

Boys hoops on the mend in Farmington

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LET'S SET this statistic out just one time and then forget about it: Combined, the three Farmington public high school boys

basketball teams compiled a 19-42 record a year ago — a forgettable stat if there ever was one.

Yet, out of last year's futility comes hope for this season.

While the three Farmington teams — Farmington High, North Farmington and Farmington Harrison — may not quite be ready to compete for a state championship, early indications point toward some very exciting and competitive basketball on the horizon in this area.

Each team has a strong nucleus of returning players, all three boast outstanding individual talent and all three have a veteran coach at the helm.

If you want a preseason assessment as to which team is the city's best, the nod goes to North Farmington. The Raiders, led by big men Rick Anderson and Bob Chwalk, will be the favorites to win the Northwest Suburban League this season and could well be one of Observer-Examiner's top teams.

Here's a brief look at the three teams:

NORTH FARMINGTON

The Raiders' season of promise got off on an inauspicious note. Rick Anderson, North's 6-foot-5 junior potential all-stater, had a weight fall on his foot two weeks ago. Damage was extensive to his big toe and doctors aren't certain when he'll be ready to play.

"They told him not to even think about being ready for the first game," coach Tom Negoshian said. "You can't really replace a Rick Anderson, but fortunately we have some depth this year."

Negoshian returns eight letter winners from a year ago and four of the six players who played regularly. Bob Chwalk, a muscular 6-4 senior forward, averaged 10 points and 11 rebounds as a junior for North. He and Anderson (16 points, 6 rebounds) triggered North's late season surge last season.

The Raiders began last year 1-8 and finished 9-11. They came within a game of winning the NSL title.

Rick Pennala, last year's floor gen-

eral, is another key returner for North. He will most likely be teamed in the backcourt with senior Dean Temple who played the role of North's sixth-man last year.

Negoshian is counting on contributions from juniors Paul Wabman and Mike Rudin to bolster the Raider bench strength.

"We have some experience coming back with a little bit of size. I feel like we should have a very competitive season," Negoshian said.

The Raiders will open on the road Friday, Dec. 7, at Harrison.

FARMINGTON HARRISON

Mike Teachman, entering his eighth season at the helm of the Hawks, endured a 6-15 season a year ago better than most coaches would. Losses aside, he enjoyed coaching his team.

"It really was a great season," Teachman said last year. "These are great kids. They really have a lot of class. And that, to me, is more important than wins and losses."

This year, to Teachman's delight, the nucleus of his classy group is back and appear ready to challenge for a Western Lakes Western Division crown.

"The senior leadership is right," Teachman said. "If we come together as a team, we could be in the thick of the race in the Western Division."

Harrison lost some important players to graduation, namely Brian Hickey, Dave Quarles, Dave Younger and Don Lacey.

But returning to the fold are co-captains John Miller and Vince Enright. Miller, 6-2, averaged 14 points and 10 rebounds last year and is the only returning all-league player in the Western Lakes. He will swing between guard and forward.

Enright, a 6-3 forward, averaged 9

points and 6 rebounds a year ago.

Ken George, a 5-10 junior, may be an important cog in the Hawk attack. His task is to replace Hickey as Harrison's point guard and floor leader.

Ken Hixon, a 5-9 senior, will most likely fill the other guard spot.

Joining Enright and Miller up front will be 6-7 senior center Mike Dempsey, George Sarcevic, 6-4, and Will Lund, 6-2, will also see playing time in the front court.

"Our goal is to play on Saturday, March 2," said Teachman. Saturday, March 2, is the date of the league championship game. "To do this, we must stay injury free and cut down on turnovers."

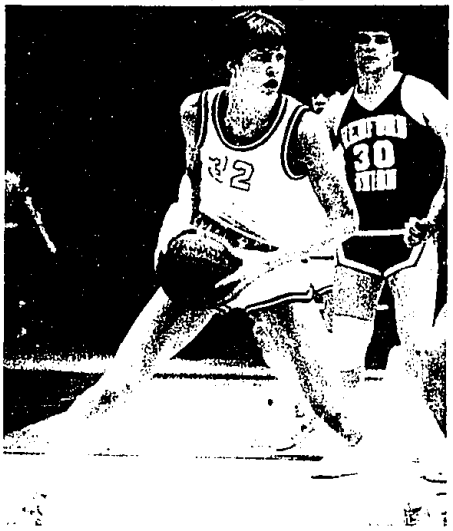
FARMINGTON

The Falcons suffered through a tough 4-18 season a year ago, 1-18 in the Western Lakes, and they lost their premier scorer "Tim Carruthers to graduation.

So why is coach Richard Roy looking at the 1984-85 with a tinge more optimism than usual?

Well, for starters, he has six experienced players returning to the fold, three of whom were starters. He has more depth than usual and he has a backcourt that could be as good as any in the league.

"We should have fair speed," Roy said. "Our shooting has to get better. We will play defense."



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North's Rick Anderson, a potential all-stater, is trying to overcome a preseason toe injury.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Michigan Job Development Authority (the "Authority") will hold a public hearing at 1:30 p.m. at the Authority's offices located on the Third Floor of the North Ottawa Tower, 611 W. Ottawa, Lansing, Michigan on the day of December 19, 1984, on the issuance of bonds by the Authority on behalf of the May Group, Richard E. Crudele, Rita C. Crudele, and Beverly A. Tillman (the "Borrowers") to assist the Borrowers in financing the acquisition of land, a 23,530 sq. ft. building, and additional machinery and equipment, such as drill presses, iron workers, fencing, lift truck, crane, welders, shear, and other similar items all to be located at 35305 Glendale Avenue, Livonia, Michigan (the "Project"). The Project will be leased to Powered Platforms Mfg. who will use it as a manufacturing facility to manufacture special equipment used for window cleaning and other building maintenance on high rise structures. The bonds are proposed to be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$450,000. The bonds shall be limited obligations of the Authority, payable solely and only from loan repayments to be made by the Borrowers to the Authority and other collateral pledged by the Borrowers. The bonds will not constitute an indebtedness of the Authority, the State of Michigan or the City of Livonia within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision and will not constitute or give rise to a charge against the general credit of the Authority or the general credit or taxing power of the State of Michigan or the City of Livonia. The Authority has no taxing power. The hearing shall provide the fullest opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the nature and location of the Project and the proposed issuance of bonds. Written comments will be accepted by the Authority but must be received on or before the date of the hearing.

Dated: November 16, 1984

WILLIAM J. COCHIAN, Executive Director
MICHIGAN JOB DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING November 19, 1984

Council Member Soronen opened the regular Public Hearing due to the delayed arrival of Mayor Pro Tem Dolan on November 19, 1984 at 7:30 P.M. Members present: City Manager Costello, City Clerk Dolan, Mayor Soronen and City Attorney Fushman. Council introduced Zoning Map Amendment C63-346, Zoning Request 31-8-84, to rezone 9,877 acres of property on north side of Nine Mile, east of I-275 Expressway from RA-34 to R-C2.

Council denied introduction of Zoning Map Amendment C63-347, Zoning Request 31-8-84, to rezone an acre of land on east side of Farmington Road, north of Twelve Mile from RA-3 to OS-1.

Consideration of extension of completion date for Open Space Improvements for Hunter's Pointe Subdivision 1, 2, 3 and 4, in Section 5, was postponed until November 26, 1984.

Council approved extension of completion date for Open Space Improvements for Willowbrook Commons Subdivision, Section 4, until June 1, 1985, with an escrow deposit of \$14,380.

Council approved extension of completion date for Open Space Improvements for Farmington Green North Subdivision 1 - 3, until June 1, 1985, with an escrow deposit of \$40,377.

Council approved extension of completion date for Open Space Improvements for Farmington Brook Subdivision, Section 7, until June 1, 1985, with an escrow deposit of \$9,500.

Council adopted Resolution approving Project Area and Project District Area for Slavic/Sloan, 35053 12 Mile Road for Economic Development Corporation. Public Hearing was set for December 10, 1984.

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Council set Public Hearing date of December 10, 1984 for Vital Properties (Jay Rom) Project, located on Northwestern Highway between Middlebelt and Thirteen Mile Road for EDC.

Council set Public Hearing date of December 10, 1984 for Northwestern Enterprises Limited Partnership Project, 30535 and 30445 Northwestern Highway between Valley and Wellington Roads for EDC.

Council set Public Hearing date of December 10, 1984 for Gearing Machine Corporation Project, 34400 Drake Road for EDC.

Council set Public Hearing date of December 10, 1984 for Halsted Associates Project, 24738-47 Halsted Road for EDC.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

A. JANETTE DOLAN, Mayor Pro-Tem
FLYNN A. CALRUS, City Clerk

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