

Falcons spike rival Hawks

Farmington's volleyball team got outstanding performances from Julie Tadrzynski and Lisa King in a 15-7, 12-15, 15-7 win over city rival Farmington Harrison Wednesday at Farmington.

Tadrzynski had a great game at the net, according to Falcon coach Ron Shortt, while King, normally a setter, was forced into a spiker roll by the absence of Stacy Green, who was out with an injury.

"She was one of our top setters, but she filled as a hitter very well," Shortt said of King's play. "She's found herself a starting spot."

Shortt was pleased with the win, but not with his team's letdown in the second game, which has been a problem for the Falcons the past few weeks.

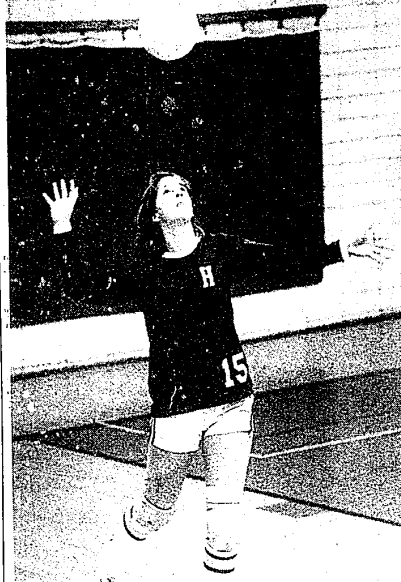
"We eased up again in the second game. But when they have their backs to the wall, they come through."

"Harrison did hustle a lot more in the second game than they did in the first or third. We weren't just giving them points."

Farmington plays Pontiac Northern on Wednesday at Northern, then competes in the Edsel Ford tournament Saturday. Farmington's opponents in its pool are Bloomfield Hills Lakers, Livonia Stevenson, Dearborn and Wayne, all tough adversaries.

The Falcons are now 8-3 overall.

LAST THURSDAY, Our Lady of Mercy battled back — after losing its first game to Birmingham Marian — to win, 8-15, 15-5, 15-0, at Marian.



Harrison's Ann Corbett serves it up against Farmington. Harrison lost the three-game match to its crosstown rival. (Staff photo by Randy Dorst)

Gasser qualifies for state meet

North tankers rout RU

Jim Gasser became the first North Farmington swimmer to qualify for the state meet in three years as the Raiders downed Redford Union 114-58 Thursday at North.

Gasser set new team and pool records as well as making the state qualifying time while winning the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.2). The clocking bested his own record set two nights earlier in North's win over Northville. In that meet, he finished in 1:04.6, two-tenths of a second over the state qualifying standard.

Gerry Highley and Kirk Knock also turned in fine performances for North, as each recorded double wins in individual events. Highley won the 200-yard (1:59.9) and 500-yard (5:18.2) freestyle events. Knock was first in the 50-yard free (23.0) and 100-yard back (1:02.0).

Other winners for North included Phil Holcomb in the 100-yard free (52.8) and Scott Whetter in diving (238.05).

North won both relays, with Knock, Gasser, John Gunderson and Scott Moore teaming for a first in the 200-yard medley relay (1:45.6) and Brian Manderfield, Moore, Highley and Holcomb combining for a win in the 400-yard free relay (3:35.7).

The win was the second straight for North in the Northwest Suburban League (NSL) and seventh in a row after starting the season with two dual meet losses. The Raiders now stand at 7-2.

TUESDAY, North routed Northville, 100-66. The Raiders won nine of 11 events, with Knock and Gasser each tallying two firsts.

Knock's wins came in the 100-yard butterfly (58.8) and 100-yard backstroke (1:02.8), while Gasser was first in the 100-yard breaststroke (1:04.6) and 200-yard individual medley (2:11.8).

Other Raider winners were Manderfield in the 200-yard free (1:58.8), Whetter in diving (222.30), Moore in the 100-yard free (56.8) and Highley in the 500-yard free (5:28.8).

The 200-yard medley relay team of Knock, Gasser, Gunderson and Moore also finished first (1:49.5).

Also last Tuesday, Farmington Har-

risson was outmatched by West Bloomfield, as the Hawks fell, 126-46.

John Rudel established a new pool record in winning the 500-yard free (4:49.9). The senior also won the 200-yard free (1:48.2).

Al Babcock accounted for Harrison's other first-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke (1:00.7).

Harrison hosts Northville Tuesday and travels to Plymouth Canton Thursday. North is at Pontiac Central Tuesday and visits Livonia Franklin Thursday.

OLSM '5' wins pair

A bad case of the blahs afflicted Orchard Lake St. Mary's College basketball team during the first half of both its games last week.

But the Eagles were able to overcome the ailment in both contests before it could take its toll in the won-lost column. OLSM rallied from a two-point halftime deficit to beat University of Michigan-Dearborn 67-57 last Wednesday.

On Thursday, the Eagles trailed Mercy College by five at the half (36-31), but they came back to claim their second straight victory, 62-48.

In both games, OLSM played lethargically for the first 20 minutes before blowing the opponents out after the intermission. Against Mercy, the Eagles built up an 18-point advantage with five minutes left before Mercy closed the gap.

"We didn't play hard until we had to," OLSM coach Tim Dornke said. "I

don't know how a team with a record like ours can be complacent.

"(Against Mercy) we played more aggressively in the second half. We got the ball inside to the big men."

One of those big men was 6-6 power forward Mike Knight, who scored 16 points in each game. Scot Glidden and Tim Higgins had 14 points apiece against Mercy.

Glidden led OLSM in the win over U-M Dearborn with 17 points. Center Martin Eddy contributed 16 for the Eagles.

On Thursday, OLSM will host Saginaw Valley State College, one of the hottest teams in the state. SVSC recently knocked off perennial state cage powers Hillsdale and Grand Valley by considerable margins.

The contest was originally listed as a home game for OLSM, but the site has been switched to Utica Ford High School.

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