

Mercy grabs playoff opener

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy rallied from a first half deficit to clip Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 64-39, in the opening round of the Catholic League playoffs last Saturday at University of Detroit high school.

Sophomore guard Denise Basford provided the heroics for the Marins, hitting six straight free throws (all in one-and-one situations) in the final 1:17 of the game. Basford finished as high scorer in the contest with 18 points.

"We got off to a very slow start," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "We raced to a 12-8 lead after one period and upped its advantage to eight points with three minutes left in the half. But Mercy put its full-court press defense to work and senior forward Caroline Chapman came off the bench to score eight points in the second quarter as the Marins charged back to knot the score at the half, 28-28. Mercy took control in the third quarter, outscoring Foley, 18-13, in the per-

iod and led by six points early in the final quarter. But Foley staged a rally of its own and recaptured the lead, 57-56, with two minutes left.

Chapman got the lead back for Mercy on a jumper, and then the Marins forced a Foley turnover. Mercy set up its four-corner offense, but Basford was fouled immediately.

THE SOPHOMORE connected on both free throws to give Mercy a three-point edge, 60-57. A Foley basket out that to one, but Basford hit four more free throws, the last pair with only four seconds on the clock, to ice the victory.

It was not a typical, balanced-scoring game for Mercy, as four players accounted for 58 of the team's 84 points. Joining Basford in double figures were junior forward Suzanne Dietz with 15 points and Chapman with 14. Senior guard Lisa Morris contributed nine.

Carol McDuff, a 5-foot-11 center, led Foley with 17 points. Cindy Baum-

gart contributed 16 for Foley and Beth Wossek had 14.

The victory left Mercy, rated second in the Observer & Eccles' area girls' basketball poll, with a 14-2 record. The Marins meet Royal Oak Shrine in the Catholic League semifinals Thursday at Riverview Gabriel Richard at 7:30 p.m.

The game will be a rematch of last year's Catholic League championship game. Shrine is led by Rochelle Bostic, an All-State performer last year.

The winner will advance to the Catholic finals Sunday at Calihan Hall at University of Detroit against the winner of the Regina-Ladywood contest. That game will begin at 4 p.m.

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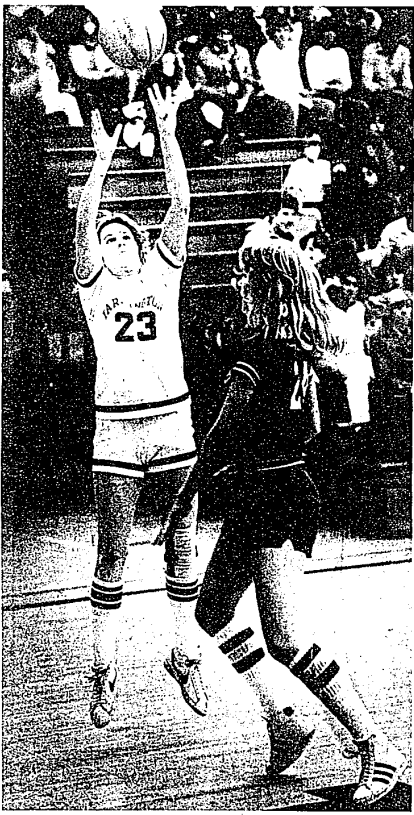
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Farmington crushes Waterford

Hot-shooting Hawks top WLW



Farmington's Kelley Wallace fires a jumper against Waterford. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

By C.J. RISAK

Farmington Harrison put on a blistering shooting performance to win its first game after six straight losses, 49-44, against Waterford Western last Tuesday at Western.

The Hawks connected on 22 of 36 floor shots (61 percent) during the contest, including a red-hot third quarter which saw them overtake Western with a 20-8 scoring advantage.

Western led, 27-20, at the half, but Harrison scored the first three baskets of the third period to close to within one. The sudden Hawk burst forced Western out of its zone defense and into a person-to-person.

Harrison's Linda Bache immediately capitalized by driving to the basket, which resulted in several easy scores and the Hawks were in control.

Only four players from each team scored. Sophomore Lori Winkle led Harrison with 17 points, as she connected on eight of nine floor opportunities.

Gina Kilikka had 16 points (seven of 11 from the field) and Bache netted 13 (six of nine).

Leading scorer in the game was Western's Janet Wilson with 20 points. Kathy Hart had 11 and Lori Mellema had 10.

Along with her 13 points, Bache had six assists, four steals and 13 rebounds for the Hawks.

Harrison, now 4-12 overall and 2-7 in the Western Six League, plays Livonia Churchill Thursday at 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON 50
WATERFORD 44
Farmington scored the

first seven points of the game and never trailed in a 50-40 victory over Waterford Tuesday at Farmington.

The Falcon victory avenged setback earlier this season at the hands of Waterford. The fast-improving Farmington squad has won seven of its last nine contests and stands at 11-6 for the season.

"We're showing a lot of improvement," Falcon coach Bob Lekovich said. "The younger players are gaining experience and we're getting balanced scoring."

Five Farmington players scored over seven points in the win over Waterford, including three in double figures. Stacy Green was the leader with 12 points, with Betsy VanDeusen and Kelley Wallace each contributing 10. No Waterford player reached double digits.

Farmington, which is 4-3 in the Inter Lakes League, travels to Livonia Stevenson for a contest Thursday.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 63
NORTH FARMINGTON 39

It was North Farmington's best offensive performance of the season, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Franklin buried the Raiders, 63-39, Tuesday at Franklin.

It was the 19th straight loss for North and overshadowed a 17-point scoring show by sophomore Meg Henrich, the highest point total by any Raider this year.

However, Henrich's scoring output wasn't enough to offset Franklin, which had 12 players

score in the contest. Franklin raced to a 30-9 halftime advantage and, with substitutes playing most of the final two quarters, outscored North, 33-30, in the second half.

Kim Redwood led Franklin with 12 points, with Anna Collins and Mary Kay McNall pegging in nine each.

North hosts Westland John Glenn Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

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Sophomore guard Denise Basford scored 18 points, including six straight free throws, in Mercy's win over Foley. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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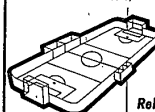
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New sport hits the 'Dome

By MARTY BUDNER

In his very best Scottish accent, Eddie Colquhoun voiced a working-man's approach to Detroit's latest sports fling:

"It's soccer, isn't it?" Colquhoun and other contracted members of the Detroit Express introduced yet another new game at the Pontiac Silverdome last week. It's called indoor soccer.

Indoor soccer is a crossbreed between regular soccer (commonly called outdoor soccer) and hockey.

While the sport demands all the innate skills of outdoor soccer, it also encourages the quickness and temperament of ice hockey. In short, the indoor game is much more active.

There are 11 players on the larger outdoor soccer field, but only six can play at the same time during the indoor game. Besides the goalie, the team consists of two defensemen and three forwards.

Players can utilize boards for passing and strategic purposes. Penalties will be called a la hockey.

And, indoor soccer fans will see more scoring than in the traditionally low-scoring outdoor game.

"It's still soccer, no matter how you look at it," said Colquhoun, a 34-year-old Express player-coach.

"The major difference (between indoor and outdoor soccer) is that the players will be coming out and in all the time. There's just no way they can play for more than five minutes at a time because the game is just too fast. They will be giving a maximum effort for five minutes, then resting."

The free-substitution rule is uncommon to outdoor soccer. But, for the indoor game, players jump over the boards to shift lines much like they do in ice hockey.

THE PLAYING arena is very similar to hockey, with players benches on one side and penalty boxes on the other. The goals are 12-feet wide, and 6-feet-6-inches tall — about one-third the size of outdoor soccer nets.

The game itself will be played in four, 15-minute periods, with teams changing sides at the conclusion of each period. There will be a 10-minute halftime intermission, and — in the event of a tie after regulation time — a sudden-death overtime period will take effect.

The Express will play their games on a makeshift arena at the opposite end (east end) of the Silverdome from where the Detroit Pistons play basketball. Seating capacity is 16,860, largest in the league (Los Angeles' Forum will seat 16,005).

"I certainly think (indoor soccer) will be a change for the fans," said Colquhoun, who will assist Detroit's head-coaching staff of Ken Murphy and Klass De Boer.

"I don't think the game will have a negative effect on outdoor soccer. The fans won't be saying, 'I'm not going to go to outdoor soccer anymore, because I like indoor better.' It will just be a pleasant change for them."

"We will be doing all we can to make it an exciting game," he said. "Nobody likes to lose. There's no point in playing if we're not trying to win something."

Mandated by NASL rules, the Express indoor playing roster of 14 must include at least five North Americans. They are Canadians Paul Hunter, Angus Moffat and Ivan Beltrich, and Americans Lesh Sukrell, Danny Vaughn, Bob Rohrbach and Roberto De Oliveira.

THE MAJORITY of Detroit's players will be familiar to area soccer fans: forward Keith Furphy, defenders Sam Gates and Steve Seagant, and goalkeeper Jim Brown are all Express frontliners from the outdoor team.

The league will be divided into two division — Eastern and Western.

Eastern Division teams are the Atlanta Chiefs, Detroit Express, Ft. Lauderdale Strikers, New England Tea Men and Tampa Bay Rowdies. The Western Division includes the California Surf, Los Angeles Aztecs, Memphis Rogues, Minnesota Kicks and Tulsa Roughnecks.

The top three teams with the best win-loss percentages will qualify for the postseason playoffs.

"People will see it once, and they'll love it," said Roger Faulkner, executive director of the Detroit Express. "We are happy to provide the league a showcase for what we expect to be an exciting addition to American soccer fans."

The Express will begin its North American Soccer League (NASL) campaign against the Minnesota Kicks Sunday (7:30 p.m.). NASL Commissioner Phil Woosman, and a number of league and club officials