

North cagers need OT

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10 lead after one quarter, but North's press defense started to take its toll in the second period. The Falcons committed several backcourt turnovers which the Raiders converted into quick baskets.

North outscored Farmington 25-19 in the quarter to hold a 35-33 advantage

at the half. Rex Baker, who scored 21 points in the contest to lead the Raiders, poured in 10 points in the period. The third quarter belonged to North, as Baker and Bowditch led the fast break, each scoring six points. North's 18-12 point margin in the quarter enabled it to claim a 53-35 lead going into the final eight minutes.

The Raiders clung to that eight-point lead for five minutes of the last quarter. But after North went into its stall, Farmington, behind the outside shooting of junior forward Jerry Liphardt, started making a run. Liphardt earned a pair of jumpers from the corner to narrow North's lead to 63-58.

After Renard scored for North, Farmington rattled off seven straight points. Ron Sarcevic scored a basket at the one minute mark and Liphardt added two free throws 10 seconds later. Lehman hit a pair of foul shots with 18 seconds on the clock to make it North 65, Farmington 64.

NORTH'S NUTTER had an opportunity to insure the win when he stepped to the line for a one-and-one foul shot with six seconds left. He missed, however, and in the scramble for the rebound Lehman was fouled, setting up his final free throw and the overtime.

"We seem to lose our cool for a couple of minutes every game and it does us in," Farmington coach Rich Roy said. Roy's overtime strategy was to work the ball inside to Sarcevic, but the Falcons failed to execute it.

Liphardt led all scorers with 24 points. Jeff McGrath netted 15 for Farmington, with Sarcevic and John Dunn adding 10 each.

Joining Baker in double figures for North was Nutter with 16 and Bowditch with 12.

North, 8-7 overall, travels to Redford Thurston Friday for a Northwest Suburban League contest. The Raiders are currently in second place in the league, one game behind Livonia Franklin.

Farmington, 6-10 on the season, hosts Pontiac Northern Friday.

HIGHLAND PARK 77 FARMINGTON HARRISON 39

Farmington Harrison was no match for highly-regarded Highland Park, as the Hawks fell 77-39 Tuesday at Harrison.

Highland Park, 11-4 on the season, raced to a 40-23 halftime lead and never let up. The Polar Bears outpointed Harrison, 19-6, in the third quarter to insure the win.

Vernon Royston led Highland Park with 17 points. Teammate Nicholas Scott chipped in with 16 and Percy Cooper had 11. Mike Cleary's nine points led Harrison.

The Hawks, 8-8 overall, travel to Plymouth Canton Friday.

NORTH 70 — FARMINGTON 65

NORTH FARMINGTON (70) — Rex Baker 10, 1-2, 21; Brian Bowditch 6, 0-2, 12; Rich Nutter 6, 4-6, 16; Matt Reed 2, 0-0, 4; Tom Renard 3, 1-2, 7; Pete Gosselin 2, 0-0, 4; Jim Crawley 1, 4-5, 6. TOTALS — 30, 10-18, 70.

FARMINGTON (65) — Bill Lehman 1, 3-5, 5; Ron Sarcevic 5, 0-1, 10; John Dunn 5, 0-1, 10; Jerry Liphardt 7, 10-10, 24; Jeff McGrath 7, 1-2, 15; Mike Wenzel 6, 1-2, 1. TOTALS — 25, 15-21, 65.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 20, North 19. FOULED OUT: Rood (NF), Lehman (FHS), Liphardt (FHS).

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—FARMINGTON 14 19
12 20 8-65

HIGHLAND PARK 77 — HARRISON 39

HIGHLAND PARK (77) — Nicholas Scott 5, 6-8, 16; Percy Cooper 4, 3-5, 11; Darryl James 1, 1-3, 3; Brewster Knight 4, 1-2, 9; Renard Brown 1, 0-0, 2; Derrick Bursley 1, 0-0, 2; Tony Runnels 2, 0-0, 4; Vernon Royston 7, 3-5, 17; Charles Clay 1, 1-2, 3; Lonnie Woodward 1, 0-0, 2; Bladgen Cud 3, 2-2, 8. TOTALS — 30, 17-25, 77.

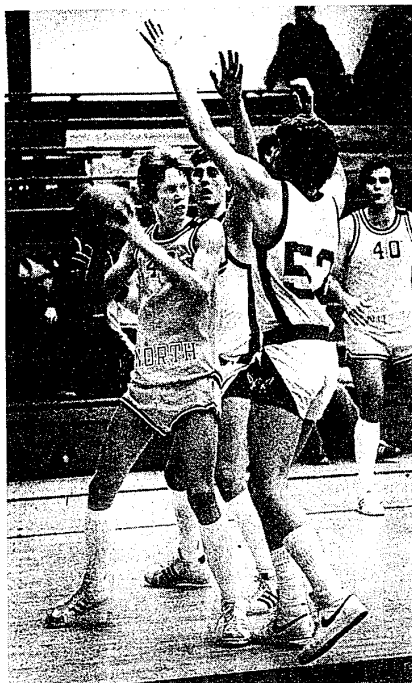
FARMINGTON HARRISON (39) — D.J. Hochstein 5, 2-5, 2; Ray Dillon 2, 2-3, 6; Goran Vasovski 1, 3-4, 5; Dan Kelagias 0, 0-2, 0; Ted Kalligen 0, 4-4, 8; Brian Burgess 2, 1-2, 7; Steve Shanlon 1, 0-0, 2; Mike Tereault 2, 0-0, 4; Mike Cleary 4, 1-3, 9. TOTALS — 15, 13-25, 39.

TOTAL FOULS — Highland Park 25, Harrison 17. FOULED OUT: Brown (H), Harrison.

HIGHLAND PARK 14 26 19 18 —77
HARRISON 10 13 6 10 —39



North's Brian Bowditch moves the ball against Farmington High.



Farmington's Jeff McGrath (52) guards North's Mark Bowditch. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

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