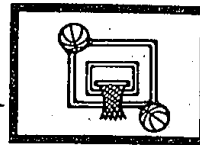


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North pounds Canton

Sometimes volleyball matches can be interminable, side out after side out, long rally after long rally, until it begins to appear as if the match will never end.

Wednesday's Western Lakes match between North Farmington and Plymouth Canton was nothing like that.

North made short work of the Chiefs, 15-7, 15-4.

"Basically, it was a scrving game," said North coach Sandy Lubieniecki. "There wasn't a lot of match play. But that happens sometimes early in the season."

Suzi Butcher and Stephanie Knapp took care of game one for North. Both were seven of seven from the service corner and accounted for 13 of the 15 points.

Missy Bossacaw took care of game two. She hit on seven of eight serves with four aces.

Butcher was a factor at the net in both games. The junior nailed eight of 10 spike attempts with four kills.

"I saw a lot of improvement with the Canton team," Lubieniecki said. "They have a new coaching staff (led by Ailie Sully), and they seem to have a more positive attitude. I was impressed with the way they were working and with the things they were working on. I think you'll see them improve steadily as the season wears on."

North is now 6-1 on the season, 1-0 in the Western Lakes. It was Canton's first match.

FARMINGTON HARRISON battled powerful Livonia Stevenson to a three-game match Wednesday, but the Spartans' strong serving eventually took its toll — Stevenson won 15-9, 11-16, 15-5.

Stevenson set the pace early. All-Area standout Kristine Bailey served home nine straight points in the first game.

"We just didn't pass well off their serves," said Harrison coach Ron Shortt. "But I think we got into a situation where our kids felt Stevenson was the better team. They thought, 'Well, we'll play but we won't really pressure them.' That irritated me. But that happens when a team has dominated as long as Stevenson has."

Janine Whittemore and Theresa Splez keyed Harrison's win in game two with superb net play. They repeatedly blocked hits from Bailey and Sue Zatoraki.

"Stevenson missed some serves and that got us going a little," Shortt said. "Plus, we started blocking real well. But game three was just like game one."

Shortt said Whittemore was the team's most consistent player. She was strong at the net, in the back row and in the service corner. Shortt also praised the play of setter Heidi Reyst and the back row efforts of Katie Doll.

The Hawks are 3-2 on the season, 0-1 in the Western Lakes.

Falcon tankers stop losing skid

Let's hear it for those Falcons. Roll out the barrels, bang the gong. Strike up the band and clear the dance floor. We're having a celebration.

The Farmington boys swim team, ladies and gentlemen, have ended a grueling and frustrating 14-meet losing streak.

The Falcons beat Northville 91-81 in a thrilling Western Lakes dual meet Thursday night.

"Boy, it sure was a long time coming," said Farmington coach Ross Bundy. "It was his first win as the Falcons' boys head coach. 'I'm just real happy. The kids really came through.'"

Credit Jim Vik, Adam Krause and a loaded-up 400-yard freestyle relay team for the victory.

VLK WON both the 50 freestyle (23:21) and the 100 butterfly (58:2). Krause won took both the 200 freestyle (1:59.8) and the 100 free (55:07).

But, with the meet on the line, Bundy teamed Vik and Krause with Scott Hawkins and Brad Moore in the 400 free relay. The quartet won in 3:41.3 to secure victory.

Other individual winners for the

Falcons were Moore in the 200 individual medley (2:15.0), G.T. Meili in the 500 free (51:8.9) and Brian Haupt in the 100 breaststroke (1:10:11).

Hawkins, Haupt, Rich Los and Mark Langdon won the 200 medley relay (1:54.8).

The Falcons are 1-3 this season.

NORTH FARMINGTON was an easy winner Thursday, beating Walled Lake Western 124-44.

The Raiders won every event.

Steve Tumej won a pair of events. He took the 200 IM (2:16.8) and the 100 butterfly (1:01.3). Brother Mike Tumej won the 50 free (22.6) and swam on both relays.

Mike Tumej teamed with Bruce Golis, Jordy Greenstein and Andy Fretz to win the 200 medley relay in 1:48.85. The same foursome won the 400 freestyle relay in 3:26.8.

Golis won the 200 free (2:02.3), Leo Lieberman won diving (102.45), Greenstein won the 100 free (53.7), Rich Barston won the 500 free (54:1.0), Kris Matusiewicz won the 100 backstroke (1:08.9) and Dan Kipper won the 100 breaststroke (1:11.8).

The Raiders are 2-1 on the season.

The Hawks are 2-1.



Kim Heller, a freshman, helped North beat Canton Wednesday with a second-place finish on the floor exercise. She scores 8.8 on the event and a 9.15 on vault.

North wins 4th, tips 131 mark; Hartland pins loss on Hawks

The tighter judging standards don't seem to be bothering the North Farmington gymnastics team.

The Raiders, in just their fourth meet, topped the magic 130 mark Wednesday beating Plymouth Canton 131.6-117.25.

"We've been scoring higher in every meet," said North coach Jeff Dwyer. "And we've been looking better as a team. I feel very fortunate to have this much depth. We have four solid scorers in each event. Last year we had three scorers and they probably scored higher than our girls are right now. But when you have four in each event, that really helps."

Senior Lucine Toroyan won three events for the Raiders. She took the uneven parallel bars (8.55), balance beam (8.7) and floor exercise (8.9). She placed in a tie for second on the vault with teammate Kara Karu (8.5).

Freshman Kim Heller won the vault for North with a 9.15. She placed second on floor (8.8). Kara Karu placed second on bars (7.8) and third on floor exercise (8.75).

Nikki Yuskowats placed third on the beam (7.95) and fourth on both bars (7.2) and floor (8.2). Marilyn Dunn took a third on bars (7.55) and Cindy Tjan took fourth

on beam (7.85).

The Raiders are 4-0 on the season. For Canton (0-1), Mary Jo Charon took a second beam with an 8.65. Maureen McLean took a fourth on vault (8.3) and fifth on floor (7.75).

FARMINGTON HARRISON suffered its second loss in three meets Wednesday, bowing to Hartland 124.3-110.9.

Harrison senior Tracey Solomon was the meet's top performer, winning all-around with a 33.65 total. She won on floor (8.45) and placed second on vault (8.65), bars (8.45) and beam (8.1).

Jenny Rick took a third on vault (8.35).

CLARENCEVILLE won its first meet of the season Wednesday beating Walled Lake Western 103.10-80.05.

Denise Ahnert and Roberta Stevens were the Trejans' top scorers. Ahnert won the vault (7.8), placed second on bars (6.70), third on beam (6.95) and tied for second with Stevens on floor (7.35). Stevens won bars (6.75) and placed third on vault (7.15).

Both LaFave chipped in with a second on beam (7.4). C'ville is 1-2 on the season.

Salem bops Farmington

Maturity affects a basketball team in subtle ways. Take Plymouth Salem for example. The Rock teams of the last two seasons displayed a tendency to play down to the level of their opponents.

Friday night, the 1987 Salem team played a 1-5 Farmington team. And rambled to a 63-37 victory.

"I think our experience really helps," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "Like the other night at Churchill, (Salem blew a lead in the fourth quarter but rallied to win the game.)"

"I think in past years we may have folded in that game. But we are playing with more maturity. I don't think these guys are going to let that kind of thing happen this year. I hope not anyway."

Mike Hale, senior frontcourt player, took charge of the Salem situation Friday. He scored 21 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked three shots. Rick Taylor added 10.

"I tell you what, we spread the game out and but it was tight for a while," Brodie said.

Farmington, buoyed by the hot hand of Paul Orrico, built up a six-point lead in the second quarter. Orrico scored 10 of his team-high 14 points in the first eight minutes.

"We identified Steve Howell as their scorer and we were dropping people off to help out on him," Brodie said. "Then Orrico just caught fire."

But in the second half, Salem stepped up its defensive pressure and laced Farmington's perimeter shooters.

"We really kicked into gear. We started running our break and getting a lot of baskets off the transition," Brodie said. "Our defense picked up, too. We had 10 blocked shots on the night. That's quite a few."

Another plus for Salem was the defensive work of Tony Moore. Moore had the task of stopping Howell who had been averaging nearly 20 points a game for Farmington. Howell scored two points on the night.

The win keeps Salem unbeaten in five Western Lakes games and 6-1 overall. Farmington is 0-5 in the league, 1-6 overall.

CANTON 51, FRANKLIN 47: Livonia Franklin's losing streak is now at 28 thanks to a brilliant effort by Plymouth Canton senior Tyrone Reeves.

Reeves scored a game-high 20 points Friday night and canned some clutch free throws in the final minutes.

With 2:30 left to play, Franklin pulled within two. But the Chiefs secured victory with eight straight free throws. Reeves hit four of them.

Jeff Anilewicz added eight points to the Canton cause. Chris Parent led Franklin with 12.

The win improves Canton's Western Lakes record to 3-2. The Chiefs are 3-4 overall. Franklin is 0-5 in the league, 0-7 overall.

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HARRISON 52, CHURCHILL 44: How tough is it for Farmington Harrison to win at Livonia Churchill? Friday night's victory was the Hawks third ever at Churchill.

The game was decided in the fourth quarter. And, safe to say, Gary Schwedt provided the difference. Schwedt scored eight of his 10 points in the final quarter helping the Hawks to a 14-6 edge. On the night he had eight rebounds, four assists and two blocked shots.

"He played like No. 46 instead of No. 31," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman, referring to the fact the Schwedt wore jersey No. 46 during his standout football career at Harrison.

The game was tied at 38 after three quarters. Churchill, though, went ice cold in the final eight minutes hitting just 3 of 18 shots from the floor.

Brad Ridgeway led the Hawks with 18 points. He added 12 rebounds and five blocks. Scott Blissett tossed in 12 points.

"After Tuesday's loss to North Farmington, our goal was to take 60 shots. We took 61," Teachman said. "The kids found out that it was fun to play offense, too."

The Hawks took just 28 shots against North.

Brad Wylie scored 12 to lead Churchill, 1-4 in the Western Lakes, 1-6 overall.

Harrison is now 3-2 in the league and 3-2 overall.

W.L. CENTRAL 65, N. FARMINGTON 54: Ouch. North Farmington let an 11-point lead get away in the final quarter at Walled Lake Central Friday night.

"The big problem was that Chuck Howard picked up his fourth foul early in the fourth quarter and eventually fouled out," said North coach Tom Negoshian.

Howard and teammate Rick Karcher had dominated the inside for three quarters. Howard scored 17 points and Karcher 14. Neither scored a point in the final quarter.

North made just four of 13 shots and turned the ball over seven times in the final eight minutes helping Central run off a 27-10 spurt.

"They made some steals at half court and got their running game going. That hurt us," Negoshian said.

Central's Kevin Harrel led all scorers with 22 points and teammate Mark O'Hanlon added 13. Tur Dudek added 12 for North.

The loss drops North to 2-3 in the league and 3-4 overall.



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