Ford gives Mercy girls fast start in opener

It wasn't supposed to be so easy.

Temperance Bedford won their league and their district last season and were returning most of their starters. They opened their season Tuesday with a convincing victory.

So when Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, last year's Class A champions, traveled south to Temperance Thursday night, they figured they were in for a rugged season opener.

Wrong.

EVEN WITH POTENTIAL All-State center Mary Rosowski sitting on the bench in foul trouble and scoring leader Sarah Basford having an off night, Mercy clobbered Temperance Bedford, 79-31.

"Excellent opener," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "Temperance is a good team. They will probably win their league again. This was our first real test. I guess we passed with flying colors."

Sophomore Terri Ford was the unlikely hero for Mercy. During the preseason, Ford was locked in a battle with Bev White for the open forward spot opposite Amy DeMattia. Ford lost that battle and began the season on the Mercy bench.

But when Rosowski was hit with three fouls in the first three minutes of the game, Ford got her chance.

She made the very most of it. She scored 20 points to lead all scorers, 16 in the first half, and she pulled down

girls basketball

eight rebounds, second only to DeMattia's nine.

"WELL," BAKER said, "she lost the battle, but I guess not the war," referring to her pre-season second-string status.

White played a fine game as well, scoring 14 points before leaving the game with a sprained ankle.

"I think we can find enough playing time for both Terri and Bev," Baker said.

Sophomore Terri Nalodka chipped in with 10 points to aid Mercy's cause.

If it sounds like Mercy won without much support from its four returning starters from last year, well, that wasn't really the case. Annette Ruggiero played an outstanding floor game, dishing out seven assists and netting six points. DeMattia picked up the rebounding slack in the absence of Rosowski, and Basford ended up with eight points and six assists.

MERCY'S PRESS blew the game open in the first quarter. Taking advantage of several steals and turnovers, the Marlins ran up a 15-7 first-quarter bulge. Their just-like-we-diagramed-it fast break ran Temperance out of the gym in the second quarter. The score at halftime was 41-14.

As to Rosowski's first-game difficulties, she eventually fouled out, Baker said he could relate. "I can remember my first game as a junior in high school. I fouled out, too, and I scored one point. She was just a little overanxious. I expect her to be settled down for the tournament on Thursday," he said.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 61
FARMINGTON HARRISON 13

Nothing like doubling your displeasure. Harrison lost their season opener to Novi by 24 points. They lost their second game of the year to Salem by 48.

Hawks' coach Gary Sine and just seven of his players showed up in Plymouth last Thursday. By the end of the first quarter, it was time to go home. Salem, led by Dawn Johnson, Pam McBride and Fran Whittaker, jumped out to a 19-1 lead.

"We shot worse than we did against Novi," Sine said. "We were just 4 for 26, 15 percent, from the floor."

Darla Payne scored 11 of Harrison's 13 points. Johnson had 15 to lead all scorers.

FARMINGTON 31
NORTHVILLE 27

Junior Alyse Fortune and senior Rhonda Lancaster staked Bruce Brown's Falcons to a cushy 19-7 halftime lead. Then they sat back and waited for Northville to win the game.

"I don't know what happened. We've gotten beat so many times, we didn't know how to play ahead. We became real tentative, like we were waiting to get beat," Brown said.

The Falcons, however, built a wall in that first half that Northville couldn't climb over and won their second game in two years.

Fortune scored 15 points to lead all scorers, but it was Lancaster that won the praise from Brown.

"She was just outstanding. She set up the offense and did a nice job on defense. Without her, we would have been in trouble," he said.

Farmington, in fact, was almost without Lancaster. She sprained her finger in the season opener against John Glenn, but was taped and ready to go Thursday.

The Falcons are 1-1 on the season.

The state's best showcased at Mercy

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

It doesn't seem right to label the 1983 Mercy Hoops Classic a "tournament." "Classic" is closer to the truth, but should be used only in the past tense. "It was a classic."

"Showcase." That's what the Mercy Hoops Classic is all about this year. It's a showcase for some of the best female basketball players and teams in the state.

At 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, Holly, 16-5 last year, will play Lansing Everett, 21-3. Immediately following, Benton Harbor, 22-1, will take on the host team, Class A champs Our Lady of Mercy, 24-1.

The survivors will square off for the championship at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17. The losers will battle in the consolation game at 6 p.m.

Mercy High School is on 11 Mile at just east of Middlebelt.

THE LIST OF players competing in the tourney reads like an all-state roster.

From Holly, Marva Fuller, a 6-foot-3 center, was an honorable mention All-Stater as a junior last year. She averaged *more than 14 points and 12* rebounds per game last season.

Benton Harbor features USA Today All-American guard Lisa Harvey, who averaged 15.7 points per game last year. Veronica Holton and Sandra Rice also return from a Benton Harbor team that was rated number one in the state for most of last year.

All-Everything Michelle Smith is the strength of Lansing Everett. Smith, a 6-foot-5 senior, was stricken with spinal meningitis after last season. Her rehabilitation has been swift, according to her coaches, yet it is uncertain if she'll be able to play.

Smith's teammates, Kerri Cartwright and Elsie Dominquez, both all-area performers, will make Everett strong even without Smith.

MERCY WILL FEATURE the four returning starters who led the Marlins to the state title in 1982: senior Sarah Basford and juniors Amy DeMattia, Mary Rosowski and Annette Ruggiero, all honorable mention all-staters last year.

Mercy coach Larry Baker expects the tourney to draw more than the 30 college coaches it attracted last year.

"The phone has just been ringing off the hook. We've got coaches coming in from Nebraska, all over the Midwest, Boston, everywhere. *That is a tip-off of* the kind of talent we have here," he said.

Salem strikers overwhelm Harrison

Goal scoring will not be a problem this season for Plymouth Salem's soccer team.

The Rocks rolled over outmanned Farmington Harrison, 9-0, Thursday at Salem behind two goals and five assists by senior Randy Johnson. Mark Flower added two goals and two assists and John Geddes, Matt Crook, Jeff Neschich, Tom Hanosh and Ebon Nash added single tallies.

John Knoerl and Curtis Clarke split goaltending duties in the shutout.

The victory raised Salem's record to 2-0. The team opened the season with a 3-1 triumph over Ann Arbor Huron, with Johnson, Nash and Kevin Sultana notching goals.

FARMINGTON 7
NOVI 2

Six players put the ball into the Novi net as the Falcons remained unbeaten after three games with an easy victory at Novi Friday.

Alex Juncaj had a pair of goals for Farmington in the first half, with Jon Gregory, Hal Valafar and Mario Said adding single tallies as the Falcons spurted to a 5-2 halftime advantage. Doug Prince and Bill Williams added goals in the second half.

Mark Pingree and Ryan Link each spent a half in the nets, as Farmington's record improved to 2-0-1.

On Thursday, Farmington and Northville battled to a scoreless tie at Farmington. Link made 10 saves in his first varsity start.

LIV. STEVENSON 10
N. FARMINGTON 0

The Raiders were no match for the defending state champions Friday at Stevenson.

Jim Kimble had three goals and Joe Novak and Eric Pence added two apiece in keeping the Spartans' record perfect in two games. North goalie Dan Milner faced an incredible 56 shots in defeat.

The loss dropped the Raiders to 0-2.

the week ahead

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 16
Warren Tower at Liv. Bentley, 7:30 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Bishop Borgess at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Catholic Central at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.
Wald. John Glenn at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton vs. Ply. Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Farmington Harrison, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Walled Lk. Cent., 7:30 p.m.
Lutheran North at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
Garden City at Dearborn Fordson, 1:30 p.m.
Walled Lk. West. at Red. Thurston, 1 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Detroit Redford St. Mary's at RU's Howard Kraft Field, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 13
Liv. Stevenson at Farmington, 7:45 p.m.
N. Farmington at Farm. Harrison, 7:45 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Redford Union, 7:45 p.m.
Northville at Ply. Canton, 7:45 p.m.
Walled Lk. Cent. at Liv. Bentley, 7:45 p.m.
Woodhaven at Liv. Clarenceville, 7:45 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Walled Lk. West., 7:45 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Liv. Franklin, 7:45 p.m.
Bishop Borgess at Det. Dominican, 7:45 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Wald. John Glenn, 7:45 p.m.
Inkster at Garden City, 7:45 p.m.
Liv. Ladywood at Burton-Atherton, 7:45 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Allen Park, 6 p.m.
Baptist Park at Temple Christian, 6:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at Allen Pk. Cabrini, 7:45 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 15
Farmington at Ply. Canton, 7:45 p.m.
Liv. Bentley at Farm. Harrison, 7:45 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Walled Lk. West., 7:45 p.m.
Novi at Liv. Clarenceville, 7:45 p.m.
Walled Lk. Cent. at Liv. Churchill, 7:45 p.m.
Dearborn at Liv. Franklin, 7:45 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Northville, 7:45 p.m.
Bishop Borgess at Redford Union, 7:45 p.m.
Inkster at Wald. John Glenn, 7:45 p.m.
Garden City at Taylor Truman, 7:45 p.m.
Bishop Foley at Liv. Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
Riverview at Red. Thurston, 7:45 p.m.
Detroit DePorres at St. Agatha, 7:45 p.m.
Farm. Hills Mercy Hoop Classic
Holly vs. Lansing Everett, 4 p.m.
Our Lady of Mercy vs. Benton Harbor, 7:45 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 16
Temple Christian at Emmanuel, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
Farm. Hills Mercy Classic, 6 & 7:45 p.m.

BOYS' SOCCER
Tuesday, Sept. 13
Northville at Ply. Canton, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Liv. Bentley, 7 p.m.
Farmington Harrison at Novi, 4 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Liv. Franklin, 4:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Garden City, 4:30 p.m.
Bish. Borgess at Harper Wds. ND, 4 p.m.
Catholic Central vs. Harper Wds. Gallagher at Redford's Bell Creek Park, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 15
Farmington at Ply. Canton, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.
Liv. Bentley at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.
Catholic Central vs. Clarkston at Redford's Bell Creek Park, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 16
Ply. Salem at Liv. Franklin, 4:30 p.m.
Garden City at Novi, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
Catholic Cent. at Birm. Brother Rice, 2 p.m.

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Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented on or before November 15, 1983 to JoAnne K. Lane, 750 Rutgers, Rochester, Michigan 48063, and proof thereof, with copies of the claims, field with the Court.

Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned to the persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

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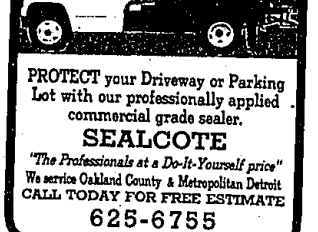
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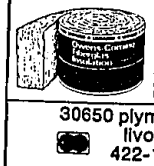
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