

Fortune paces Falcon win

What good fortune.
To have a player like Alyse Fortune, that is, Farmington was the lucky beneficiary Tuesday, as Fortune poured in 21 first-half points to spark the Falcons to a 61-35 trouncing of Northville in a Western Lakes Activities Association girls' basketball contest at Northville.

"We played all together in the first half," said Farmington coach Bruce Brown. "We were getting the ball inside to Alyse and once we started doing that it was no problem."

"She has a real nice touch when she's on her game inside."

Fortune got a lot of help from teammate Rhonda Lancaster, who contributed 12 first-half points as Farmington jumped out to a 15-4 lead after one quarter and a 42-14 advantage at the half.
Fortune finished with 27 points in the contest. Lancaster ended with 14.
"When you're hot, you're hot," Brown said. "Farmington, 4-14 overall, plays at Livonia Christian at 7:30 p.m. Friday."

STEVENSON 35, HARRISON 20; Winless Farm-

girls basketball

ington Harrison outscored Livonia Stevenson, 11-2, in the final quarter and still lost by a dozen Tuesday at Stevenson.

The Spartans (10-9) led by four after one quarter (8-4) and by 16 at the half (22-6). The Harrison point deficit grew to 24 (33-9) after three quarters before the late surge.

Harrison (9-19) was led on the scoreboard by Karen Sklar with nine points and Janine Whittemore with eight. Stevenson got 14 points from Lisa Bekovoy.

Harrison plays at Plymouth Canton at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

LUTHERAN NW 36, PLY. CHRISTIAN 30: Defense made the difference for Farmington Lutheran Northwest in its conquest of Plymouth Christian Tuesday.



Senior Sue Herzog swam her last home meet for the Marlins last Monday. She finished with a bang, winning the 200-individual medley and the 500-freestyle.

Mercy tankers win big

Our Lady of Mercy swimmers showed the girls from Grosse Pointe who the real Star of the Sea was last Monday.

Mercy took first and second place in each event to blow Star of the Sea High out of the water, 72-10. It was Mercy's 12th straight dual meet victory this season.

Senior Sue Herzog swam her final home meet for the Marlins and won two events. She swam a 2:26.4 to win the 200-yard individual medley, and a 5:19.1 to win the 500-freestyle.

THACEY JOHNSON won the 200-freestyle with a 2:06.2. The 50-free went to Julie Chranowski in 26.8.

Angela Cleaver won the diving amassing 211.05 points.

Nancy Nehr won the 100-butterfly in a time of 1:04.4 and Cathy Leniewski took the 100-free in 59.6. Renee Orr won the 100-backstroke in 1:09.9 and Jill Andries took the 100-breaststroke with a 1:12.4.

The two Mercy relay teams were also victorious. The 200-yard medley team of Andries, Nehr, Herzog and Orr swam a 2:10.0 and the 400-free relay team of Marilee Koneczal, Suzy Knipper, Beth Bedore, and Maureen Kelly swam a 3:59.2.

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Northwest switched to a triangle-and-two defense designed to stop Christian leading scorer Debbie Van Hoose and it worked, as Van Hoose managed just 12 points. Northwest took command of a close contest with a 10-4 scoring advantage in the third quarter.

Julie Mueller's 15 points was high for the winners. Stephanie Graff had nine and Deb Maul pulled in 10 rebounds.

The win boosted Northwest's record to 3-13 overall. The two teams meet again Friday at Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth.

Runners fair just so-so at state meet

It was neither the best of days nor the worst for the two Farmington School District representatives at the State Class A cross country meet in Hartland, last Saturday.

Sophomore Kirk Armstrong, from North Farmington, placed 47th at the meet running a 16:58. He was defeated by four runners he had previously defeated in the Northwest Suburban League.

He qualified for the state by finishing 10th at the regional meet in a time of 16:27.

"From the first time I saw him run, I knew he was going to be good," said North coach Al Van Meter. "He had never run before in his life, and in his first race he ran a 19:20. He has steadily improved since then."

LAURIE RUNK, from Farmington Harrison, may have run her poorest race of the season, according to her coach John Schumacher. Still, Runk finished 30th in the state with a 20:26. As with Armstrong, there were those who placed ahead of Runk in the state meet that she had previously defeated. Runk placed seventh overall at the regional with a 19:37.

Runk, the only girl ever to represent Harrison at the state meet, placed 64th at state last season.

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