



Farmington's Mike Wozniak (14) muscles past a Walled Lake Central player to put up a shot. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Falcons scuttle Central; Hawks batter Western

By TOM BAER

Jerry Liphardt, Farmington High's 6-foot-3 shooting star, was back in action last Friday and that was bad news for visiting Walled Lake Central.

Liphardt, who missed the previous game because of a nagging ankle injury, scored 16 points and pulled down eight rebounds to pace Farmington's 61-50 victory over Central in Inter Lakes League basketball.

"Having Jerry back made a big difference," said Farmington coach Richard Roy, whose team is 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the Inter Lakes League.

"Jerry can really shoot the ball, so they have to guard him. That leaves the other kids open, and a couple of them really came through for us."

Those "other kids" were 5-foot-10 senior Mike Wozniak, who scored 16 points, and 6-foot-4 junior Paul Kobel, who had 15 points and 12 rebounds.

"Wozniak played a super game," Roy said. "He had five assists and five rebounds to go with his 16 points."

Farmington scored big in the first and the third quarters. The Falcons led by eight (20-12) after the opening quarter, but Central cut the lead to just one (31-30) at halftime.

Farmington scored 24 points to Central's 13 in the third.

Central, now 2-3 overall and 0-2 in the league, got 13 points each from Fred Greal and Eriq Hill. Don Braden contributed 10 points to the losing effort.

Farmington's statistics show the Falcons holding a 35-28 advantage on the boards.

Farmington's next game is on Jan. 6 at home against non-league foe Plymouth Canton. Central hosts Waterford Kettering on the same evening. Both games have 8 p.m. starts.

HARRISON 78
W.L. WESTERN 53

Farmington Harrison, which opened the season with a thrilling win over North Farmington and then lost three straight, regained its winning ways last Friday with a 78-53 showing over Walled Lake Western in Western Six League play.

"We've been stressing working together and patience on offense, and I think it paid off for us tonight," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman, whose team is 2-3 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Harrison senior Goran Vasovski, who stands 5-foot-11, led all scorers with 18

points on seven field goals and four of seven free throws. Teammate Steve Holiata, a 6-foot-4 junior, scored 11 points, and Bruce Yeager had 13 to go with his six rebounds.

Vasovski and Dale Sklar each handed out seven assists for Harrison, which led by four (17-13) after the opening quarter. Jim Woods scored 17 points (11 coming in the first quarter) for Western, which fell to 0-5 overall and 0-2 in the WSL.

Harrison plays next on Jan. 9 at Livonia Churchill. The game has an 8 p.m. start.

HURON VALLEY 84
LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 53

Five Inkster Huron Valley Lutheran basketball players scored in double figures last Friday to help their team batter Farmington Lutheran Northwest, 84-53, in Michigan Independent Athletic Conference action.

Coach George Lemke's Northwest squad is 1-5 overall and 0-1 in the conference.

Scott Henzi led the Huron Valley point parade with 16 on seven field goals and two of two free throws. Kraig Clements and John Robinson each added 12, and Pete Luedtke and Chris Stobb each contributed 11.

John Glenn romps, 67-30

N. Farmington stunned

Is Westland John Glenn really that good or is North Farmington really that bad this basketball season?

Only time will tell, but everything went the Rockets' way on Friday during their 67-30 thumping of North in a Northwest Suburban League game.

Glenn coach Dan Henry said before the contest that even though the season was young, a win was crucial for each team if either had conference title aspirations. Each entered the game with an 0-1 league ledger.

"You can't be 0-2 at Christmas," Henry said afterwards. "That's too long to think about it."

The Raiders had trouble in virtually every aspect of the game against Glenn. North

committed 16 turnovers during the first half and trailed 31-17 at the intermission.

The turnover problem continued during the third period, but it was compounded by another difficulty — an inability to shoot the ball in the basket.

The Raiders hit on only one of 12 shots from the field that quarter and totaled but two points.

Glenn, meanwhile, was as hot during the third quarter as North was cold. The Rockets canned nine of 13 field-goal tries to forge to a 54-19 lead going into the final period.

"I'm a little shell shocked, that's all," said North coach Ken Dean after the game. "It was a situation where we had 17 turnovers in the first half. When you throw the ball

around like that, you try to get some respect (in the second half)."

Dean added that he and his Raiders will have to put the game behind them and start working to improve the remainder of the season.

It was Glenn's intensity at both ends of the court — good movement on offense and a tough man-to-man defense — that forced the action.

"I thought our guard play was outstanding on defense," Henry said. He also said that a more-experienced front line may also have made the difference.

"I'm just excited about the win, he said. Ten Rockets scored. Kevin Theavet produced 15 points, Dave Ward 11 and Rob Simon 10.

Farmington relays provide key points

Farmington High's freestyle relays are reliable. Farmington was behind for most of its swim meet at Dearborn Edsel Ford last Thursday. And then came the meet's last event, the 400-yard freestyle relay. To win the meet, Farmington needed first-and-third-place showings in that event.

Both relays came through, and Farmington came up with an 88-84 victory to boost its season record to 2-1.

"We thought we'd lose the meet because Edsel just killed us in the sprints," said Farmington coach Jack Merritt. "But then people started coming through for us. Our breaststroker and 500 freestyler came through and so did those relays."

Farmington's first-place free relay consists of Mark Grover, Mike Gilbar, Chris Edwards and Alec Campbell, and posted a time of 3:35.0. The third-place team (Fred Courville, Randy Galliger, Kein Gentry and Mark Bahling) was timed in 3:52.0.

Farmington freshman Alec Campbell won two individual events, the 200 individual medley (2:10.0) and the 500 free (5:02.0). John Uzelac won the 100 breaststroke for Farmington by going 1:07.5, and Grover won the 100 butterfly in 1:02.0.

Area hockey team advances in tourney

The Farmington Flyers, a youth hockey team from the Farmington Hockey Association, have earned the right to represent Michigan's Bantam A (13-14 year old) teams next month in the International Silver Stick finals in Port Huron.

The 15-member Farmington squad advanced to the Jan. 28 finals by topping the eight-team Silver Stick regional field Dec. 12-13 in St. Clair Shores Civic Arena. The Flyers came up with overtime goals to stay alive in the regional final and semifinal.

In the final, Farmington bested Flint, 2-1, in OT as left winger Sean Isaac provided the winning goal about two minutes into the overtime period. Center Jeff Gerish was awarded an assist on the goal.

Farmington won the semifinal game with a 3-2 OT decision over Sterling Heights. Dave Lambert

scored the winning goal, and Joel Alent and Isaac provided the other two markers.

Farmington opened the tournament with a 5-3 win over Hartland, and then tied Fraser (4-4) and beat Flint (2-1) to advance to the semifinals.

Farmington goaltender Mark Gowans was outstanding throughout the tournament with a 2.2 goals-against average. He stopped 95 shots during the five tourney games. Defensesmen Tony Leo, Cam Coleman, Robbie Yoo and Gary Lillimatta helped keep the goals-against average down.

Head coach Dave Lillimatta is assisted by Tom Crane and Bill Lassila.

"There isn't an exceptional amount of talent on this team," Lillimatta said, "but the kids make up for that by hard work. They work hard in practice and in the games."

Other North firsts: Gasser (2:12.6 in the 200 IM), Brian Manderfield (2:44.5, 50 freestyle), John Gunderson (1:00.5, 100 butterfly) and Robert O'Boyle (1:15.5, 100 breast).

Harrison won the diving event with Jeff Lukomski compiling 182.85 points. Harrison's Ted Rudel took the 500 freestyle with a 5:17.3, and teammate Alan Babcock landed first in the 100 backstroke with a 1:11.5.

Harrison, now 0-1, entertains Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. on Jan. 8.

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