

Mercy cagers rout Lathrup



Mercy's Denise Basford gets ready to shoot over the outstretched hand of Lathrup's Pat Corfield. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

By C.J. RISAK

Our Lady of Mercy's pressing defense made it easy for the Marlins to claim their third straight basketball win over Southfield-Lathrup, 58-23, last Thursday at Mercy.

It was close for only the first four minutes of the opening quarter, with both teams ineffective offensively. The score was tied at 2-2 midway through the first period when Mercy Coach Larry Baker had his cagers go into a full-court zone press defense.

Mercy's press forced several turnovers in the Lathrup end of the court and the Marlins turned them into baskets, running off 12 straight points and pulling out to a 14-3 lead after one quarter. Lathrup never got closer than 10 points after that.

Baker was pleased with his team's performance, but said there was still room for improvement.

"I'm happy with the press (defense), but we only shot something like 30 percent in the first half," he pointed out.

But the defense alone was more than enough to handle Lathrup. The Marlins led, 30-15 at the half and 45-21 after three periods.

Senior guard Lisa Morris and senior forward Kelly Walsh led the first-half surge by Mercy. Morris scored eight of her 10 points in the first half, including six in the first quarter. Walsh scored all 10 of her points in the first half, eight in the second period.

Denise Basford, a sophomore guard,

also netted 10 points for the Marlins, six coming in the third quarter.

Lathrup's Missy Thomas was the high scorer in the game with 11 points.

Last Tuesday, Mercy posted another easy win, claiming a 72-29 victory over Southfield. Sophomore forward Lisa Borchan was high scorer for Mercy with 11 points, while senior forward Caroline Chapman pumped in 10.

Mercy travels to Ann Arbor Pioneer for a contest Tuesday before opening its Catholic League season at home Thursday against Bishop Borgess. Game time for both contests is 7:30 p.m.

FARMINGTON 83 — N.FARMINGTON 26

Farmington found easy prey in the form of North Farmington, and the Falcons pounced on the opportunity to claim their first victory of the season by crushing the Raiders, 83-26, last Thursday at Farmington.

Everyone got into the act for Farmington with all 14 players scoring. Kelley Wallace led the way with 13 points, while Sue Carruthers added 10.

High scorer in the contest was North's Barrie Bailey with 14.

Farmington jumped out to a 21-6 lead and increased it at the half to 35-10. The Falcons finished by outscoring North, 48-18, in the final two periods. Farmington, now 1-2 on the season, meets Farmington Harrison on Harrison's court Tuesday, while North entertains Garden City East Tuesday. Both contests begin at 7:30 p.m.

WB golfers undefeated

West Bloomfield's golf team claimed a pair of victories last week to remain atop the standings of the Greater Oakland Athletic League with a 4-0 match record.

The Lakers were easy winners in both matches, beating Clarkston, 160-182 on Tuesday, and Waterford Kettering, 158-179, last Thursday.

In the Clarkston match, senior Jim Arnold and freshman Matt Jackson shared medalist honors for West Bloomfield, each carding a 39. Seniors Mark Erikson and John Trivison each shot 41 to round out the Lakers' scor-

ing. Against Kettering, Trivison was medalist with a 37. Arnold and Bob Palmer both shot 40s, and Erikson had a 41.

West Bloomfield's big test comes Monday, when the team takes on Bloomfield Hills Andover. The two squads are the favorites for the GOAL title. The match will be played at the Lakers' home course, Tam O'Shanter Country Club.

On Tuesday, West Bloomfield will take part in the Plymouth Best-Ball tournament at Brae Burn Golf Course.



Dribbling past a Lathrup defender, Mercy's Lisa Borchan drives for the basket.

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Hawks edge Mott

Farmington Harrison's golfers came through in the clutch last Thursday, besting Waterford Mott on the second hole of sudden-death playoff, 25-27, to claim the victory and land right in the thick of things in the Western Six League race.

It was the first loss of the WSL season for Mott, which now has a 3-1 league record, the same as Harrison and Northville. A Harrison loss to Mott would have virtually eliminated the Hawks from the league race.

"If they had gotten away from us today, they would have had a noose on us," Harrison golf coach Bill Spencer said.

Harrison's linksmen weren't about to let that happen. The Hawks recorded best score of the season, at their home course, San Marino Golf Club. The winners carded a team total of 200 for the nine regulation holes.

But Mott also came in with a 200 total, forcing the playoff. The two teams tied at 24-24 on the first hole, but Harrison won it on the second.

Ted Kallgren led the Hawks with a 38, finishing second in the match to Mott's Brad Rostor, who came in at even-par 36. Dave Hawthorne and Mike Sherman each had 35s for Harrison, tying for third place, with Brian Wright and Kirk Perry carding 42 apiece and tying for seventh.

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