

There's no place like home for Raiders



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North's Lisa Mummert was a key factor in the Raiders' stunning 47-38 upset against John Glenn Thursday. Mummert hit 11 of 13 free throws and scored a game-high 17 points.

Hawk harriers roll, Raiders lose twice

Farmington Harrison's boys cross country team evened its record to 5-5 with an impressive 18-43 win against Plymouth Canton Thursday.

Chris Hart (16:33), Mike Esker (16:36) and Dave Linn (16:40) finished the 3-mile Harrison course 1-2-3 to lead the Hawk triumph.

Tom Blison (17:04) placed fifth. Seth Petty (17:10), Bill Warburton (17:11) and Craig Mertz (17:12) placed 7-8-9 for Harrison.

Canton's top finisher was Karl Rosol, whose 16:47 earned him the fourth spot. Dave Barger (17:06) was sixth and Dave Juergens (17:16) was 10th.

The Hawk girls team didn't get a decision against the Chiefs (Canton doesn't have a full team), but Lauri Runk earned first place with a 19:01 run. Jenny Anderson was second (20:30) and Andrea Pascoe was fourth (21:47).

Hope Buchanan (21:02) and Dana Harte (22:22) placed 3 and 5 for the Chiefs.

On Tuesday, the Hawks participated in a freshman-sophomore invitational at Westland John Glenn. The young Hawks won the meet with 52 points. Dearborn (77) was second. Dearborn Edsel Ford (68), Fordson (65), Catholic Central (98) and Northville (133) rounded out the field.

Hart's 17:59 placed fourth. Linn's 18:04 was sixth and Petty's 18:42 was 10th.

THE NORTH FARMINGTON cross country teams dropped their meets with Livonia Franklin Thursday at Oakland Community College.

The boys got a first place out of Kirk Armstrong (16:55). The next Raider to finish was Mike Blodin, in 18:32 and in seventh place. Steve Unwin (18:38), Bob Alveraz (18:39) and Jason Papich (18:42) followed.

The Franklin girls beat North 21-34, gaining four of the first five places.

By Chris McCosky
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Don't blame Westland John Glenn girls basketball coach George Sommerman if he isn't particularly fond of the North Farmington gymnasium.

It's nothing personal, you understand. It's just over time his team plays there bad things happen.

Take Thursday night, for example. His team was overwhelmingly favored to beat North Farmington. The Rockets entered the game with a 10-1 record. They were 3-1 in the Northwest Suburban League, badly needing a victory to stay near undefeated league-leader Livonia Franklin.

The victory would not come in the North gym.

A poised, unperturbable North team handled everything the Rockets threw at them, beating them 47-38.

The same darn thing happens to us in this gym every year it seems," said Sommerman. "We come in here down a game but we still have hope. But, we lose here and it's over."

IT'S NOT exactly over for John Glenn. Not yet, anyway. Franklin, at 5-0, is certainly in the driver's seat. But, North and Glenn, now both 3-2, each have another shot at Franklin. And Redford Union (2-3) is improving. It would not be absurd to suggest that the

girls basketball

NSL champ will have three or four losses before it's all over.

North head coach Greg Grodzicki certainly doesn't feel his team is out of the race. He was a proud coach after his team's win Thursday.

"I told the girls that it was the most poised game I had ever seen them play," said the personable coach. "We had been getting into foul trouble a lot this year. We wanted to keep Glenn off the line. We did that and we won the game."

Even when Glenn went to the line, they were unable to convert the free throws.

"Normally, we shoot 80 percent from the line. Tonight we were way under 50 percent," lamented Sommerman.

Free throws, sadly, weren't the only shots Glenn missed. After hitting 8 of 21 shots in the first half, the Rockets found the range on just 9 of 36 in the second half.

GLENN'S FRIGID shooting proved most fatal in the third quarter.

North, shooting with an equal lack of proficiency (6 of 27 in the first half), managed a 17-16 lead at the half — thanks largely to the play of Patti Koz-

icki, who responded well to a rare start with six first-half points.

By the end of the third quarter, however, North would lead 30-20.

The opening tipoff set the tone for the Rockets. They got an uncontested layup off the tip, and flat-out missed it. They went on to miss 14 of the 16 shots they attempted.

You saw what happened," Sommerman said. "We'd come down, get an easy shot and fire it over the rim. I couldn't believe we shot that bad."

North's man-to-man pressure certainly contributed to Glenn's poor shooting. Lisa Mummert, Isaly Butters, Heather McPhillips and Sandy Spahn played tireless defense on their taller and, for the most part, quicker opponents.

North outscored Glenn 13-4 in the third quarter.

Mummert was also the key Raider offensively. She poured in the Glenn zone. She got the zone moving from side to side and eventually out of place. When she wasn't hitting the shot, she was feeding off inside to McPhillips or Kozicki.

MOST IMPORTANTLY, though, it was Mummert who held the team together against Glenn's furious press.

With the lead, North showed patience with the ball. They were in no hurry to bring it up the court nor shoot it. They steadfastly worked the ball around the perimeter until a high percentage shot became available — a credit to both the team's coaching and maturity.

"We've worked real hard against the press in practice. We showed no signs of panic," Grodzicki said.

Glenn made one last run. Michele McCullen and Stacy Graham helped pull the Rockets within three, 37-34, with 3:55 left to play.

But, Mummert hit two free throws. McPhillips hit a jumper, then Kozicki sank two more free throws. It was a nine-point lead again and Glenn was finished.

"We do the dumbest things at the absolute worst times," Sommerman said. Mummert was 8 for 9 from the free throw line in the final quarter, 11 for 13 on the night. She finished with 17 points to lead all scorers. Kozicki finished with 11 and McPhillips 10.

Julie Pucci led Glenn with 12. McCullen and Cheryl Dozier each had 10.

Sommerman left the North gym taking solace in the knowledge that he wouldn't have to come back again until next season.

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As basketball games go, this one would rate as more of a scrimmage.

No doubt Farmington's players and fans would rather their homecourt scoreboard was turned off as early as the second quarter. Livonia Stevenson wrestled control of this game away before the first period was history and romped to a 73-40 triumph Thursday.

"I thought we could play with them," said a dejected Bruce Brown, the Farmington coach. "They're a lot taller than us, and I think we were intimidated by their size."

Whatever the reason, this did not resemble the Farmington team that jolted highly regarded Plymouth Salem just a few weeks back. This Falcon team failed to get off decent shots against Stevenson's tough person-to-person defense.

WHILE JOAN FRYSSINGER was the hub that kept the Stevenson team turning, Mary Kay Hussey was its wheel. Hussey badgered the Farmington guards all evening, pilfering a bundle of errant passes and turning them into fast-break baskets.

When the break wasn't there, Fryssinger was. The senior center outsmiled her Falcon foes, dominating the boards at both ends and pouring in a

game-high 25 points.

Nineteen of those came in the first half. Stevenson's domination started on a breakaway basket by Hussey with 2:21 to play in the first quarter that made the score 12-6.

ALYSE FORTUNE answered with a Farmington bucket, then Stevenson put together an 8-2 streak to lead 20-10 at quarter's end. Amy Rozman and Fryssinger each had four points for the Spartans.

Before the second quarter was half over, the outcome of the game was decided. The Spartans went on a 10-1 rampage, with Hussey scoring four. Patti Matthews got the Falcons only basket of the period with 3:37 left, then Stevenson scored 11 straight points. Fryssinger had seven of those and nine in the quarter.

It didn't help Farmington's chances when Fortune, the team's top offensive threat, retired to the bench after drawing her third personal foul with 4:23 to go in the half. But Fortune was having problems, too. She romped from the low post to the high post and outside, searching for an open shot.

BUT FRYSSINGER bottled her up effectively, limiting Fortune to six first-half points. She was Farmington's leading scorer in the game with 12.

By half it was 41-13 in favor of Ste-

venson, with Fryssinger and Hussey, who scored 16 and 16 points in the half, leading the offense.

"We have done different things at different times all season," said Stevenson coach Wayne Henry. "This time, we put everything together. We played with the same intensity the whole game."

"The way we played tonight, we could have buried a lot of people."

Now's a good time for the Spartans to get hot, what with home games against Salem (7:30 p.m. Tuesday) and Livonia Bentley (7:30 p.m. Thursday).

on deck. Stevenson is now 8-3 overall and 5-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA).

Farmington, meanwhile, could be in trouble. The Falcons fell to 6-7 overall and 6-4 in the WLAA, but more important is the fall Fortune took in the third quarter. She got tangled with Jenny Welschmeyer on a break and both girls tumbled to the floor, with Fortune injuring her arm.

The extent of the injury was not known, but Brown feared it might be broken.

Mercy routs Borgess

When the best play the worst, you end up with things like what happened to Redford Bishop Borgess Friday at Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy.

The Marlins, one of the top girls basketball teams in the state, rolled to a 28-9 lead after one quarter over winless Borgess and went on to post a 72-19 homecoming triumph.

Everyone played and nearly every-

one (10 of 11) scored for Mercy. Mary Rosowski poured in 13 points in the first quarter and finished with 15. Annette Ruggiero added 14 points and seven assists.

Cheryl Livingston topped Borgess with six points.

Mercy is now 10-1 overall and 5-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division. Borgess is 0-5 in the Catholic League.

Ferguson's 4 pace Ocelots

Schoolcraft College put it all together Wednesday to beat host Oakland University in a women's soccer match, 8-2.

The win increases Schoolcraft's overall record to 8-2-1.

"Oakland is a good team," said Schoolcraft coach Ed Dudek. "I was surprised with how well we played. The score was not indicative of the team we played. Last time we won 5-2."

The Lady Ocelots used a balanced scoring attack. Sue Ferguson, however, notched four goals. The Farmington Harrison grad now has 22 on the season.

Also scoring for Schoolcraft were Dorene Dudek, Linda Funke, Amy McCauley and Dawn Brda. Cindy Gable also added three assists.

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