

North wins battle between city rivals

North Farmington "meant business" in the second half Thursday, and the serious attitude produced a 47-28 victory over cross-town rival Farmington in girls basketball.

In a lull after first quarter, the two teams combined for a mere nine points, and the Raiders' lead was only 18-11 at halftime.

But, while holding the Falcons to single-digit scoring for a third straight quarter, North outgained Farmington 145 to double the score by the end of three periods, 32-10.

"We came out slow and didn't shoot well," North coach Greg Capling said. "But we had good pressure defense in the second half. We came out and meant business."

Senior center Suni Butcher paced the Raiders, 2-3 in the Lakes Division and 6-4

overall, with 18 points and nine rebounds. Sophomore guard Kim Gurecki added 12 points and had five steals.

Stacy Swanderski scored eight points to lead the Falcons, who lost their sixth game in a row and dropped to 0-5 in the division, 3-7 overall.

MERCY 47, BORGESS 31: Farmington Mercy remained on an even keel Thursday in the wake of its emotional, 51-46 defeat of No. 4-ranked Livonia Ladywood.

There was no letdown as the Marlins improved their Central Division record to 3-1. Bishop Borgess began the season winning its first five games in non-league play, but the Spartans, 4-4 overall, have lost all four in the division.

After a nearly even first quarter, Mercy's

defense played a pivotal role in the next two quarters, holding Borgess to a total of 10 points in 16 minutes.

"Mercy's defense caused some turnovers in the second and third quarters, and that's kinda where the game turned," Spartans coach Mike Resmer said.

"Their defense caused us some problems, and we turned the ball over too much. They're a good ballclub and they beat us."

The Marlins had built a 34-21 lead by the end of the third quarter and maintained their edge in the finale. Mercy, 6-4 overall, made five of 13 free throws, and Borgess was 7-of-9.

Steve Herberholz once again was the leading scorer for the Marlins with a game-high 17 points. Jennifer Slosar added nine and

Adrienne Clark six. Psi Hines had 12 points to lead Borgess.

NORTHVILLE 59, HARRISON 23: The Mustangs jumped in front 20-3 in the first quarter and went on to defeat the Hawks, 0-5 in the Western Division and 0-10 overall.

Northville, which led 36-11 at halftime, got 15 points from Debbie Stevens and 10 apiece from Jenny Stevens and Katie Drury.

Darcy Plinzl scored 11 points and Lesley Devine six for Harrison. The Mustangs were 1-of-10 at the free-throw line, the Hawks 3-of-20.

Despite the loss, Harrison coach Jim Neve saw reason to be encouraged, noting the Hawks lost by a 95-12 count to Northville a year ago and have taken a step in the right

direction by chopping down that margin.

Once again, the Hawks played with only seven girls since two remain sidelined by injury and two others by illness.

Harrison center Tracey Radke, however, is set to return from knee surgery. She suffered torn ligaments in the first week of the season. Plus, 5-7 forward Stephanie Kallen has recovered from mono-nucleus.

Besides being optimistic about the return of those players to active status, Neve has seen improvement. In sophomore guard Karen Najarian, who has been averaging six points in the last three games.

"Last year she was afraid to shoot," he said, "but now she's coming out of it."

The Hawks will play their first game in their remodeled gymnasium Tuesday when they are host to Livonia Franklin.

Falcons fight off Spartans

Farmington got a little more competition than it expected from Livonia Stevenson, but the Falcons still managed a 26-29 victory in girls cross country Thursday.

"Stevenson obviously has come on," said Farmington coach John Barrett after his team improved to 3-0 in Lakes Division dual meets and 7-0 overall.

Karen Kughal gave the Spartans first place with a 20:59 run over the Oakland Community College course.

Then, Farmington took the next three places and Stevenson the following three.

Jennifer Kiel, Amy Trunk and Bonnie Stecker finished second, third and fourth, respectively, turning in times of 21:02, 21:03 and 21:36. The Spartans in the Nos. 5-7 spots were not that far behind with 21:40, 21:42 and 21:44 times.

The difference was Judy McKeever and Margaret Martin capturing the Nos. 8 and 9 places for Farmington. Their times were 21:56 and 22:13, respectively. The Spartans kept it close by placing runners in the Nos. 10-12 positions.

"Part of it was we assumed it was not going to be that tough, or else we were looking ahead to the county meet Saturday," Barrett said.

"But I think they've come on since the start of the year, because their times look a lot better than they had been."

The Falcons came to this point in the season in fine shape, but Barrett reiterated the team's fifth and sixth runners need to drop their times to the mid 21-minute range and the top three below 21 minutes "if we're going to beat (Plymouth) Canton" and repeat as Western Lakes champions.

The boys and girls league meets are scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in Walled Lake.

A plus for the Falcons is the return of Maureen O'Dell, who recovered from a stress fracture and just recently had a cast removed from her leg. She will need time to get back in shape, however, Barrett said.

Farmington harriers ready for key Lakes Division meet

Farmington cruised past Livonia Stevenson 21-39 Thursday to set up a Lakes Division showdown in boys cross country.

The Falcons and Plymouth Salem, both 3-0 in the division after the Rocks trounced Westland John Glenn 19-29, go head-to-head Thursday at Cass Denton Park.

Farmington's Brandon London showed he had recovered from a sore hip that slowed him down a week ago by taking first place in 16:52 at Oakland Community College.

The Falcons also got Steve Quenneville back from a knee injury that had sidelined him for 3 1/2 weeks, and he finished sixth overall (17:49) in his first meet since returning.

Farmington, however, lost another key runner Thursday when Rob Holloway hurt his back in gym class. It was not known how serious the injury was or how long he might be out.

London got support from teammates Matt Walter and Brad Moore,

boys cross country

who were third and fourth, respectively, but had the same 17:36 time.

Finishing a second behind Quenneville was Farmington's fifth man, Greg Endres, who broke 18 minutes for the first time at 17:50.

The Falcons, 6-0 overall, also received blocking help from Paul Brandt in ninth place (18:13) and Matt Langdon in 11th (18:17).

Stevenson was led by second-place Jeff Lees (17:23) and also took the fifth, eighth and 10th places.

W.L. CENTRAL 25, NORTH 31: The Raiders had three of the top five runners, but couldn't quite hold off the Vikings, who came on strong in the latter stages.

North's Jeff Simpson, Tom Harnden and Jim Nader finished back-to-back in the Nos. 3-5 places. They

posted respective times of 16:45, 17:05 and 17:06. Dave Geris, in eighth place at 17:54, was the fourth Raider in the top 10.

W.L.C. was led by Mike Jensen, who completed the race in 16 minutes flat.

North is 1-2 in the Lakes Division and 5-2 overall.

CANTON 17, HARRISON 41: Six of the top seven runners belonged to the Chiefs, who improved to 2-1 in the Western Division and 6-1 overall.

For the Hawks, Jeff Barringer was fourth (17:48), Chris Hart eighth (18:32), Dave Foss ninth (18:53), Pat Runk 10th (19:48) and Dave King 11th (20:01).

Canton's Jay Swiecki ran a 16:58 race to capture first place.

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The Farmington Hills Cycling Club meets at 8 a.m. Saturday mornings in the parking lot behind the Cloverdale Dairy, which is located on Sheldon Road near Main Street in Northville.

The club has organized rides for a range of ages and levels of experience and offers a number of other biking opportunities.

For information concerning the club and activities, call 474-6115, ext. 258, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.