

North rips RU; Falcons triumph

By Jim Hughes
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North Farmington came up strong in the second half of Friday's game against Redford Union and parlayed the effort into a 63-42 Northwest Suburban League basketball victory.

After a 12-12 first quarter, the Raiders outscored the Panthers, 14-8, in the second period to assume a 26-20 lead. North Farmington played much of the first half without senior forward Mark Bowditch, who was saddled with three fouls.

"That kept them (Redford Union) in the ballgame," North coach Ken Dean explained, "because he (Bowditch) does a good job on the boards. In the second half, we got the offense going and started playing aggressive defense. Then we started getting easy buckets, and that makes it easy on us."

The Raiders, now 5-1 in the league and 9-3 overall, outscored Redford Union 16-8 in the third quarter and 21-14 in the final quarter. North Farmington connected on 15 of 24 foul shots, while the Panthers made good on eight of 13.

Senior center Bill Gravus led the Raiders with 15 points, and senior forward Tom Rennard added 13. Paul Crider topped RU with 14 points.

Tuesday, the Raiders host Detroit Country Day School, and Friday, they host Livonia Franklin.

FARMINGTON 65 WATERFORD 62

Farmington High avenged an earlier 66-62 loss to Waterford as the Falcons turned the tables and posted a 65-62 Inter-Lakes League basketball victory Friday night.

The Falcons, now 6-6 overall and 1-3 in the league, have won their last four games. Tuesday, Farmington will try to make it five straight when it hosts Westland John Glenn.

Farmington led all through the Waterford game, with leads of 16-14 after one quarter, 32-27 at the half, and 49-41 after three quarters.

"Offensively, I thought we played one of our better games of the year," Farmington coach Richard Roy said. "It was the most points we've scored all season. Defensively, I don't know."

Defensively, the Falcons had to contend with

Waterford's Tom Coe, who scored a game-high 31 points, and Dave Gilewski, who bagged 19. But the Falcons had a balanced offensive attack to counter Waterford's two-man barrage.

Senior center Paul Kobel fired in 26 points, Mark Orlando added 17, and Ken Faulkner chipped in with 10.

Waterford fell to 1-3 in the league and 6-9 overall.

CHURCHILL 44 HARRISON 42 (OT)

Livonia Churchill's John Merner hit a pair of free throws in overtime Friday night to lift the Chargers past Farmington Harrison, 44-42, in Western Six play.

Harrison was leading, 42-41, with two seconds to go in regulation, but Charger John Bielis was fouled and hit one of two free throws to send the game onto the extra period. Churchill outscored Harrison, 11-5, in the fourth quarter, which necessitated the overtime period.

"We just got unaggressive, and we missed four one-and-one's in the last quarter," Harrison coach Mike Teachman explained. "That was the difference."

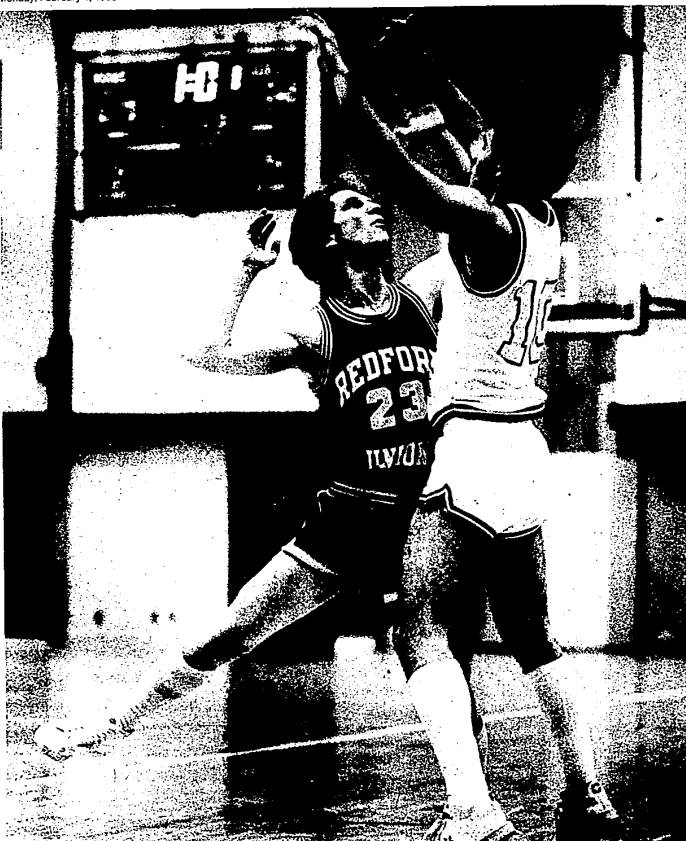
Harrison, now 10-4 on the season, was led by Steve Hollatz, who scored 19 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Merner scored 20 points for Churchill, and teammate Tom Gomolak added 15.

Tuesday, Harrison will try to rebound when the Falcons travel to Livonia Stevenson.

CHRISTIAN 71 NORTHWEST 43

Mike Aumann scored 12 points and Darrell Johnson had seven in Farmington Lutheran Northwest's 71-43 loss to Southfield Christian Friday in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference basketball game. The loss dropped Northwest to 1-10 overall and 0-6 in the league.

Christian was led by Dan Serren (16 points), Hugh Cochran (14), Tom Gervase (14) and Jim Corsart (12). Christian is 6-3 overall and 3-1 in the conference.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Redford Union's Ted Burrows (23) attempts to block Jim Franchi's shot during Friday's Northwest Suburban League basketball game.

Net stars will shine in Avon Tournament

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Youth will be the main attraction today as the fifth leg of the Avon women's tennis tour makes its stop at Detroit's Cobo Hall.

The \$150,000 event, hosted by the Detroit League of Birmingham and the Greater Detroit Olds Dealers, is again minus some of the game's top drawing cards.

Tracy Austin and Czech star Hana Mandlikova have pulled out because of back injuries. Martina Navratilova and Chris Evert-Lloyd are resting.

Despite their absence, Detroit will still have quality tennis in the form of a new crop of rising stars.

Providing the major impetus will be 16-year-old Andrea Jaeger from Lincolnshire, Ill., one of the top five in the world.

She comes to Detroit with shorter hair, departing

from her previous long pigtails, and a new style of play.

After winning her first major tournament last summer at the U.S. Clay Courts in Indianapolis, Jaeger was criticized for her style of play. She produced long, often tedious rallies in beating Virginia Ruzici for the crown.

But Jaeger currently is working on a new game plan, opting to rush the net more often and volleying for winners.

SHE WILL be joined by 14-year-old Kathy Rinaldi of Jensen Beach, Fla., the youngest player ever to turn professional and the heir apparent to Evert, Austin and Jaeger. Rinaldi, however, had to drop out of the Chicago tourney last week because of a severe case of the flu. Detroit Avon officials are hoping she can recover in time to play here. They can hold her match as late as Wednesday.

Lisa Bonder, a nationally ranked 17-year-old from Saline, could also be a factor in the tournament. The amateur is making her second-straight appearance at Cobo after winning the local Avon Qualifier. She won two rounds last season before being ousted by Mandlikova and will play Ann Kiyomura this afternoon in a preliminary match.

Other young faces include Andrea Leand, 18, who upset Jaeger in last year's U.S. Open, and 16-year-old Czech Helena Sukova, who at 6-feet-1 1/2, is one of the tallest players on the tour.

JOINING the youth invasion this week are a group of veterans led by the Billie Jean King. Defending champ Leslie Allen is back along with Anne Smith, one of the hottest players on the tour so far this year. Kathy Jordan, Mary Lou Piatek, No. 8-ranked and former Detroit champ Wendy Turnbull, No. 9 Ruzici, Mina Jausovec and Australian Diane Fromholtz.

Rinaldi's decision to turn pro at such a young age has raised some eyebrows. Lloyd has been most outspoken on the issue and has been quoted as saying Rinaldi made a mistake.

But in Jaeger's case, the decision was a right one, according to her sister Suzi, who was in town last month to attend an Avon press conference with her sister. The older Jaeger, a sophomore at Stanford who has been ranked as high as No. 60, has made a four-year commitment — to school.

"My main goal has always been to go to college," she said. "That's what I've always wanted to do."

"IT'S ALL relative and depends what you're involved with. Being No. 60 isn't that high. A lot of girls are making a big mistake. There's good competition in college and just as much pressure. You really have to have something like Andrea. She could handle it."

Grosse Pointe's Susie Mascarin, who turned pro last year and who's ranked in the top 40, will not return to play in Detroit. She does not have enough computer points to get into the Detroit draw after losing last week in an Avon Futures tourney.



Andrea Jaeger will be the top seed when the \$150,000 Avon Championships of Detroit begins today at Cobo Arena. The event is hosted by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Detroit Greater Olds Dealers.

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