

Canton's 4th-quarter streak dooms Hawks

By C.J. RISAK

Plymouth Canton broke open a close game with 10 straight points in the fourth quarter to crush Farmington Harrison, 72-50, Friday at Harrison.

The Chiefs led, 46-42, after three quarters of play and Harrison narrowed that gap to two early in the fourth period on a Brian Burgess bucket.

But Canton, utilizing deadly free throw shooting, rattled off the next 10 points. Scott Adler poured in 10 of his 16 points in the decisive fourth quarter, and the team connected on 12 of 13 free throws in the period.

Turnovers plagued the Hawks. They were charged with 35 in the halfgame (Canton had 23), including 24 in the second half.

"The team that wanted to win the halfgame won it," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman after the loss. "We had a lack of intensity. But that was a

good zone (defense) they played."

Canton's 1-2-2 zone defense caused problems throughout the contest for Harrison's guards. Chiefs starters Dave Visser and Dave Urs each drew three personal fouls in the opening quarter and Canton coach Craig Bell was forced to go to his bench early.

But the Chiefs, who led 15-11 after the first quarter, clung to that four-point advantage through three quarters. Brad Westin, who led all scorers with 24 points, kept Canton in control in the middle quarters by netting six points in the second period and 10 in the third.

"WE GOT INTO foul trouble early and then our bench came through," Bell said. "We stepped into their passing lanes and our defense controlled their offense. We only allowed one shot at the basket."

Free throws helped the Chiefs maintain control. After making only eight of 15 first half attempts,

Canton hit on 16 of 19 second-half tosses, including a streak of 16 in a row. Harrison made only 12 of 21 attempts during the game.

The Hawks held a slim rebounding edge (28-24), but Canton had a superior shooting night, hitting on 24 of 37 floor opportunities (65 percent). Harrison connected on 19 of 36 chances from the field (53 percent). Mike Cleary led the Hawk scorers with 14 points.

The win snapped a four-game losing streak for Canton. The Chiefs are 3-4 overall and 2-1 in the Western Six League.

Harrison stands at 4-3 and also sports a 2-1 mark in the WSL.

In the junior varsity contest, Harrison nipped Canton, 53-49. The Hawk reserves are 3-0 in the WSL and the win was their second straight.

Canton hosts Dearborn Fordson Tuesday, while Harrison is home against Waterford Kettering. Both games start at 8 p.m.

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Mike Cleary kept Harrison in the game for three quarters, leading the Hawks with 14 points.

CANTON 72 - HARRISON 50

PLYMOUTH CANTON (7) — Scott Adler 6, 4, 16; Dave Urs 1, 0-2, 2; Dave Visser 3, 0-0; Ken Houle 3, 0-1, 12; Brad Westin 9, 6-7, 24; Ken Vanhook 0, 1-7; Bill Chittis 2, 1-2, 5; Tom McGin 0, 1-2, 1; Bill Chittis 0, 2-2. TOTALS — 24, 24-32, 72.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (6) — D.J. Hochstein 0, 1-2, 1; Goran Vasovski 1, 2-4, 4; Mike

Tetreault 1, 2-6, 4; Mike Cleary 6, 2-3, 14; Brian Burgess 4, 0-0, 8; Reggie Upshaw 4, 2-2, 10; Steve Shannon 2, 0-0, 4; Bruce Yeager 1, 3-4, 5. TOTALS — 19, 12-21, 56.

TOTAL FOULS — Harrison 21, Canton 19. FOULED OUT: Hochstein (HHS).

CANTON 15 17 14 26 — 72
HARRISON 11 17 14 8 — 50

Farmington Hills Raiders rip foe

Brian Bowditch scored a game-high 23 points and Rich Nutter added 10 points as North Farmington battered Redford Thurston, 74-46, last Friday in Northwest Suburban League basketball.

The victory put coach Ken Dean's North Farmington club at 3-3 overall and 2-1 in the conference. Thurston is 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the league.

It was no contest from the opening tip as North established a 15-11 lead after the first quarter and then extended the margin to 10 points (34-24) at halftime.

Rich Rudd led Thurston with 10 points, and Mark Maddock and Bob Simon each had seven.

North Farmington plays next on Tuesday (Jan. 15) at home against non-league Rochester High. Game time is 8 p.m.

PONTIAC NORTHERN '76 FARMINGTON HIGH '62

Farmington took a two-point lead (20-18) after the opening quarter, but Pontiac Northern owned the rest of the game in posting a 76-62 basketball victory in the Inter Lakes League last Friday on Northern's court.

Jerry Lipard of Farmington took game scoring honors with 19 points on eight field goals and three of seven free throws. Jeff McGrath followed with 13 points, and Ron Sarcewich had 12 to go

with his 10 rebounds. Farmington made 26 of 63 field goals.

Farmington, now 2-5 overall and 1-2 in the ILL, plays next at Livonia Franklin on Tuesday (Jan. 15). Game time is 8 p.m.

N. FARMINGTON 74 - THURSTON 46

NORTH FARMINGTON (7) — Matt Hood 2, 0-4; Pete Gosselin 1, 0-0; Steve Yarnes 1, 1-2, 3; Clay Morrison 5, 2-7, 8; Ray Baker 1, 1-3, 3; Tom Renard 0, 0-1, 0; Doug Schatz 3, 0-0, 6; Rich Nutter 5, 0-0, 10; Mark Bowditch 1, 1-1, 4; Jim Crowley 3, 0-2, 0; Brian Bowditch 9, 5-6, 23. TOTALS: 28, 18-31, 74.

REDFORD THURSTON (4) — Mark Maddock 2, 2-4, 7; Darrin St. Ledger 0, 2-4, 2; Rick Rudd 3, 4-6, 10; Bob Simon 2, 3-5, 7; Andy Ramon 1, 1-1, 3; Tim Frederick 2, 0-0, 4; Steve Buldant 3, 0-0, 6; Bruce Webb 0, 1-2, 1; John MacPharlin 2, 0-0, 4; Al Pougnet 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS: 16, 14-26, 46.

TOTAL FOULS — North Farmington 25, Thurston 24. FOULED OUT: Baker (NF).

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REDFORD THURSTON 11 13 7 — 46

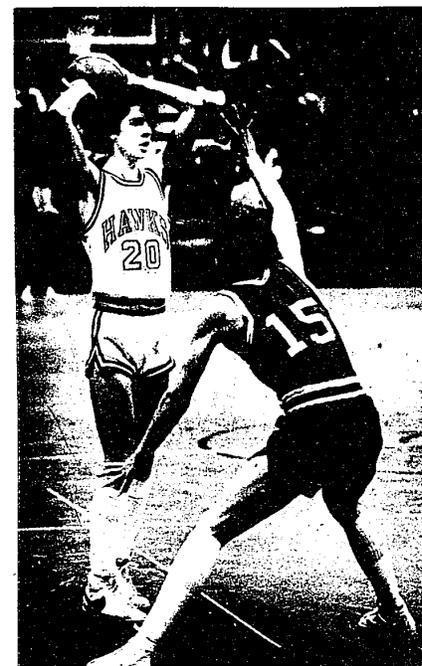
NORTHERN '76 - FARMINGTON '62

PONTIAC NORTHERN (6) — Edwin S. 4-4, 14; Jones 0, 0-0, 6; Lamb 7, 0-1, 14; Howze 8, 1-2, 17; Deane 1, 2-4; Threlkeld 1, 0-0, 2; Perkins 6, 1-2, 13; Earl 1, 2-2, 7. TOTALS: 33, 19-34, 76.

FARMINGTON HIGH (2) — Ron Sarcewich 6, 0-0, 12; Jeff McGrath 5, 2-4, 13; Jerry Lipard 9, 3-2, 12; Bill Lehmann 4, 0-0, 6; John Dunn 1, 0-1, 2; Doug Parker 2, 0-0, 4; John Reagan 1, 0-0, 2; Kevin Nichols 1, 0-0, 2; Mike Wozniak 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS: 26, 19-29, 62.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 14, Northern 19. FOULED OUT: None.

NORTHERN 18 18 20 20 — 76
FARMINGTON 20 12 18 12 — 62



The Hawks' Goran Vasovski (with ball) searches for an open teammate to pass to. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

Top college goalie honed his skills on area ice

By C.J. RISAK

Seven teams in eight years.

Professional athletes with backgrounds like that are referred to as journeymen. The image is that of an old, grizzled veteran who's well versed in the tricks of the trade.

So it seems odd to use that description when speaking of Doug Nowels, a 24-year-old hockey goaltender for Ferris State College. But he does have seven teams in eight years.

Nowels' (pronounced NALS) career dates back to "when I was 7 years old and playing for the Farmington Flyers," he recalled in a telephone interview Thursday. The senior goalie was preparing for a final practice, before his team left for a pair of weekend games with Bowling Green University in Ohio.

The sanity of hockey goalies has often been questioned, since it would seem that shooting the puck, instead of standing in its way, would make more sense.

But Nowels never thought about playing any other position.

"That's where I started and that's where I stayed," he said.

His ability has had a lot to do with his staying in the nets. He played with the Farmington Flyers in Little League hockey and, during his days at Farmington Harrison High School, he played for two teams in the local junior leagues, one sponsored by Marquette Machinery and another by Little Caesars.

NOWELS HADN'T graduated from Harrison when he went to play for a team in Sudbury, Ontario for a year. He returned in 1973 to finish high school, then spent 2 1/2 more years in the amateur leagues, playing for Windsor and Sault Ste. Marie.

In 1976, he enrolled in Hillsdale College and was part of its team for two years. The school dropped the sport in 1977 because of financial problems, and Nowels transferred to Ferris.

His value to the Ferris team last year was not evident in his goals-against average (6.38). But Ferris was struggling through a 10-24 campaign, and Nowels set school records for most saves in a season and highest saves per game average (34.1).

With the opposing teams firing nearly 41 shots a game at him, his teammates figured he more than deserved the Most Valuable Player honor, if not for his skill, then for the courage he exhibited in standing up to such an onslaught game after game. He won the award at the end of the season.

This season has been much better for Nowels. With a better case in front of him, his goals-against average is way down (3.41) and Ferris' record is up. The team was 11-3 with Nowels in the nets, going into the weekend games with Bowling Green.

Nowels isn't facing as many shots — about 27 a game. He's averaging 23.4 saves per contest.

His best performances came in a pair of wins over Michigan State University Dec. 7 and 8. It was a major upset, as Ferris whipped MSU on the Spartan's home ice, 6-3, on Dec. 7 and

then made it two in a row by beating them, 4-3 in overtime, the following night.

NOWELS MADE 29 saves in the opening win over MSU and came back with 24 the next evening. The victories were the biggest in Ferris hockey history.

At the moment, Nowels is unsure about his future in hockey. As for the

pros, he admits that "there's been some talk about it. I haven't been contacted, but you know they're there."

"This year's been going pretty well, so we'll have to wait and see. I'll stay in hockey in some aspect, though."

If he is selected by a pro team in the upcoming draft, he'll probably have to do some traveling in the minor leagues.

But that doesn't bother him — he's used to it.



Harrison grad Doug Nowels has helped make Ferris' hockey team a winner.

Dwyer paces North gymnasts

North Farmington boys' gymnastics coach Dennis Fitzgerald had high hopes for Jeff Dwyer this season. Wednesday the Raider senior justified his coach's optimism.

Dwyer finished first in six of the seven events to pace North Farmington's 118.5-100.63 victory over Ypsilanti High in the season opener.

Dwyer won the all-around competition with a score of 42.55, breaking his own school record of 41.6 set last season. He also won the floor exercise (7.75), side horse (6.1), still rings (6.4), parallel bars (7.75) and high bars (5.9).

"Jeff's just a very competitive kid, and he does well under pressure," Fitzgerald said. "He had a good night,

but he's capable of even better things. We think he can do a 48 in the all-around."

Bob Burns, another North Farmington senior, placed second in the side horse with a score of 5.9.

On Monday (Jan. 14) North Farmington's boys host Southfield-Lathrup, and North's girls entertain Walled Lake Central. Both meets begin at 7 p.m.

In a girls' gymnastics meet last week, Farmington Harrison defeated Trenton, 81.10-77.40.

Kathy Purcell and Janet Thibodeau were individual standouts for Harrison.

Purcell won the vaulting (7.30), the uneven parallel bars (7.60), the balance beam (8.10) and the all-around (30.8).

Thibodeau finished first in floor exercise (7.90) and second in all-around (27.5).

Earlier, Harrison whipped Grosse Pointe North, 82.6-86.8. Purcell won vaulting (8.15) and uneven parallel bars (7.80), and floor exercise (7.75) and all-around. Thibodeau finished first on beam (7.40).

Harrison hosts Southfield-Lathrup on Monday at 8 p.m.

Norville's beat Farmington High, 63.5-67.25, last week in another girls' gymnastics meet.

Farmington's Sue Purdy finished second on beam (5.5) and second in floor exercise (7.4). Vera Holdenberg

was third on bars (5.25) and floor exercise (7.1). Tina Bona finished third on the beam (5.75).

On Wednesday (Jan. 16) Farmington travels to Westland John Glenn for a 7 p.m. meet.

HARRISON 81.10 - TRENTON 77.40

VAULTING — Kathy Purcell (H) 7.30; Jane Thibodeau (H) 7.30; Debbie Valasek (H) 7.50; Thibodeau (H) 6.75; Harper (T) 6.50. BALANCE BEAM — Purcell (H) 8.10; Cathy Lukasko (T) 8.00; (H) Thibodeau (H) 7.40; Lisa Pincin, 5.70. FLOOR EXERCISE — Thibodeau (H) 7.90; Purcell (H) 7.80; (H) Dorene Keenan (H), A. Jones (T) and Lakasko (H) 7.50; Lukasko (T) 7.25.



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