

## Mercy whips Gallagher

By C.J. RISAK

Farmington held Farmington Harrison to two first-quarter points and only claimed the first half as the Falcons claimed their fifth straight win with a 52-27 victory Tuesday.

The hot-shooting Farmington squad dominated all the way, running up a 10-point lead at the end of the first quarter 12-2. At the half, it was 28-8 and Harrison was unable to recover.

Nine players scored for Farmington, led by Sue Carruthers' 14 points. The Falcons hit on 12 of 25 floor shots in the first half (48 percent) and 24 of 52 for the game (46 percent).

Harrison was led by Linda Bach with 11 points. Only five Hawks made it into the scoring column.

The victory raised Farmington's record to 10-5 overall. The Falcons are tied for sixth in the Observer & Eccentric's area girls' basketball poll.

Harrison is now 3-12. The Hawks are at Waterford Mott Thursday, while Farmington is idle until Tuesday, when it entertains Waterford.

### MERCY 65 BISHOP GALLAGHER 47

Our Lady of Mercy had its best shooting performance of the season in a 65-47 thrashing of Catholic League opponent Bishop Gallagher last Tuesday at Gallagher.

The game was a complete turnaround for the Marlins who were pressed in their first meeting with Gallagher before escaping with a three-point victory. The easy win was unexpected, coming after Mercy was shocked 62-58 last Friday by Detroit Dominican.

"Overall, I think we're really improved," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "When you get stunned like that, it can really hurt you."

Lisa Morris, the senior playmaking guard, turned in an outstanding offensive performance with a six-for-seven shooting night from the floor. She finished the game tied with teammate Suzanne Dietz for game scoring honors with 14 points.

Mercy hit on 45 percent of its shots in the first half and 48 percent in the second. Gallagher, which had four players shooting night from the floor, finished the game tied with teammate Suzanne Dietz for game scoring honors with 14 points.

In the loss to Dominican Friday, Lynn Koss riddled the Mercy defense for 21 first-half points. The Dominican center fouled out two minutes into the fourth quarter and her team went into a stall to try and run out the clock and hold their six-point lead.

The play didn't work that effectively,

as the Marlins closed to within two points. But they failed to take advantage of several mistakes and missed some key free throws, resulting in the team's second loss of the season.

Koss finished with 28 points in the contest. Mercy was led by Kelley Walsh's 19 points, with Dietz popping in

17 and Denise Basford contributing 12. Mercy starts its Catholic League playoffs this Saturday, with its first contest figured to be against Bishop Foley at 2:30 p.m.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 76  
NORTH FARMINGTON 36  
Cary McGehee fired in 43 points to

lead Birmingham Seaholm to a 76-36 trouncing of North Farmington Tuesday at Seaholm.

McGehee scored 14 points in both the first and third quarters, as Seaholm raced to a 26-4 lead after one period and a 38-14 halftime margin.

It was the best scoring game of the

season for North, which suffered its 16th straight setback. Meg Henrich netted 12 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, while Barrie Bailey had 10 markers. Pam Brooks contributed 16 points for Seaholm.

North travels to Redford Union for a game Thursday.

## West Bloomfield earns No. 1 spot

West Bloomfield assumed the top ranking in the Observer & Eccentric girls' basketball ratings after posting wins over Walled Lake Central, Bloomfield Hills Andover and Waterford Mott.

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, last week's top pick, dropped to second place after suffering a 62-58 setback at the hands of Detroit Dominican last Friday. It was the second loss of the season for the Marlins and relegated them to second place in the Catholic League.

West Bloomfield owns a 15-1 record and is solidly entrenched in first place in the Greater Oakland Athletic League (GOAL) with a 6-1 mark. Milford, the only team to top the Lakers this season, is second in the GOAL, two games behind.

The rest of the O&E poll consists of Bloomfield Hills Lahser in third, Rochester Adams in fourth, Rochester in fifth and Southfield Christian and Farmington tied for sixth. The only other team to receive a vote was Troy.

Farmington is the newcomer to the rankings, replacing Andover, which lost twice in the last week to West Bloomfield and Troy. Farmington won five straight contests and six of seven, and has a 10-5 overall mark.

Southfield Christian remains the only non-Class A team among the top seven. Troy, a Class B team, tallied two points in the voting and finished just out of the running. Christian, a Class D school, has an 11-2 record.

WEST BLOOMFIELD, the new front-runner, has thrived on the experi-

enced play of its nearly-all senior squad. Carolyn Barcewicz is the play-making guard, with the bulk of the scoring coming from guard Stephanie Smith and forwards Lynn Gerber and Sandy DeSilva.

Depth has been a key ingredient to the Lakers' successful season. Katie O'Dena, a starter and the team's leading scorer for the first two games, was first out with pneumonia and then with a broken hand. But Ann Ciavarella has filled in well. In the win over Central, she scored 12 points.

The Lakers have three league games left in the season. One of their biggest tests comes tonight when they host Rochester. After that, it's contests with Clarkson and Waterford Kettering.

Mercy, meanwhile, is finished with its regular season schedule and will start the Catholic League playoffs Saturday.

West Bloomfield and Mercy are scheduled for a showdown in the near future. Both will participate in the same state district tournament at Southfield starting Nov. 26.

### O&E RANKINGS

1. West Bloomfield (27 points) . . . 15-1
2. Mercy (21) . . . 14-2
3. Bloomfield Lahser (15) . . . 12-3
4. Rochester Adams (12) . . . 14-2
5. Rochester (7) . . . 10-5
6. (tie) Southfield Christian (4) . . . 12-2
6. Farmington (4) . . . 10-5

## Girls' basketball boxes

### FARMINGTON 52 - HARRISON 37

FARMINGTON (52) — Julie Tadeyaki 4, 1-1; Betsy Valdivieso 1, 2-2; Chris Loefer 3, 0-0; Kelley Wallace 2, 0-0; Sue Carruthers 7, 0-0; Kim Rogers 3, 0-0; Denise Goyette 1, 1-2; Carol Leonard 1, 0-0; 2; Jani Zahornik 1, 0-0; TOTALS — 52-37.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (37) — Linda Bach 4, 3-7; Beth Dally 1, 1-2; 2; Debbie Goodwin 3, 0-0; 6; Lori Winkle 2, 0-0; Ann Corbett 0, 1-2; Cathy Barrett 0, 0-0; 9 TOTALS — 37-52.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 11, Harrison 8. FOULED OUT: None.

FARMINGTON 12 16 11 13 — 52  
HARRISON 2 6 6 13 — 37

### MERCY 65 - GALLAGHER 47

MERCY (65) — Denise Basford 4, 0-0; Lisa Bertheloni 1, 0-0; 2; Caroline Chapman 2, 0-0; Mary Ellen Cox 1, 0-0; Suzanne Dietz 1, 4-4; 14; Betty Foreman 1, 1-2; Meg Nation 1, 1-2; Lisa Morris 6, 2-2; 14; Karen Raskin 1, 2-2; Kelley Walsh 2, 2-4; TOTALS — 65-47.

BISHOP GALLAGHER (47) — Mary Beth Kosarski 1, 2-4; Teri Stuller 1, 0-0; 2; Ann Quenetta 3, 1-3; 7; Laurie Amy 2, 1-2; 3; Monica 2, 0-0; Kelley Fox 0, 1-2; TOTALS — 47-65.

MERCY GALLAGHER 18 11 13 23 — 65  
GALLAGHER 10 10 11 16 — 47

SEAHOLM 76 - NORTH 34

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM (76) — Cary McGehee 31, 1-2; 43; Sarah Smith 1, 0-1; Elizabeth Jaffe 1, 0-0; 2; Julie French 1, 1-2; 3; Carla Miller 2, 0-0; 6; Pam Brooks 2, 2-2; 16; Sue Motta 2, 0-0; 4; TOTALS — 76-34.

NORTH FARMINGTON (34) — Diane Kestel 3, 0-0; 6; Sue Bernat 2, 0-0; 4; Barrie Bailey 1, 0-0; 10; Deanna Furman 2, 0-0; 4; Meg Hooten 3, 1-2; 11; TOTALS — 34-76.

TOTAL FOULS — Seaholm 13, North 9. FOULED OUT: None.

SEAHOLM 24 12 10 30 — 76  
NORTH 10 12 10 12 — 34

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