

Stevenson cagers rally to defeat Farmington

By C.J. RISAK
Livonia Stevenson's Noreen and Karen Kelley combined for 32 points to beat Farmington 46-40 Thursday at Farmington.

Despite the impressive performance of the Kelley sisters, the outcome was decided more on Farmington mistakes than anything else.

With 3:05 remaining in the game Stevenson's Beth Mueller hit one of two free throws to give the Spartans a 40-38 lead. Farmington had several opportunities to get back in the game, but four turnovers in the final minutes sealed the victory for Stevenson.

The taller Falcons has their problems throughout the game with the smaller, quicker Spartans, turning the ball over frequently. Stevenson wasn't much better, as the Farmington press defense worked successfully through the first three quarters of the game.

With 4:18 left in the first half and Stevenson clinging to a 14-12 lead, Noreen Kelley was injured and forced to leave the game. Kelley had scored eight points before departing.

Farmington took advantage of her absence by outscoring Stevenson 10-7 in the remainder of the half to take a 22-21 lead.

Stevenson regained the lead in the third quarter behind nine points by Karen Kelley.

Farmington kept pace, with Kelley Wallace scoring three straight baskets near the end of the third quarter. It was a futile effort, however, as fourth-quarter Farmington mistakes proved to be its downfall.

Wallace finished the game as high scorer for Farmington with 15 points. Julie Tadzyski finished the game with 11 for the Falcons.

Karen Kelley led all scorers with 17 points while sister Noreen netted 15.

TUESDAY, Farmington played its finest game of the season as the Falcons upset Redford Thurston 45-44 on a last-second 20-foot jump shot by Caruthers.

It was a back-and-forth struggle throughout the contest, with Thurston holding a 44-43 lead with seven seconds left in the game. But an Eagle player was detected for a three-second lane violation and Farmington got the ball for one final shot.

Caruthers made the most of the opportunity, canning the shot and giving the Falcons their fifth win of the year.

"We pressed them hard and made it work," Farmington assistant coach Dick Schwartz said. Schwartz took over for coach Bob Lekovish, who was

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rushed to the hospital Monday for a gall bladder operation. Lekovish is expected to be out for another week to 10 days.

Betsy VanDeusen led the Farmington team with 15 points, while Caruthers and Stacey Green each pumped in 12. Jean Rowley scored 12 for Thurston, with teammates Barb Beebe and Theresa Moran netting 10 apiece.

The Falcons entertain Southfield Tuesday at 8 p.m.

MERCY 56 —
BORGESS 44

Our Lady of Mercy put together high-scoring second and third quarters to defeat Redford Bishop Borgess 56-44 Thursday at Borgess.

The Marlins outscored Borgess 22-16 in the second period to grab a 31-27 halftime lead. Mercy put it away with a 12-5 outburst in the third quarter.

"For the last couple of seasons we've been a third-quarter ball club," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. Suzanne Dietz, who scored 10 points for Mercy, scored six in the pivotal third period.

But it was senior co-captain Lisa Morris who led the Marlins offense. The playmaking guard ran the Mercy fast break, scoring 10 points and passing off for 11 assists.

Borgess' Michelle Mardeux was the game's top scorer with 14 points. Kathy O'Donnell scored 11 for Borgess.

Last Tuesday Mercy scrambled past Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher 62-59 with two free throws by Morris in the final seconds clinching the victory.

The score was tied at 59 with 54 seconds remaining and Gallagher in possession. Terri Soulier missed a jumper and Mercy rebounded. Gallagher's Mary Beth Kosarek fouled Kelley Fortescue, sending her to the line for a one-and-one free throw situation.

Fortescue made the first and Baker called time out. He inserted Lisa Borchanian into the lineup for rebounding purposes, and the move paid off when Fortescue missed the second free

throw and Borchanian rebounded for Mercy.

Morris was fouled moments later and made two clutch foul shots to give Mercy the win.

Each team had four players score in double figures. Dietz led Mercy with 18, followed by Denise Bastford and Fortescue with 11 each and Caroline Chapman with 10. Soulier and Karen Quenneville pumped in 16 apiece for Gallagher, with Kosarek scoring 15 and Lori Auty 10.

Mercy is now 10-1 on the season. The Marlins host Walled Lake Central Tuesday before playing Regina, the only team to beat Mercy this season, in the Pontiac Silverdome Friday.

CHURCHILL 43 —
HARRISON 34

Farmington Harrison grabbed an early lead but wilted against Livonia Churchill in the second half, as the Hawks lost 43-34 Thursday at Harrison.

The Hawks were impressive in the first two quarters, holding a six-point advantage at the half 21-15. But Churchill came out firing in the third period, outscoring Harrison 13-4 to take a 28-25 lead.

Harrison couldn't overtake Churchill in the final eight minutes, as the Hawks record fell to 3-9 overall.

Harrison's Linda Bache was the only player to score in double figures in the game, popping in 10.

Harrison travels to Redford Thurston for a game Tuesday.

GLENN 57 —
NORTH 23

Westland John Glenn led by eight after one quarter and 15 at the half, as it easily handled North Farmington 57-23 Thursday at Glenn.

The contest was never in doubt after Glenn's Kim Cesarz and Geri Pizzuti started hitting. Cesarz claimed game.

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Farmington's Julie Tadzyski dives for a loose ball during Thursday's game with Stevenson.
(Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Andover boots Falcons

Bloomfield Hills Andover got a goal from Dan Blog 28 minutes into the second half to edge Farmington, 2-1, in a North Suburban Soccer League (NSSL) crossover game last Thursday at Farmington.

The Barons' Scott Birch opened the scoring 20 minutes into the game when he beat Farmington goalkeeper Jack McIntosh. The Falcons' Mark Bartrum knotted the score 13 minutes later, scoring a goal on a penalty shot.

Blog's goal gave Andover the win and boosted the Barons record over .500 for the season. Andover, the defending state champions, playing in the East

Division of the NSSL, was tied for fourth place going into this week's games.

Farmington was in second place in the NSSL's West Division behind Livonia Stevenson, which defeated the Falcons last Tuesday, 2-0. Farmington held on to second place after Livonia Bentley lost to Ann Arbor Pioneer, keeping Bentley one point behind in the standings.

Farmington is now 6-3-3 overall and 4-3-1 in the NSSL. Andover is 4-3-1 in the NSSL. Farmington plays Livonia Franklin Tuesday at home. Game time is 4 p.m.

is idle this week. Its next event is a tri-meet with Royal Oak Shrine and Grosse Pointe Star of the Sea Thursday, Oct. 29, at Parcels Junior High School in Grosse Pointe.

HARRISON 123 —
CHURCHILL 30

Farmington Harrison swept first place in every event in swamping Livonia Churchill 123-30 in a dual meet last Thursday.

The win boosted the Hawks record to 2-4 overall and 1-2 in the Western Six League (WSL).

Nancy Whittemore and Julie Weiss paced the Harrison victory, each winning two individual events. Whittemore captured the 50-yard freestyle (27.4) and the 100-yard butterfly (1:10.2), while Weiss won the 200-yard individual medley (2:32.1) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:19.1).

Weiss and Whittemore also took part in the winning 200-yard medley relay with Kathy Hagan and Sharon Goodman (2:10.2). Goodman grabbed an individual first place finish in the 100-yard backstroke (1:15.1).

Harrison's Linda Joy, Eileen Whittemore, Sue Waak and Niki Allen combined to win the 400-yard freestyle relay (4:14.4). Waak won the 200-yard freestyle as well (2:14.8). Allen captured the 100-yard freestyle (1:04.2) and Eileen Whittemore was first in the 500-yard freestyle (6:29.5).

The diving event was won by the Hawks' Sue Humphries (288.95 points).

Harrison swims WSL-rival Northville Tuesday in a dual meet at Harrison at 7 p.m.

LAKESTER 87 —
NORTH 78

North Farmington won six of 11 events but still came out on the short end of the score, dropping a 57-78 decision to Bloomfield Hills Lakester last Thursday.

Debby Houser won two events for North and teamed with Mary Shuey, Kirsten Kinsman and Michelle Lister for another first in the 400-yard freestyle relay (4:09.8).

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Mercy swimmers crush Falcons for 7th straight

By C.J. RISAK

Our Lady of Mercy swam to nine first-place finishes in 11 events as it defeated Farmington 115-57 in a dual meet last Thursday at Farmington.

Despite the lopsided loss, Farmington swim coach Mark Holdridge wasn't disappointed with his team's performance.

"We had some good swimmers," Holdridge said afterwards, noting two varsity records and a pool record set by his swimmers.

But the Falcons were no match for Mercy, which hasn't lost a dual meet in its last 183 outings, a streak that stretches over 14 years. Seven of those wins have come this year.

The Marlins also established a new Farmington pool record, as Kara McGrath won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:13.2, one of the better clockings in the state so far this season.

Farmington's Sally Schueler set a new pool record in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:11.9. Jenny Ratliff won the diving for the Falcons with a varsity record of 180.85.

But that was it as far as first-place finishes for Farmington.

Mercy's dominance was evident when Farmington's Amy Edwards established a new varsity record in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 28.2 and still finished second to Mercy's Betsy Leahy (25.8).

LEAHY ALSO won the 100-yard freestyle (56.8) and swam a leg of the winning 200-yard medley relay with Sue Miller, Sue MacMillan and Theresa Button (1:59.2).

Other winners for Mercy were Button in the 200-yard individual medley (2:22.7), McGrath in the 200-yard freestyle (2:02.7), MacMillan in the 100-yard butterfly (1:03.1) and Miller in the 100-yard backstroke (1:05.5).

Mercy won the 400-yard freestyle relay, with Cathy Cashman combining with MacMillan, Miller, and McGrath for the victory (3:55.2).

The loss dropped Farmington to 5-3 on the season. The Falcons swim at Northville Thursday at 7 p.m.

Mercy, which swam three dual meets last week,

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