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North spills Country Day

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staff writer

North Farmington played one of its "better games" in the words of head coach Ken Dean and came up with a 62-59 victory over Detroit Country Day School Tuesday.

"Country Day is a good team," said Dean, whose team climbed to 10-3. "We consider this a good win, but I don't know if you'd want to call it an upset. We played one of our better games."

Tom Rennard scored 21 points on eight field goals and five of five free throws for North. Mark Bowditch added 18 points, all but two coming in the second half. Bill Gravis had 11.

Damon Jones scored 23 points for DCDS and Rich Goldberg had 10.

North, which held a two-point (33-23) halftime lead, shot 54 percent from the field (35 of 46) to Country Day's 48 percent (25 of 52). North made 80 percent of its free throws (12 of 15), and Country Day shot 60 percent (nine of 13) from the line.

The loss put Country Day at 9-4.

North has an important Northwest Suburban League game on Friday at home against Livonia Franklin. Country Day returns to Metro Conference action at Lutheran West on the same night.

FARMINGTON 64
JOHN GLENN 48

Farmington won its fifth-straight basketball game Tuesday with a 64-48 showing over Westland John Glenn. Farmington is 7-6 under coach Rich Roy.

Paul Kobel, Farmington's 6-foot-4 forward, led the way with 20 points and 14 rebounds, and teammate Dan Zang had 16 points and 10 rebounds. Farmington ruled the boards, 46-20.

"We just killed them on the boards," Roy said. "Kobel and Zang really cleaned up."

Bob Hawley (15 points) and Todd Jennings (10) led Glenn, which dropped to 5-9.

Farmington has a rare Thursday night game at Livonia Stevenson. The Inter Lakes League contest has an 8 p.m. start.

STEVENSON 36
HARRISON 34

Greg Berkey canned two crucial free throws in the closing seconds and Bob Palmisan added another to help Livonia Stevenson nip Farmington Harrison, 36-34, Tuesday.

Harrison's Gus Kehagias canned a desperation shot the buzzer, but was disallowed because the officials said time had run out. Steve Hollatz led Harrison with 15 points, and Pat Oman added six.

"The game was low scoring because we're two good defensive teams," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman. "Neither team wanted to take a bad shot."

Dave Milek and Pete Rose each scored eight points for Stevenson, which sports a 13-1 record.

Harrison, now 10-5, plays next on Friday at Plymouth Canton.

LUTHERAN WEST 94
NORTHWEST 36

In the battle of the Lutherans, West was best, recording a 94-36 victory over Northwest Tuesday. The loss dropped coach George Lemke's Farmington Lutheran Northwest team to 1-10 this season.

Lutheran West of Detroit was led by Louis Cox (14 points), Marlon Shelby (14), Ralph Watts (12) and Ethan Sheard (12). Mike Aumann scored 11 points for Northwest, and teammate Mark Roehrs had six.

West, now 3-7, established a 15-point lead (24-9) after the first eight minutes.

Northwest plays next at 8 p.m. on Friday at Pontiac Oakland Christian.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Country Day's Richard Goldberg (34) watches North Farmington's Kevin Shaw pass off during Tuesday basketball game at North. North won, 62-59.



Jim Hughes

Snow can't stop diehards

Picture, if you will, the man on the television commercial who journeys through the desert on all fours, in search of a cold Stro's. When offered a nice cold drink of water, he refuses, explaining, "No, I really had a taste for a Stro's."

"There goes a real beer lover," the man with the water concludes.

Over the weekend, the analogy could be directed to those softball lovers who gathered in Southfield and Dearborn to take part in the March of Dimes Little Ball Softball Tournament, a two-day tourney with men, women and coed teams.

Blizzard-Ball just might have been a better title.

To the passers-by in automobiles, the reactions varied from friendly toots on the horn to facial expressions resembling the look you make when you open your winter gas bill. Others just shook their head.

BEFORE YOU pass judgement on those "nuts" who made the popular summer pastime look like a Chinese fire drill, you must understand the rare breed of athletes who are known as "softball junkies."

A softball junkie is worse than the fan who sets camp in front of the television every Saturday and Sunday to absorb countless football games. They range in age from 18 to 50. The older

they get, the more addicted they get. The more experienced players are referred to as "crafty veterans." And believe me, the best players in the game are the crafty veterans.

In order to become a bona fide star in the game of softball, you have to gain experience. So, it stands to reason, the more you play, the better you become. The more tournaments you enter, the more games you play.

Following this simple logic, it's easy to understand why Sno-Ball is such a huge success. Hey, a tournament is a tournament, regardless of the weather and playing conditions. You don't think a little snow on the ground is going to scare off the die-hard, much less the crafty veterans. Eight teams showed up in Southfield while 73 were on hand in Dearborn.

"THIS IS JUST something to help keep me in shape during the off season," one softball vet told me as he took a swig from a icy can of brew. (You'll find your more experienced softball players are also your better beer drinkers.)

"Softball been very, very good to me," said a man who called himself Chico. "Now, I be very, very good to softball."

"Go ahead and laugh at me if you want, but go ask my wife if I'm nuts," said one infielder who's beard and mustache was covered with icicles. "I'm out here having a good old time, while she's at home shoveling snow. Now you tell me, am I crazy?"

You had to see what went on to really believe and appreciate it. What looked like a bunch of silly college kids going through fraternity initiation, was really a fine display of softball skills.

They may tell you they're out there for the fun of it, but it's no different than summer tournaments. There were people making diving catches and jacking home runs left and right. I've seen summer games that were played with less skill. Gals diving into first base and guys pounding out the long ball, both giving it their all in an all-or-nothing atmosphere.

Snow or no snow, softball players are true competitors.



The more you have and the more you earn, the more help you need keeping it.

People with substantial assets or income—or both—stand to lose the most to taxes and inflation. Fortunately, the Government permits tax sheltering for those who invest in the development of certain key resources—usually oil and gas or residential and commercial real estate.

The tax advantages can be diverse and attractive, and can exist in interesting combinations. They become possible when you invest in a limited partnership engaged in the appropriate development work. Some come as first year expenses that can be used as deductions. Others are deductions due to depreciation which, depending on financial structure, can be spread out over a period of years. There's the possibility also that investment appreciation can be converted to capital gains. And, in many cases, cash flow generated by the partnership can be partially sheltered.

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