

Mercy smothers Canton

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

Farmington Hills Mercy's girls basketball team has discovered an effective way of overcoming lack of size and rebounding capability: Don't let the opposition shoot.

In a season-opening 61-34 triumph at Plymouth Canton Thursday, the Marlies forced 34 turnovers (16 in the first three quarters) and didn't allow more than 11 shots in any quarter.

"Well, if you have to start the season it might as well be with one in the victory column and with a really good defensive game," said Mercy coach Larry Baker.

The Marlies deployed a multitude of traps and presses that completely debilitated Canton. In 34 offensive possessions in the first half, the Chiefs scored six field goals (two in

their first three possessions) and turned the ball over 18 times.

It got worse in the third quarter (four field goals in 20 possessions, 12 turnovers).

"I'll tell you, Mercy is a good team," said Canton coach Bob Ney. "They have a superior player in Yvette Maisson and a supporting cast that can really play."

MAISSON, AN all-state, All-Area choice as a junior last year, scored 21 points to lead all scorers. Also, she made three steals and forced countless other turnovers.

Adrienne Clark shared the spotlight with Maisson. The junior scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

She, too, was omnipresent in Mercy's press.

"At no point in the season will we assess a player's contribution to the team by points scored," Baker said.

girls basketball

"To us, Adrienne's fine play on the press was more critical than the points she gave us offensively. I was very pleased with the discipline we showed on our trapping defense."

Jan Herberichs added 11 points to the Marlies cause, and Margaret DeMatia chipped in seven points and three steals.

DESPITE THE lopsided score, there were a couple of bright spots for the Chiefs. Junior Karen Boluch scored 10 points, and sophomore Michelle Fortier added nine. Fortier also played a strong defensive game with three steals.

"If we step into the gym and play smart and play hard we'll be OK," Ney said. "But if we start trying to outshine people, we're going to have problems. We will come back into the gym tomorrow, start in right where we left off and we will continue to work hard on the things that are going to make us a successful basketball team. By the end of the season, this will be a good team."

There was some other good news for Canton. The Chiefs won the junior varsity game, handing Mercy its first season-opening loss in several years.

Farmington wastes lead in final minutes

Farmington has lost a good number of girls basketball games over the years, but this one was especially tough to take.

Redford Union erased a seven-point deficit in the final 1:30 of Thursday's season-opener against the Falcons and won it in overtime, 55-53.

Jeanine Sorel scored with 15 seconds left in regulation to pull RU to within one, 51-50. Fouled on the play, Sorel missed a free throw, but the Panthers got another opportunity at the foul stripe and cashed in.

Caryn Shannon hit the free throw after Farmington was assessed a technical foul. Keili Koss, who drew her fifth foul on Sorel's layup, illegally went back out on the court after fouling out.

The Falcons then turned the ball over four times in the overtime as RU won the three-minute extra session, 4-2.

The defeat ruined a splendid individual effort by Farmington's Becky Philip. Philip led all scorers with 31 points and nine rebounds. Koss and Stacy Swanderski, who also fouled out, tallied nine points each. Jennifer Cunningham added seven rebounds.

Shannon, a junior, and Sorel, a sophomore, tallied 25 and 20 points, respectively, for the winners.

SOUTH LYON 50, N. FARMINGTON 39. Inexactly the outcome new head coach Greg Capling had hoped for in his debut, but he's not discouraged.

"I'm quite satisfied, actually," said the North Farmington coach. "We were giving up two to three inches per man. We played well, we just made a few defense lapses and a few critical turnovers."

The Raiders were beaten at the foul line. Home team South Lyon connected on 16 of 22 free throw chances while North hit one of three. North made 19 field goals to South Lyon's 17.

Jean Anzovar led the Raiders with 12 points and six assists. Andrea Nelson scored 16 for South Lyon to lead all scorers.

"If we play like this, this hard, all season I'll have nothing to complain about," Capling said.

LAKELAND 57, HARRISON 22;

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tennis

NORTH FARMINGTON 7
SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP 0
Wednesday at Lathrup

No. 1 singles: Wendy Wolf (HF) def. Jackie Sorensen, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 2: Anne Hembuch (HF) def. Julie Blackman, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 3: Pam Griesler (HF) def. Julie Kornor, 6-2, 6-4.

No. 4: Becky Griesler (HF) def. Becky Burbanck, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Terry Spengler-Gary Mawell (HF) def. Nicole Carson-Susan Lampas, 6-2, 4-6, 7-6.
No. 2: Amy Lowe-Lisa Beredick (HF) def. Kathy McAn-Amey-Gordon, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 3: Karen Merkle-Tegan Weinberg (HF) def. Emily Hagan-Essa-Gale, 6-1, 6-2.
North's dual meet record: 1-1.
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FARMINGTON 4
REDFORD UNION 3
Tuesday at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Lonna Melquhar (RU) def. Christine Brown, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 2: Tracey Bond (RU) def. Tracey Moore, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 3: Susan Gusho (F) def. Pam Raeside, 7-6, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 4: JoAnn Gale (RU) def. Kristi Koss, 6-4, 6-3.
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Falcons cruise past Chargers

The No. 1-ranked Farmington cross country teams are off and running — literally and figuratively.

The Farmington boys and girls teams breezed past Southfield-Lathrup in non-league openers Wednesday. The boys won 19-44, the girls 15-50.

Chris Inch paced the boys, completing the Southfield Civic Center course in 16:15. Lathrup's Neil DeFord was second with a 16:47.

The rest of the pack was Farmington's Al Stebbins was third (17:47), Ron Smalley fourth (18:19), Ken Dunneback fifth (18:22) and Matt Walter sixth (18:34).

Farmington's girls took the top four spots. Bonnie Stecker crossed first (21:44), followed by Nicole Jelley (21:45), Judy McKeever (22:14) and Leslie Martin (22:23).

FARMINGTON HARRISON'S teams split with Waterford Kettering Thursday. The boys won 23-34, while the girls were ousted 17-42.

Chris Hart won the boys race with a 17:32. Jeff Barringer placed third (17:57) and Pat Runk fourth (18:58). Dave Posa came in seventh (19:44) and Dave Sheppard eighth (19:52).

cross country

Harrison's top girl, Jenny Anderson, sat out the meet because of a bad cold. Edye Fleischer took fourth for the Hawks (25:30), Diana Brohl seventh (27:25), Stacey Roemer ninth (27:41) and Aimee Jarvenant 10th (28:40).

NORTH FARMINGTON'S girls team won by default over Bloomfield Hills Lahser Thursday, although Lahser's Holly Spohn won the race (21:14). Lahser only had four runners.

Alice Jewell paced second for North with a 21:25. Donna Chuba was third (21:34), Wendy Nevers fourth (22:11) and Carolyn Alkon sixth (24:01).

The Raiders boys lost a close 22-34 decision. Jeff Simpson placed third (18:03), Tom Hardin fifth (19:04), Dave Cline sixth (19:05) and Paul Cook ninth (19:42).

All three Farmington contingents will compete Thursday in the Farmington city meet.

Churchill nips Hawks; Farmington survives

Farmington Harrison gave Livonia Churchill a battle, but the Hawks couldn't match the Chargers' firepower, losing 4-2 Wednesday at Churchill.

All four Charger goals came in the first half. Khaled Zeldan had two of them, with Torin Gnielwek and David Rea scoring one apiece. Gnielwek, Brad Mase, Brian Thomas, Pete Alexander and Steve Galindo added assists.

FARMINGTON 2, W. BLOOMFIELD 1: Joey Crow converted a Tom Gammerath crossing pass into

the game-winning goal in the second half to propel the Falcons past visiting West Bloomfield and on to their first win of the season Friday.

Crow's goal put Farmington ahead 2-0. Chris Haas scored the Falcons' first in the opening half, with Don Bunker assisting. Paul Benford got the Lakers' only score.

Center forward Steve Lee played well for Farmington, as did defenders Adam Krause, Pete Frauenheim, Darin Magera and Kyle Harder.

The win ended Farmington's record at 1-1, after Wednesday's 3-0 loss to Southfield.

North golfers win

Chris Bayer fired a one-over par 36 at Godwin Glen Wednesday to lead the North Farmington golf team to a 209-243 victory against

Southfield. Mark Taylor and Erica Zonder each shot 42 while Larry LaPorte scored 43 and Tom Sermet 45.

the week ahead

PREP FOOTBALL
Friday, Sept. 12
Liv. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Wald. John Glenn at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Pk. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at D.H. Annapolis, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Bsh. Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Riverdale, 7:30 p.m.
Clarencville at Allen Park, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Southgate, 7:30 p.m.
(Hawley Hoops Classic)
St. Patrick vs. West. Kettering, 6:15 p.m.
Farm. Mercy vs. Ulice Eisenhower, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Mercy Hoops Classic, 6 and 7:45 p.m.

BOYS' SOCCER
Monday, Sept. 8
Liv. Franklin at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Farm. Harrison, 5 p.m.
Farmington at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.
Hawley at Pk. Salem, 7 p.m.
Garden City at D.H. Crestwood, 4 p.m.
Bsh. Borgess vs. Hengel Woods, 4 p.m.
At Detroit's Mason Field, 4 p.m.
Catholic Central vs. H.W. Bsh. Gallagher at Redford's Best Green Park, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 9
Bsh. Borgess at Dear. Esel Ford, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Pk. Canton, 7 p.m.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Sept. 9
Ply. Salem at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Brighton, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Red. Thurston, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Waterford Mont. 7:30 p.m.
Ferndale at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Wald. John Glenn at Esel Ford, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Inkster, 5:30 p.m.
Clarencville at D.H. Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Riverdale, 7:30 p.m.
Red. Dominican at Bsh. Borgess, 7:30 p.m.
Serna St. Patrick at Liv. Ladywood, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 11
Northville at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

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