



Mercy's Mary Ellen Cox (21) is crowded by West Bloomfield's Gina Coury (left) and Jana Barringer. (Staff photo by Randy Borst).

It's a Mercy killing! Marlins rip Lakers

By BOB GROSS

The Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy basketball team had its season ended last year in the Southfield Class A District finals by West Bloomfield. So guess who Mercy opened this season with Tuesday?

And Mercy was out for a little revenge. The Marlins charged onto their home court through a paper hoop with the word "Revenge" emblazoned upon it. And they charged out to an 18-6 first-quarter lead that they never relinquished. Mercy paid back last year's 66-

52 district loss to West Bloomfield with a 51-34 win Tuesday.

"They smoked us in the fourth quarter of the district," explained Mercy coach Larry Baker, "and put us out of the tournament."

"It (the paper hoop) was just a way to get up," he continued. "There's no animosity because they had a great team last year. I like to think we have the same sort of team this year — more experienced and that rebounding is sweet. I've never had rebounding strength like this year."

Buzzer bucket nips Farmington

Cathi Hengy's layup at the final buzzer gave Redford Union a 49-47 victory over Farmington High in non-league girls' basketball last Tuesday in Farmington's gym.

Farmington, which trailed by three points at halftime (22-19) and by the same margin after three quarters (34-31), tied it at 47 on Lisa Borchanian's short jump shot with 20 seconds left. About five seconds later, Chris Looser could have pulled the Falcons ahead by making a couple of free throws. She missed the lead end of the one-and-one, however.

Hengy, a guard, finished with 12 points on six field goals. Teammates Pam Drury and Wreni Mountford provided 13 and 11 points, respectively.

Lisa Borchanian, a 5-foot-9 junior forward who transferred to Farmington from Our Lady of Mercy along with her twin sister Linda, had an impressive opening game with 21 points on nine field goals and three of three free throws.

Looser, a 5-11 junior, added 11 points, and teammate Sue Carruthers chipped in with five. Stacy Green, the tallest Falcon at 6-3, didn't play because of an ankle injury.

IN OTHER GIRLS' basketball last Tuesday, Lake Orion nipped North Farmington, 36-34, in the Royal Oak Dondero tournament.

North Farmington, which went winless in all 20 starts last year, was in the game all the way. Coach Greg Gradzick's Raiders had the ball on a turnover with five seconds left, but couldn't get off a shot.

Lake Orion's Beth Schriber led all scorers with 16 points. Sophomore Margie Lee scored 14 points on six buckets and two of five foul shots for North Farmington, which trailed by two points (23-21) at halftime.

North Farmington will play Roseville High at 6 p.m. on Thursday in a consolation round of the Dondero tournament. Other games on Thursday include Novi at Farmington Harrison, and Flint Powers at Our Lady of Mercy. Both games begin at 7:30 p.m.

LAKE ORION 36 — N. FARMINGTON 34

LAKE ORION (35) — Miller 1, 2-2; Campbell 1, 3-4; Schriber 6, 0-1; 16; Quinn 3, 3-5; 7; Kowalski 1, 2-2; Roberts 0, 0-0; 0; Buchanan 1, 0-0; 2. TOTALS: 14, 8-14, 36.

NORTH FARMINGTON (34) — Margie Lee 6, 2-4; 14; Cathi Borch 6, 0-0; 0; Sue Berns 1, 0-0; 2; Diane Kozicki 1, 0-0; 2; Meg Henrich 1, 1-2; 3; Marcia Thompson 2, 0-0; 10; DeAnna Forman 0, 0-1; 0. TOTALS: 12, 10-19, 34.

TOTAL FOULS — Lake Orion 16, N. Farmington 15. FOULED OUT: Roberts (LO).

LAKE ORION 12 11 4 9 — 36

N. FARMINGTON 7 14 3 10 — 34

REDFORD UNION 49 — FARMINGTON 47

REDFORD UNION (49) — Lori Pastula 4, 1-6; Pam Drury 3, 2-4; 12; Kelly Koller 2, 0-1; 4; Cathi Hengy 6, 0-2; 12; Wreni Mountford 5, 1-1; 11. TOTALS: 22, 5-21, 49.

FARMINGTON (47) — Chris Looser 3, 5-7; 11; Kelley Wallace 1, 0-4; 2; Sue Bergerson 1, 0-0; 2; Linda Borchanian 1, 0-0; 2; Cathi Crane 2, 0-0; 4; Sue Carruthers 1, 3-4; 5; Lisa Borchanian 9, 3-3; 21. TOTALS: 18, 11-18, 47.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 15, Redford Union 15. FOULED OUT: Linda Borchanian (F).

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FARMINGTON HIGH 12 7 12 16 — 47

MERCY REMEMBERED last year a little better than did the Lakers.

"We graduated our entire starting team last year," said West Bloomfield coach Mike Greene, "and this team is made up of two girls with varsity experience who never started a game last year, and the rest are JV players."

"The inexperience hurt us at times. We made little mental mistakes that these girls are going to have to overcome as the year goes on."

"That," he continued, "is the same team we played last year basically — they only lost one girl — so to come in here and compete with them, it wasn't an extremely tough game, but I was pleased with our overall performance."

The Lakers had their best luck Tuesday when they were able to get Mercy out of a static, deliberate offense and into a helter-skelter transition game. For example, they scratched out 11 points in the second quarter — mostly when they began pressing and fast breaking — and brought themselves back into the ballgame at the half, 30-17.

"WHEN WE GET our fast break going," said Greene, "it's much easier to get the flow of the game because we're a much smaller team. We've got to be moving the ball."

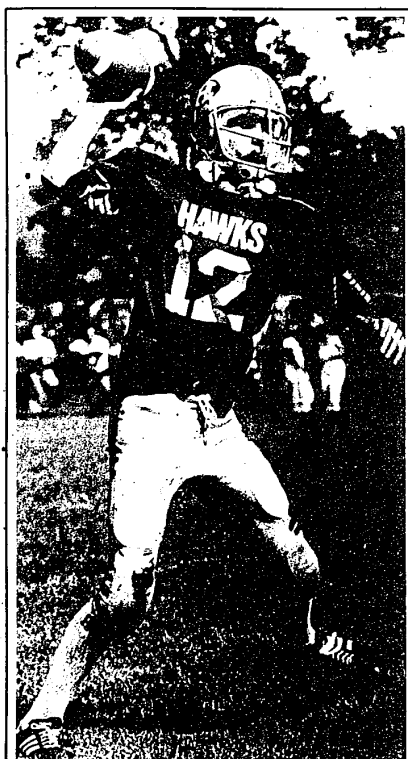
"They (Mercy)," said Greene, "are a very tall team, and when they're in a set zone it's tough to get the ball inside — they're aggressive and they're tall."

"In the past," said Baker, "we've traditionally had a team where we've tried to do the kind of things he was doing today — the press, a lot of man-

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Hawks braced for rough ride

By TOM BAER



Harrison QB Jim Macielak looks for a receiver against Farmington. (Photo by Susan Shelner)

It was Saturday afternoon at Farmington Harrison's football field, and the public address announcer was reminding the fans about the Hawks' next game: 8 p.m. Friday with non-league Birmingham Groves at Bloomfield Hills Andover.

"... and this will conclude the series of games we've played against Groves," the man on the mike said.

Groves won't be on Harrison's schedule next year, neither probably will Plymouth Salem, another traditional non-league opponent. Why should these Class A grid giants bother with Harrison, which dropped to Class B last winter after nine years in the larger category?

After all, both Groves and Harrison are state playoff contenders. And the computer system that selects the playoff teams is very class oriented. For a Class A team, the only thing worse than playing a Class B team is losing to one.

Harrison may have Class B enrollment, but its football schedule is still

"Birmingham Groves is an excellent football team. They have speed in the backfield and size in the line."

— Hawk coach John Herrington

very much Class A. From the season opener last Saturday against cross-town rival Farmington High to the regular-season finale against Salem, every Hawk opponent belongs to the larger class.

Harrison, which whipped Farmington Saturday, will beat some Class A teams this season, but Groves probably won't be one of them. Groves opened its season with a 26-12 win over a rebuilding Southfield High team.

"BIRMINGHAM GROVES is an excellent football team," said Harrison

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Soph paces HHS golfers

Medalist Pete Kallgren, a Farmington Harrison sophomore, shot a four-over-par 39 last Monday at Braeburn to pace his team's 214-222 golf victory over Plymouth Canton in Western Six League action.

Andris Stalmanis of Harrison and Ken Morton of Canton each shot a 41 followed by Harrison's Tom Magyar (43), Harrison's Brenden Fitzpatrick and Canton's Kevin Norton (both 44) and Harrison's Steve Rosenthal (47).

Harrison plays next on Friday against Northville High at San Marino Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

In another recent golf meet, North Farmington, with Martin Weinstein earning medalist honors with a four-over 40, topped Livonia Franklin, 213-225, in the Northwest Suburban League.

North's Rich McIntosh and Franklin's Phil O'Shaughnessy tied for second with 42 strokes each. Other North finishers: Shad Ewart (43), Jeff Paciero (44) and Eric Zuckerman (44).

North travels to Fellows Creek Golf Course in Wayne Thursday for a league meet against Westland John Glenn.

Steve Braun and Mark Syron shot 36 and 37, respectively, to lead Waterford Township past Farmington High in an Inter Lakes League meet on Godwin Glen's nine-hole, par-36 layout. Farmington's Andy Hatton finished third with a 39.

On Thursday afternoon Farmington will play Pontiac Northern at Godwin Glen in South Lyon.

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