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Harrison holds off North Farmington

Mercy blitzes Cousino

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Alice Short scored 15 points and Sue Ferguson added 12 Tuesday as Farmington Harrison held off rallying North Farmington to take a 40-38 non-league victory.

North, which came back from being eight points behind with a minute and a half left to play, had the ball with 13 seconds left but couldn't get a shot off. Margie Lee led the Raiders with 16 points, and Amy Austin contributed 11. Marcia Thompson scored six points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Harrison (2-1) travels to Livonia Bentley for a 7:30 p.m. game on Thursday. North plays next on Tuesday night at South Lyon.

FARMINGTON MERCY pounded Warren Cousino, 42-29, in a non-leaguer last Saturday. Mercy is 2-0 this season.

Sarah Basford led the winners with 16 points, and Mimi Bosco had eight. Laura Ramus had 17 points for Cousino.

The second-annual Mercy Hoops Classic, featuring four teams which made the state Class A semifinals last season, begins this week. On Thursday, Lansing Eastern plays Utica Eisenhower.

Kelly Freehan scored 27 points for Marian, and Hanson added 11. Maria Cunningham threw in 17 points for West Bloomfield.

Falcon tankers swim past RU

Farmington, paced by three double winners, opened its girls' swimming season on a successful note with an 82-40 victory over Redford Union Tuesday.

Sue Griffee won the 200-yard freestyle (2:36.53) and the 500 freestyle (7:02.84) for Farmington. Caroline Smith finished first in the 50 free (27.89) and the 100 backstroke (1:13.95), and Cindi Meili won the 100 butterfly (1:09.9) and the 100 breaststroke (1:13.41) to help the Falcons.

Farmington's 200 medley relay (Smith, Meili, Sabina Catlett and Kim Schwank) posted a winning time of 2:03.35.

In another swimming meet Tuesday, Harrison lost to West Bloomfield, 86-41. Harrison won just two events, the 200 individual medley and the 100 butterfly.

er at 6 p.m., and Mercy takes on Grand Haven at 8 p.m.

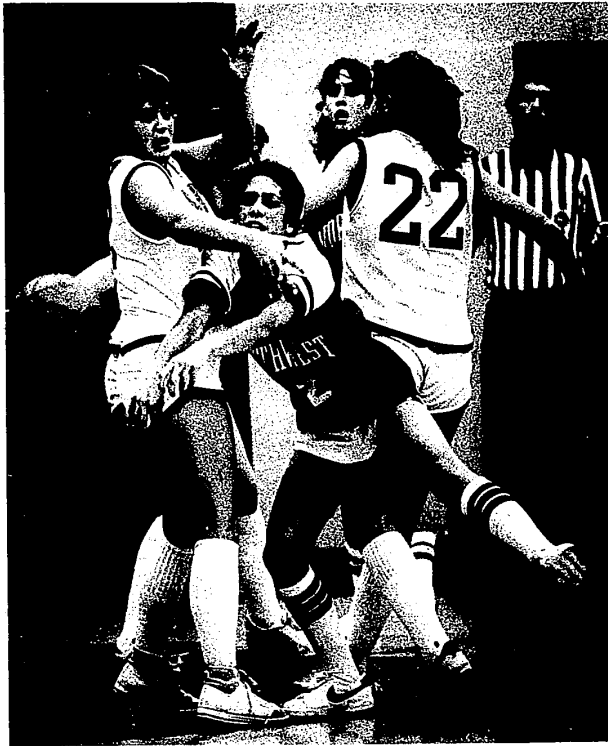
The tournament consolation final is set for 6 p.m. Saturday, and the finals begin at 8 p.m.

LIVONIA STEVENSON banded Farmington High its third-straight loss this year, 46-26, Tuesday. Debbie Jurczynski led Stevenson with 15 points, and Bev Irwin had 12. Kris Rogers led Farmington with 10 points. Farmington plays Plymouth Canton at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST dropped its Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Conference opener to Southfield Christian Tuesday. Northwest is 0-3 overall. Laura Gehlbach scored nine points for Northwest. Heidi Abraham and Donna Roberts each provided eight. Mychelle Paul scored 10 points for Christian, now 2-1.

Lutheran Northwest has an 8 p.m. game Friday at Detroit Lutheran Bethesda.

BIRMINGHAM MARIAN'S Amy Hansen hit a free throw with 20 seconds left in the second overtime to provide the winning margin in her team's 56-55 win over West Bloomfield Tuesday.



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Lutheran Northwest's Heidi Abraham (dark jersey) passes off after being pressured by Southfield Christian's Cindy Sanders during Tuesday's girls' basketball game.

Mercy netters triumph

Livonia Ladywood dropped its second straight tennis match Monday at the hands of Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy, 5-2.

First-year coach Bob Sims had to juggle his lineup as a result of the absence of No. 3 singles player Susie Robbs.

Karen Collareno of Ladywood stepped in and won her match against Maria Gibson, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. The Blazers' No. 1 player, Janet Milczarski, rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Julie Caldwell.

In other singles matches, Mercy's Lisa Houston (No. 2) downed Sandra

Vincetti, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, and Barb Button (No. 4) defeated Julie Mellish, 6-1, 6-0.

Mercy swept all three doubles matches in straight sets.

Millie Strong and Sue Cook (No. 1) beat Michele Bagdady and Cathy Mein, 6-3, 6-1; Sheila Campbell and Maria Bahr (No. 2) turned back Cathy Meister and Robyn Watts, 6-2, 6-4; Carey Priestap and Missy Fitzgerald (No. 3) handled Lynn Swift and Judy Taylor, 6-4, 6-3.

Redford Bishop Borges meets Ladywood (1-2) at 4 p.m. today in Catholic League match.

NORTH FARMINGTON won all

four singles flights Monday en route to a 6-1 girls' tennis victory over Westland John Glenn.

Liz Ackon won at No. 1, 6-2, 6-2, over Sheryl Walters, while Nikki Tomkow was a 6-2, 6-3 victor over Michele Toye at No. 2. In third singles, Sandy Raitt defeated Debbie McFaster, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, and Laura Merkle won by default at No. 4.

In doubles play, Hillary Silverstein and Maria Powers were straight set winners over Chris Marzelle and Joan Bradley at No. 1, as was Kathy Madany and Linda Blahut over Laura Graziulis and Sheri Belville at No. 2.



Instead of a postcard...

First of all, I won't lie to you. It is not good to be back. Neither will I bore you with endless details of my recent vacation — 19 lovely days away from the Observer & Eccentric, some precious time off before you-know-what cranks up again in all its furry. I hate people who do that.

Suffice to say that my wife and I motored east through New York State and into New England, and everywhere there were newspapers (with sports sections, of course), reminding me of who I was and what was waiting for me back in Michigan.

And I, being an inveterate reader of newspaper sports sections, missed not a line of agate type on any statistics page. So, instead of illegible post cards or out-of-focus slides, I offer you bits and pieces and odds and ends of sports news from faraway papers.

Here then are some items (with absolutely no claims to any eminence) that interested me.

YOU-KNOW-WHAT was making headlines in Syracuse, N.Y., where the evening Hearld-Journal reported that eight Skaneateles (that's pronounced Skinny-atlas) High School coaches had resigned only days before the opening



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of fall practice rather than persevere in an athletic department directed by a guy named Frank Barton.

Seems the coaches in this Finger Lakes community were fingering Barton as one who, among other things, criticized coaches in front of students, was unavailable during school hours and used foul language toward coaches with students present, according to the story.

Barton, who wasn't shying away from the controversy, had his supporters. The board of education was to meet that very evening about the Barton situation, and it promised to be a stormy session.

What happened? Who knows. I was hundreds of miles away by the time the next Hearld-Journal hit the streets.

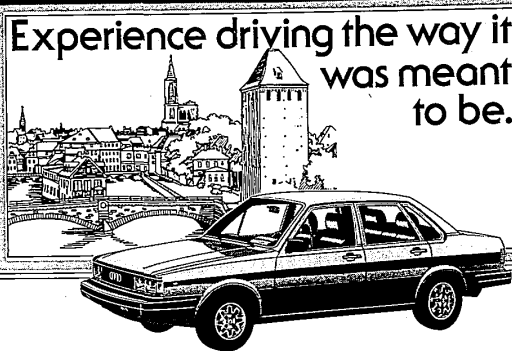
Also in the Syracuse paper, I read the disappointing news that the town's

Triple A minor league baseball team, the Chiefs, drew only 1,521 fans at home in an 8-5 victory over Richmond the previous night.

FARTHER ALONG the thoroughway, in the little town of Monmouth, the problem was not enough football players to field a team at the local high school. It was announced in the Schenectady Gazette that poor little MHS was dropping the activity for the third time in the last 10 years.

"John Los (former Monmouth coach) aged 15 years in the seven he was head coach, but he couldn't make the program work," wrote Larry Serrell in the back pages of the Gazette. "We simply didn't get enough play-

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