



Steve Quenneville fouls Scott Hale on the arm while trying to block the Salem player's inside pass. Hale tossed in 21 points to pace the winners.

Torrid shooting thwarts Falcons

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"I knew they could shoot the ball, so we crowded them wherever they were."

The Falcons denied Salem's lead, quickly cutting the margin to 10 points at the start of the second half, but the Rocks had too big a lead for Farmington to overcome.

"The only thing I told the kids at halftime was the intensity level to start the game was extremely poor," Kaump said. "We let (Salem) dictate what kind of game it was going to be."

"We got out of the zone defense and did a heckuva job in the man-to-man in the second half."

Baskets by Myers, Steve Quenneville and back-to-back field goals by Brown chopped Salem's advantage to 40-30 with the third quarter 1/2 minutes old.

THE FALCONS got back within 10 on several other occasions, but

they couldn't break the double-digit barrier until it was too late to offer any hope of winning.

"We had three chances to get it down to eight and missed all three," Kaump said. "I guess it takes that much out of you to come back that strong and keep it going."

Kaump said he planned to work on his team's intensity level and develop continuity between practices and games on that front.

"I don't see them yet saying 'Hey, here we are; we can handle them,'" he said. "We're still trying to get that positive, confident attitude, which you have to have in this league because everybody is so even."

Keith Smith added 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Rocks, who saw their shooting drop off to 7-of-19 in the second half. Bill Anderson had nine rebounds, Hale and Ryan Johnson five assists apiece.

OU lacking defense

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with 16-30 left in the first half and retaining it until Hillsdale's Jerry Tharp canned a three-pointer with six minutes to go, tying it at 91.

Now, from that point on, one would figure — Kaump certainly did — that the quicker, deeper Pioneer team would dominate. Wrong. The Chargers outpointed OU 19-4 over the next five minutes to ice the victory, only their second in six Great Lakes Conference games. They are 7-9 overall.

"We didn't play defense," said a frustrated Kaump. "We score 100 points, we should win the game."

"Never in my wildest dreams did I

think Hillsdale would score 116 points in our gym."

UNFORTUNATELY FOR the Pioneers, the visiting Chargers made themselves right at home, particularly Tharp and Eric Altair. All seven of Tharp's baskets were three-pointers; he finished with 23 points and 10 assists.

Terry Sines and Jim Bauer each contributed 16 points (Sines grabbed 11 rebounds), Greg Martin had 13 points and Scott Sly pitched in 11. Hillsdale connected on 56.6 percent of its field goals in the game, including 12-of-18 (66.7 percent) three-pointers.

3-pointer saves Hawks

Jason Lichtman's three-point field goal at the buzzer Tuesday gave Farmington Hills Harrison a 58-56 victory over Livonia Churchill.

The win sends Harrison and the Chargers into a second-place tie in the Western Division with 2-2 records. Harrison is 6-4 overall, while Churchill fell to 5-5.

Harrison led 34-25 at halftime and 43-37 after three quarters. Chad Burgess scored 28 points and grabbed nine rebounds to pace the Hawks.

Nels Thorderson led the Chargers with 17 points.

JOHN GLENN 55, N. FARMINGTON 42: Westland John Glenn kept pace Tuesday with Walled Lake Central in the Lakes Division, winning its fourth conference game against no losses. The game was played at North Farmington.

Glenn is 7-3 overall. North fell to 1-3 in the Lakes, 3-7 overall.

Greg Anderson and Marcus Lowe scored 21 and 14 points, respectively, for Glenn.

John Shelton was the only North player in double figures with 14 points.

OCC a double winner

Carson Butler poured in 39 points and dished out four assists to trigger Oakland Community College's 104-87 homecourt basketball thrashing of Flint Mott CC Saturday.

Butler was one of four Raiders to reach double figures in scoring. Sam Smith added 17 points, Derrick Williams collected 15 and 13 rebounds, and Reggie Anderson finished with 14 points. Craig Sutters paced Mott with 26 points.

The victory kept OCC, which led 52-37 at the half, in the hunt for the Eastern Conference title with a 7-2 mark. The Raiders are 14-4 overall. Mott slipped to 6-3 in the conference and 15-5 overall.

OCC plays at Schoolcraft Saturday.

OCC triumphed even though it was without two starters, center Regina Woodward (from Bloomfield Hills Lahser) and guard Lisa Kline. Woodward was sidelined with a bruised knee and Kline was out with an injured ankle.

Michelle Taubee picked up the slack for the Lady Raiders by netting 22 points. Kathy Jacobs, who replaced Woodward, added 17 points and Shelley Duncan had 14 and 13 rebounds. Deliric Lee's 14 points topped Mott (6-8 in the conference, 6-12 overall).

On Jan. 20, the Lady Raiders ripped Henry Ford CC 76-55 with six players reaching double-figures in scoring: Jacqui Gills (15), Jacobs (13), Woodward (11), and Kristi Lyons, Kline and Taubee (10 each). Woodward also had 15 rebounds and Jacobs had 13.

OCC hosts Schoolcraft College at 6 p.m. Saturday.

CC presses for share of 1st

By Steve Kowalski
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Warren DeLaSalle is one of three teams tied for first place in the Central Division of the Catholic League.

But DeLaSalle coach Gary Buslepp doesn't think the Pilots belong there. Buslepp thought his squad played like anything but a first-place team Tuesday night at Redford Catholic Central, losing 70-62.

It was a big win for the Shamrocks, who had plenty to do with DeLaSalle's losing effort.

"I told my team they are a third-place team because that's the way we played tonight," Buslepp said.

BUSLEPP HAD just watched CC steal the game from DeLaSalle, outscoring the Pilots 20-13 in the final quarter.

CC's match-up zone press caused numerous turnovers by DeLaSalle, including a pair of 10-second backcourt violations late in the game.

"CC is a very good team," Buslepp said. "They did a very good job on us defensively and we panicked. We threw passes wherever there were no Pilot players."

The performance came four days after DeLaSalle defeated Redford Bishop Borgess, 71-66,

to take over sole possession of first place in the Central Division. After Tuesday's divisional game, DeLaSalle, Borgess and CC are tied for first with 4-1 conference records.

The Pilots fell to 7-3 overall, while the Shamrocks pushed their mark to 9-1.

ONCE AGAIN, it was a balanced scoring attack that led CC. Five players scored in double figures, led by Brian Dugas and Anthony Arrington with 17 points each. Terry Boykin had a steady game at point guard, scoring 14 points and Bill Vitti and Scott Haunicher added 10 points apiece.

DeLaSalle's burly 6-foot-10, 275-pound center Mike Peplowski dominated while he was in the game, scoring 25 points, grabbing 12 rebounds and blocking five shots.

Peplowski, who will play next year at Michigan State, scored 11 points, grabbed six rebounds and more importantly, had no fouls in the first half when both teams went into intermission tied at 31.

The Pilots scored the final 12 points of the first half to duodouble the game, and CC coach Bernie Holowicki did not feel comfortable having to face Peplowski — who had five fouls to give — in the second half.

"We went in at 31-up, but I tell you, we felt down, because they scored the last 12 points and with that Peplowski playing like he was a . . ."

Holowicki said. "Peplowski is a tough kid. He runs the floor, is smart and plays with intensity."

PEPLOWSKI CONTINUED his dominance in the third quarter, scoring 10 of DeLaSalle's first 16 points as the Pilots took a 47-40 lead. But in the same time span, Peplowski picked up four fouls. He watched the rest of the third quarter net to Buslepp on the bench and by the time he returned for the fourth quarter, DeLaSalle trailed 50-49. "When Mike picked up his fourth foul, that to me was the turning point," Buslepp said. "I'm not so sure he played intelligently in the third quarter. And then after he picked up his fourth foul, that made him reluctant to take the ball to the hoop."

The outside shooting of Dugas and Boykin carried CC in the fourth quarter. The two players combined for 12 consecutive CC points midway through the final period to give the Shamrocks a 62-56 lead with 3:05 left in the game.

DeLaSalle made the score 68-62 on a driving layup with 1:15 left by Peplowski. But Haunicher helped seal the outcome, nailing two free throws with 24 seconds remaining to give CC a 68-62 lead. CC outrebounded DeLaSalle in the fourth quarter 11-5.

"That fourth quarter was fierce," Holowicki said. "Haunicher's free throws were the key and we boarded with them pretty well."

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