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 13—at West Bloomfield, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 15—at Farmington Harrison, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 22—at Livonia Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 27—at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; March 1—at Walled Lake Central, 4 p.m.; March 8—at Redford Union Relay.

## HARRISON SWIMMING

VARSITY SCHEDULE—Jan. 8—at Northville High, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 11—at Plymouth Canton, 7 p.m.; Jan. 14—at Birmingham Seniors, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 18—at North Farmington, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 25—at Livonia Churchill, 7:30 p.m.; Jan. 30—at Walled Lake Western, 4 p.m.; Feb. 1—at Northville High, 7 p.m.; Feb. 8—at West Bloomfield, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 13—at Farmington Harrison, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 15—at Walled Lake Central, 4 p.m.; Feb. 22—at Livonia Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 27—at Livonia Churchill, 7 p.m.; March 1—at Walled Lake Western, 7:30 p.m.; March 8—at Western Six League Meet (at Harrison).

## GET YOUR NEW NORDICAS TODAY!

**NORDICA**  
Designed for Comfort,  
Fit and Performance.



**Bavarian Village Ski Shops**

The Tempest \$200.

The Tempest is the top of the Sport Group. It features the quick flex response necessary to assist you in making aggressive, short radius turns on hard and soft snow.

The All New Hurricane \$175.

The Hurricane has a smoother flexing action than the Tempest and is designed to assist you in making cruising long radius turns.

The Tornado II \$155.

The Tornado II is designed to be less demanding, more forgiving than either the Tempest or the Hurricane.

The Breeze \$155.

Built on a woman's last, the Breeze, Nordica's top performance woman's boot, is designed to deliver a flex pattern complementary to a woman's height and weight.

New shipment just arrived. All sizes and models in stock today. Mens-Ladies-Kids. Michigan's largest Nordica selection. Other Nordicas:

\$59-\$75-\$99-\$125

VISA • MASTERCARD  
DINERS • AMERICAN EXPRESS



• BLOOMFIELD HILLS:

2540 WOODWARD AT SQUARE LAKE

• BIRMINGHAM:

101 TOWNSEND COR. PIERCE

• LATHRUP VILLAGE:

28645 SOUTHWIND AT 12 MILE

• LIVONIA/REDFORD:

14211 TELEGRAPH AT SCHOOLCRAFT

• MT. CLEMENS:

1215 S. GRATIOT NORTH OF 16 MILE

• EAST DETROIT:

22501 KELLY RD. BET. 8 & 9 MILE

• ANN ARBOR:

3336 WASHNETA, WEST OF U.S. 23

OPEN EVENINGS 'TIL 9 INCLUDING SATURDAY • CLOSED SUNDAY