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In playoff chase

Hawk gridders sitting pretty

By TOM BAER

If Red Barber, the old baseball announcer, were broadcasting Farmington's football games, he'd probably say that coach John Herrington was sitting in the catbird seat.

That means that Herrington and his Hawks are sitting pretty as far as gaining a berth in the state Class B high school football playoffs is concerned. Herrington, unbeaten through eight straight games this season, closes out

its regular season at home Saturday afternoon against non-league Plymouth Salem. Even if it loses, Harrison probably will still qualify for the playoffs. Usually one loss is enough to knock a team out of playoff contention. But the Class B Hawks played nine Class A opponents during the regular season, and received extra playoff points for beating the bigger schools under the state High School Athletic Association's qualification system.

League, won't be a pushover despite its mediocre 4-4 overall record. Trenton whipped Salem, 35-7, last Friday. Coach Tom Moshimer's Salem club uses the wishbone offense, which relies on quarterback Jeff Hubert, a good runner, and running backs Darrel Bartkowiak (6-foot-2, 210 pounds) and Brian Lewandowski (6-1, 185).

TWO STANDOUTS on Salem's defense are nose guard Rob Hanschu (6-3, 230) and linebacker Steve Szilagyi (6-1, 155). Salem should have a big weight advantage over the undersized Hawks. Harrison ran its record to 8-0 last Saturday with a 21-14 win over rival North Farmington. Harrison tailback Ken Kopko scored two touchdowns on long runs, and gained 259 yards in 38 carries.

Harrison quarterback Jim Macielak passed to Dan Lacy for a 31-yard touchdown. Sophomore Dave Blackmer kicked all three extra points.

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Past encounters

Farmington High's Falcons and North Farmington's Raiders have been playing each other in football since 1962. North holds a 13-4 advantage and there has been one tie game. Last year, North won 27-0. Farmington last beat North in 1976.

Following are the scores of all the Falcon-Raider games. 1979 — Raiders 27, Falcons 0 1978 — Raiders 55, Falcons 0 1977 — Raiders 9, Falcons 3 1976 — Fal-

cons 26, Raiders 6 1975 — Falcons 13, Raiders 8 1974 — Raiders 26, Falcons 12 1973 — Raiders 42, Falcons 7 1972 — Falcons 27, Raiders 0 1971 — Raiders 41, Falcons 13 1970 — Raiders 44, Falcons 7 1969 — Raiders 20, Falcons 0 1968 — Raiders 41, Falcons 0 1967 — Raiders 7, Falcons 0 1966 — Falcons 20, Raiders 7 1965 — Raiders 14, Falcons 0 1964 — Falcons 0, Raiders 0 1963 — Raiders 18, Falcons 6 1962 — Raiders 7, Falcons 0

On to the state meet for Raider runners

North Farmington's cross country team qualified for the Class A state meet Saturday by winning the Schoolcraft regional with 126 points.

Farmington High's harriers will miss the state meet because of a low finish in the same regional. But at least coach Jerry Young's Falcons can claim local supremacy.

Farmington won the annual city tri-meet, scoring 26 points at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus. North scored 34 points, and Farmington Harrison had 76.

Farmington's Bill Atkinson finished the three-mile course with a winning time of 16:32, and teammate Tom Feiten placed second in 16:54. Rich Fruitman of North took third place in 16:54, and teammate John Winterbottom finished fourth in 16:54.

The rest of the field included: Farmington's Bill Anglin (16:56), Harrison's Dave Tremont (17:10), North's Chris Walker (17:11), Farmington's Dave Denny (17:12), North's Brian Lewis (17:14), Farmington's Bruce Rutlia (17:19), North's Bruce Rose (17:27), Farmington's Pat Shelly (17:38), Farmington's Lenny Pitcel (17:40), Harrison's Brian Anderson (17:43), Harrison's Maury Nussbaum (18:25), Harrison's Clay Dillon (18:01), Harrison's Dale Black (19:05) and Harrison's Kris Covietz (19:10).

Farmington has won 12 straight city meets. In the Schoolcraft regional, North's Winterbottom finished 12th, covering the 5,000-meter course in 17:03. Other North place: Fruitman (20th, 17:16), Kansas (28th, 17:26), Rose (32nd, 17:33), Walker (34th, 17:35), Lewis (65th, 17:52) and Jim Treglown (18:18).

"We're really proud of that regional trophy," said

North coach Al VanMeter, a cross country standout during his high school days at Farmington High.

"It's one of only eight given out in the whole state."

Farmington, which finished seventh with 294 points, had a fine run from Anglin, who landed 17th with a time of 17:15.

The state meet will be run over a three-mile course at the IMA Golf Course near Flint, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Flint Kearsley is the host school.

GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY

Three Farmington-area girls — Jean McCarthy and Amy Brown, both of Our Lady of Mercy, and Annette Sulick of Farmington High — have qualified for the Class A state meet Saturday morning at the IMA Golf Course near Flint.

Mercy's team failed to qualify for the state meet because it finished third in last Saturday's regional at Schoolcraft College. But McCarthy and Brown, both juniors, ran well enough to qualify for a special state meet. McCarthy finished eighth (21:32) and Brown finished 10th (21:45). Sulick, a sophomore, finished 15th in the same regional with a time of 21:24.6.

GIRLS' TENNIS

Farmington Harrison freshman Joelle Lukaszewicz won her opening match of the state Class B high school tennis finals last week at Holland Christian High School before being eliminated in the second round.

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Rich Fruitman of North Farmington awaits the start of the city meet Tuesday afternoon. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Basketball roundup

2nd half carries Mercy

By TOM BAER

That must have been some halftime speech that coach Larry Baker delivered to his Lady of Mercy basketball team Tuesday night.

Trailing by a point (15-14) to archrival Harper Woods Regina, Mercy roared back to crush the east-siders in the second half and win the Catholic League Central Division contest, 52-39. The win was Mercy's 14th in a row this fall.

"I got on their backs a little during halftime," Baker admitted. "I said I could understand one quarter of tightness and sloppy basketball, but not a two. Our kids were just a little overwhelmed. Regina is always a tough game for us, and

we had a big crowd for senior recognition night at our place. But they settled down and did a nice job in the second half."

Mercy junior Kathy Landry was one second-half hero, scoring nine of her game-high 12 points after intermission. Karen Shook, who replaced foul-plagued starter Mary Ellen Cox early in the game, threw in seven of her eight points in the second half.

Suzanne Dietz contributed 11 points for Mercy, and Cox had nine. Kari Kossok and Laurie Spencer each had 10 points for Regina, which has only two losses (both to Mercy) in 14 starts.

Earlier, Mercy battered non-league Brighton High, 62-37. "It was probably our shabbiest performance of the season, although you couldn't tell by the final score," Baker said.

DIETZ AND Shook scored 18 and 10 points, respectively, for Mercy. Chris Johnson provided 13 points for Brighton, which played without star Peggy Hart, who was injured.

In another Tuesday game, Farmington High established a 16-4 lead after the opening quarter and went to wipe out city-rival North Farmington, 68-17.

Stacy Green, Farmington's 6-foot-3 senior center, played three quarters, scored 19 points, blocked 12 shots and pulled down nine rebounds. Teammate Chris Looser had 10 points, and Kelley Wallace and Linda Borchman each had eight.

Marcia Thompson, a sophomore, scored eight points for North Farmington, now 1-13 overall.

Farmington, now 7-6, plays next on Thursday, Oct. 30, at Walled Lake Central. The Inter Lakes League game has a 7:30 p.m. start. North hosts Garden City East on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

In another game, Donna Roberts, Farmington Lutheran Northwest's 5-11 sophomore center, scored 15 points Tuesday in a losing effort as Southfield Christian won the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game, 49-33.

The loss left coach Elaine Fiedler's Farmington Lutheran team with a 1-10 overall record. Farmington Lutheran plays next on Thursday at home against Roseville Baptist Academy. Game time is 6 p.m.

Basketball boxscores

FARMINGTON 68 — N. FARMINGTON 17

FARMINGTON HIGH (68) — Carl Leonard 2, 0-0; Chris Looser 4, 2-5; 10; Kelley Wallace 3, 3-2; 8; Sue Bergerson 3, 1-2; 7; Linda Borchman 3, 2-3; 8; Cathy Crane 2, 0-0; 6; Sue Cavellers 3, 0-0; 6; Denise Goyette 1, 0-0; 2; Stacy Green 7, 1-2; 19. TOTALS: 30, 9-13, 68.

NORTH FARMINGTON (17) — Margie Lee 2, 0-0; Cathy Birk 0, 0-0; Sue Berna 1, 1-2; Diane Kucinski 1, 0-0; 2; Marcia Thompson 2, 0-0; Deanna Forman 0, 0-0; 2. TOTALS: 8, 5-11, 17.

TOTAL FOULS — North 13, Farmington 13. FOULED OUT: None.

FARMINGTON 62 — BRIGHTON 37

LADY OF MERCY (62) — Denise Basford 1, 2-4; Mary Ellen Cox 9, 5-9; Suzanne Dietz 11, 1-11; Kelly Fontaine 3, 4-10; 8; Kathy Landry 5, 2-5; 12; Karen Shook 3, 2-4; 8; Mary McGarrigle 0, 0-0; 0. TOTALS: 19, 16-27, 62.

BRIGHTON (37) — Cheryl Cooper 1, 0-0; Lisa Cooper 1, 0-0; Connie Cochlin 2, 0-2; Anne Warren 2, 2-1; Chris Johnson 8, 1-4; 16; Melinda March 1, 0-0; 2; Jill Hartman 1, 1-3; 2; Deb Herman 1, 0-0; 2; Cheryl MacKewitz 0, 0-0; 2. TOTALS: 16, 5-11, 37.

TOTAL FOULS — Mercy 12, Brighton 12. FOULED OUT: None.

MERCY 52 — REGINA 19

LADY OF MERCY (52) — Denise Basford 1, 2-4; Mary Ellen Cox 9, 5-9; Suzanne Dietz 11, 1-11; Kelly Fontaine 3, 4-10; 8; Kathy Landry 5, 2-5; 12; Karen Shook 3, 2-4; 8; Mary McGarrigle 0, 0-0; 0. TOTALS: 19, 16-27, 62.

BARBER WOODS REGINA (19) — Lisa Gentry 0, 0-0; Cathy Boroski 1, 0-2; 2; Kathy Jepsen 2, 4-6; 10; Kari Kossok 4, 1-10; Laurie Spencer 4, 2-2; 10; VanDerweide 0, 1-4; 1; Lawicki 2, 5-7; 9. TOTALS: 12, 15-27, 39.

TOTAL FOULS — Mercy 21, Regina 19. FOULED OUT: Shook (8), Spencer (8), Gentry (3).

MERCY 49 — NORTHWEST 33

CHRISTIAN 49 — NORTHWEST 33

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (49) — Kerry Turner 6, 1-2; Patti Francani 3, 4-5; 10; Jody Norbin 5, 1-8; 11; Lori Lynn 1, 1-3; 2; Cindy Sanders 2, 0-4; 4; Dace 1, 0-0; 2; Gressell 1, 0-0; 2; Niowski 1, 0-0; 2. TOTALS: 21, 7-15, 49.

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST (33) — Martha Schmidt 4, 0-0; Jenny Mueller 0, 0-0; Laura Gehb 3, 0-0; 10; Debbie Latta 0, 0-0; 0; Donna Roberts 7, 1-5; 10; Debbie Roberts 8, 0-0; 0; Bobb Williams 0, 0-0; 0; Beth Latta 0, 0-0; 0. TOTALS: 18, 1-5, 49.

TOTAL FOULS — Northwest 13, Christian 11. FOULED OUT: None.

CHRISTIAN 10 — NORTHWEST 11

NORTHWEST 10 — NORTHWEST 11

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