

# Hawks win intra-city duel

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 working to make that shot, and he'd have had to make 70 percent of those shots to beat us."  
 Coachman added the Hawks did a good job of not allowing North's perimeter players to penetrate and possibly create a troublesome foul situation for his team.  
 DUDEK'S SHARP shooting helped the Raiders to a strong second-half start, but Harrison managed to keep pace and took a 45-43 lead into the finale when Lichtman canned his first three-pointer at the buzzer.  
 "That's a pro shot he took at the end of the quarter," Coachman said. "You have to take that shot now, because it's three points."  
 Green scored the first basket of the fourth period to tie, and he and Hill gave North 47-46 and 50-48

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leads before Burgess pulled the Hawks within one and set the stage for Lichtman's heroics.  
 Negoshian said he was pleased with his team's performance, given the youth and inexperience on the

squad, against a Harrison ballclub with outstanding athletes.  
 "The effort was fantastic," he said. "I told the kids in the locker room 'You left it on the floor, and that's all I ask.'"  
 "I'm pretty satisfied with what they're doing. We need to shoot a little better and have a few bounces go our way. But you get that with experience and continuing to play hard."  
 TEACHMAN WAS happy to see the holiday break arrive. The Hawks have managed a five-star start, a roster loaded with football players who had a long fall as Harrison went all the way to the state final.  
 "We need some time to rest," he said. "This is probably the first time the ones who played football have had three days off in a row since July."



RANDY BORST/Staff photographer  
 Vagoy Hill drives past Jason Lichtman with a move toward the basket. Hill had a good game as he scored 10 points for North.

# Farmington effort falls shy

Give Farmington another minute, even 30 seconds, and the Falcons might have had another basketball victory to their credit.  
 After trailing almost the entire game Thursday against visiting Novi, Farmington battled back to within a single basket in the final quarter. Alas, just three seconds were left on the clock, and it wasn't enough — Novi held on for a 52-50 victory.  
 The first half killed the Falcons. "Novi is a very physical club," said Farmington coach Bob Kaump, "and

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they outmuscled us in the first half. It wasn't until the second half that we started getting physical with them."  
 Novi (2-1) led 15-11 after one quarter and increased that to 32-19 at the half. Farmington started its climb back in the third period, narrowing its deficit to a dozen.

A 16-4 final-quarter burst (Mike Myers scored six of his eight points in the period) put the Falcons within striking distance, but the final two points in the streak — a basket by Darin Magera — came with just three seconds left.  
 Farmington set up a pressing defense to force a turnover on the inbounds pass, and Novi had to call time out. On their next try, the Wildcats successfully got the ball in and killed the clock.

# T'birds impressive in beating RU

The Edsel Ford Thunderbirds of Dearborn appear to be anything but obsolete as they opened their Northwest Suburban League boys basketball season Thursday with a 77-65 victory at Redford Union.  
 It's quite quite a turnaround for T-Birds this season. Memories of last year's 4-16 team have faded away as Edsel has roared out to a 5-0 start and sporting a league championship look.  
 RU, meanwhile, looks anything but an 0-5 team. But the Panthers played one bad quarter and it cost them.  
 During the second period RU was outscored 21-8. The T-Birds held a commanding 46-29 halftime lead, thanks to an off-balance 35-foot three-point bank shot by Jason Swafford at the buzzer.  
 RU began to chip away in the third period and nearly caught Edsel in the final quarter as a Steve Sterlitz hoop cut the deficit to five, 65-60, with 4:55 remaining.  
 But the Panthers couldn't get any closer as Edsel held on for the win.

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added 13. Tim Owens, a 6-7 center, had 12 and forward Shawn Cameron contributed 10.  
 "We knew they (Edsel) were a good and deep team because their JV was good last year," said RU coach Tip Smathers. "We knew they were going to be a better team than we were and we ended up giving up the shot at the top."  
 But the Panthers beat themselves, particularly when they had the basketball.  
 "We wanted to run under control, but that's when we decided to make turnovers," said Smathers of the disastrous second quarter. "Every coach we play against talks about how hard we play, but if we could combine that with better quality of play and cut down on the turnovers, we'll be in good shape."

THE SCRAPPY PANTHERS were led in scoring by Joe Lezotte and Joe Deligau, who tallied 16 and 15, respectively.  
 Sterlitz, a 6-5 senior, and forward Kevin Whitman, both whom helped spark the second half surge, added 10 each.  
 "We're not protecting the basketball as well as we did last year, but as they develop they'll get better," said Smathers. "I thought it was a step forward for us tonight . . . except one quarter."  
 Edsel coach Richard Angelo, meanwhile, said his team has not been sharp in the last two outings.  
 "We want to play better defense," he said. "Tonight we didn't get back quick enough on defense."  
 "And it doesn't help when you have you're top scorer on the bench

who is averaging 30 points, but we have good kids coming off the bench. And with those two guys (Swafford and Wyka), they can give us production."  
 ANGELO, HOWEVER, does not want to get too high with expectations.  
 "Our only goal is to be competitive in every game," he said. "We were only 4-16 last year, but we had four starters who played together and took their lumps."  
 RU is competitive right now as well, but the Panthers don't have any victories to show for it.

# Farmington can't match Bears' depth

Farmington held its own when it came to winning events Thursday, but Berkley had too much swimming depth and went home a 105-66 winner.  
 The Falcons won six of the 11 events, with Jim Vlk taking first place in the 200-yard freestyle (1:52.2) and the butterfly (5:29.2), the latter being a state qualifying time.  
 "When the other team walks through the door with 40 swimmers and you only have 15 — and two are out sick — you're struggling," Farmington coach Ross Bandy said, "but I thought the kids swam well."  
 Farmington's Brad Moore won the individual medley in 2:16.4 and Scott Hawkins the backstroke in 1:01.5.  
 The Falcons, 6-2, dominated the freestyle events, with Adam Krause winning the 100-yard sprint in 53.6 and G.T. McEll in the 500 with a 3:20.14 effort.  
 Bandy said Hawkins has been "coming through like magic," having already cut four seconds off his best time of a year ago in the backstroke. He also is pleased by the early-season performances of Moore and Krause, who appears to have overcome the shoulder problem that bothered him last year.

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**NEW YEAR'S RUN**  
 The 18th Annual Little Caesars New Year's Eve Fun Run will take place Thursday, Dec. 31, at the Belle Isle Casino.  
 A one-mile run for children 12 and under is set for 4:30 p.m., the open one-mile event for runners and walkers 4:35 p.m. and the four-mile fun run is 4 p.m.  
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