

Shaw, Austin spark North Raiders top Eagles in a run-away

North Farmington coach Greg Grodzicki decided he'd get a little more speed into the lineup so he inserted sophomore Laina Shaw as a third guard.

Let's let Redford Thurston coach Van Kostegian explain the results:

"They just blew us off the floor." North jumped ahead 20-3 in the first quarter and never looked back, winning their sixth straight, 56-31.

Shaw responded to the starting assignment by canning 19 points to lead all scorers. Eight of those 19 points were scored in the first quarter. Amy Austin chipped in with 17.

"The three-guard lineup worked real well," said Grodzicki. "We played aggressive, man-to-man defense and pressed them. We had a real fast team in there."

The North fastbreak built up a 33-19 lead in the first half. North's 40-18 edge in rebounds prevented Thurston from getting back into the game.

"They have got some very fine players," said Kostegian. "Amy Austin could start on a lot of guys' basketball teams. She's fast and she jumps real well. She can hang in the air, too, and that's rare for girl players."

Sharon Bowman had eight points to lead Thurston.

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Mercy began and ended the night with a vengeance.

They raced to a 21-4 first quarter lead with Annette Ruggiero and Terri Ford scoring eight points each.

The second and third quarters were played fairly even. Then Mercy, with the second-teamers on the floor, blew

North tankers roll on freshman power

The North Farmington girls swim team completed its sweep of the Farmington public high schools last week, and threw in an impressive victory against Plymouth Canton for good measure.

North overwhelmed Farmington last Tuesday night, 108-84, getting a double win from freshman Jennifer Rowe. Rowe captured the 200-yard individual medal with a time of 2:19.9, and the 500-free style with a 5:17.0.

North's other winners were, Jill Menellie, 200-free style, 2:15.5; Katie Harnden, 100-butterfly, 1:07.9; Kathy Pierog, 100-backstroke, 1:09.0; Marge Cramer, 100-breaststroke, 1:13.1; and the 200-median relay, Helen Sue Howard, Holly Epstein, Harnden and Cramer.

Farmington won the 100-free style, the 400-free style relay and the diving competition.

ROWE AND CRAMER, both freshman, and Colleen Carey were double event winners for North Thursday in the Raiders' 97-75 dunking of Canton.

Rowe won the 200- and 500-free style events with times of 2:00.6 and 5:14.9, respectively. Her time in the 500 broke the team record which Rowe established in the first meet of the season.

Cramer took the 50- and 100-free with respective times of 25.4 and 55.9.

Carey won the 200-IM and the 100-breaststroke with times of 2:18.7 and 1:13.8. Other winners for North were, Kathy Pierog, 100-backstroke, 1:08.7;

North runners win

North Farmington's top four runners crossed the finish line in a 37-second span and that was good enough to beat Garden City, 24-31, in the Raiders' Northwest Suburban League (NSL) opener Thursday.

Garden City's Dave Homann topped the field with a personal best time of 16:17. Four North runners followed: Kirk Armstrong (16:44), Ken Weine (17:08), Jeff McCormick (17:10) and Eric Bennett (17:41).

Each team had just one girl running. North's Beth Emery (21:07) outdistanced Garden City's Jenny Shroat (21:42).

FARMINGTON HARRISON's cross country teams started their Western Lakes league season against Northville on a less successful note Thursday. The Hawk boys fell, 21-42, while the girls lost a squeaker, 28-30.

Northville's Jim O'Neill was best in the boys' meet (17:10). Harrison's Tom Blason was third (18:05) and Mike Ekker was right behind in fourth (18:06).

In the girls' meet, Northville runners, led by top finisher Kelly Wool (20:20), claimed the top three places and that proved too big a lead for Harrison to overcome.

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girls basketball

He away with a 29-3 fourth-quarter flurry.

It was just the type of game Mercy coach Larry Baker wanted out of his team.

"I told the kids I wanted them to regain their confidence. I wanted them to come home feeling good about their individual game and about the team itself," he said.

Mistiso accomplished. Ruggiero scored 18 points to lead all scorers. Mary Rosowski scored 13 and grabbed 10 rebounds. Bev White, returning to action after a thumb injury scored 12 points, all in the fourth quarter, and snared eight rebounds. Terri Ford chipped in with 10 and Sarah Sanford played an outstanding floor game and contributed nine points.

"With the kind of balanced scoring we had tonight, you know there were a lot of smiling faces," Baker said.

Mercy (4-1) will open the Catholic League regular season Tuesday night at Harper Woods Regina.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 59 FARMINGTON 28

When you lose by 31 points it's tough to convince people that you really didn't play that bad of a ball game.

But, in many respects, coach Bruce Brown's Farmington team played pretty well.

"We played, I thought, some good defense. We didn't allow them too many easy shots. We forced them to take long

outside shots, and they made them," Brown said.

"We just don't have the individual skills to handle the kind of pressure Salem put on us tonight," he said.

Salem held Farmington's Alyse Fortune to six points. Rhonda Lancaster led the Falcons with 15.

Pam McBride scored 14 and Dawn Johnson 13 for the Rocks.

Salem jumped ahead 13-4 in the first quarter and led 27-18 at the half. That nine point difference was as close as Farmington could get.

"They are an awfully good basketball team," Brown said.

Salem's record is now 5-1. Farmington is 1-5.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN 49 FARMINGTON HARRISON 28

The Hawks played their best half of the season against undefeated Western, but in the end, their lack of depth did them in again.

Western, playing without 6-foot-3

center Val Hall, who sat out with a pulled stomach muscle, could muster just a 19-17 halftime lead.

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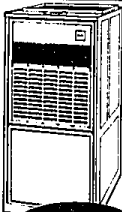
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