## Falcons shooting for top

concentrate on playing fall soccer, a sport in which she has twice been named all-state while playing for the Falcons in the spring. "I think it's an important loss."

"I think it's an important loss," Falr said, "She was a good defensive player and at end of the season, got to be a good scorer.

"But getting McGlinch eases the loss of Carrie Maier. She appears to be a good defensive player and is the same year (in school).

"The coach at Franklin asked if he could trade for one of my post players," she added.



Farmington coach Diana Fair gives practice instructions to Marisa Ferrari, the Falcons' center and a key returning player.

frontcourt, but Tisdale also is an inside scorer who likes to drive to the basket and Rockafellow was the leading scorer on the 17 and freshman teams in past years.

Mary Davis and Rebecca Paschke, a pair of 5-foot-7 juniors, round out the varisty lineup, which lacks depth, Pair sald. Both are forwards, but Paschke can swing to guard when necessary.

"Last year, we were deep but not an outstanding team," Fair sald. This year, we should be a very good team, but we're not going to be deep. The pair sald have been been and the sald inter-Lakes League crown in 1931, but Pair, In her fourth year as cach, thinks this could be the year of the Falcons.

"I'm a positive thinker," she said.
"I think anything is possible this year, especially in the Lakes Division.
"The last two years it was pretty"

year, especially in the Lakes Divi-sion.

"The last two years it was pretty much a given. Salem was going to win it. It's going to be a much more even division. Everybody has a chance."

chance."
Farmington opens the season tonight with a home game against
Royal Oak Kimball. After more nonleague games with West Bloomfield
and Redford Union, the Falcons
start WLAA pluy Thursday, Sept. 15,
at Livonia Churchill.



Melissa Tisdale goes above the crowd to pull in a rebound when Farmington played Westland cons a veteran backcourt player.

## North planning to utilize speed

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the responsibility of 5-10 junior Vikki Seamons and 5-8 senior Don-na O'Brien.

Seamons, who suffered a broken ankle late in the '87 season, reseations, who surfer a constantle late in the '87 season, re-places Suzl Butcher, who was North's leading scorer, at center. The Ralders also graduated Missy Bosscawen from the front line, but



O'Brien is a returning starter at the other forward,

the other forward.

"Donna has a good vertical jump, and Vikki is a strong rebounder," Capling said. "Vikki's problem is overaggressiveness. We have to keep her out of foul trouble.

"Donna will have to help on the boards. We'll be in a tremendous amount of trouble if we don't re-

oound."

The fifth starter is 5-7 sophomore Eve Claar, who will be the third guard or swing player. She was the leading scorer, averaging 15 points, on the junior varsity team.

"SHE HAS THE chance to be a good one," Capling said. "She has good court sense. She just has to get more aggressive, but that's nat-ural for a sophomore."

North's bench consists of junior Amy Post, 5-8 forward; senior Ra-chael Kohis, 5-8 forward; and jun-ior Julie Whiteman, 5-10 center.

chael Konis, 5-8 Iorward; and just believe in Julie Whiteman, 5-10 center.

"I imagine playing eight kids most of the time, but there'll be a few who probably won't come off the floor," (Capiling said.

The Raiders were 10-11 overall last year, but Capiling believes North is a better team because of its quickness and another year of experience for most of its players. "We're looking for a good year," he said. "Of course, in this league, you never know.

"The league is tough, but I've got to believe it's going to be a little casier to beat first division teams. Defending champion's Salem will be a good without Dena Head.

"I anticipate moving up; how far remains to be seen," he added. "I' we can rebound and stay out of foul trouble, we'll be in fine shape."

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## Hawks ready to put past behind

After 197 consecutive futile attempts, Farmington Harrison finally won a girls basketball game last fall. So quite naturally, greed has overcome coach Jim Neve.

"By the third or fourth game this year, our players have got to prove to themselves that we are capable of winning some games, not just one," asid Neve, in his third year.

"The win (35-32 last November over Livonia Churchill) carried over to this year. We task about winning own. Before, we didn't know how, because we were never in ballgames long enough to win.

cause we were never in ballgames long enough to win.

Losing was a fact of life. They think they can play not a positive note, losing by only a two-point margin to Reciprof Thurston in Class B district play.

Neve accepted the Harrison job in 1986, after the losing streak reached 60 games. There were times last year during a 1-21 campaign, Neve

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- Jim Neve Harrison basketball coach

admits, when he wondered why he was in such a position.
"There's times when I say, 'Why am I doing this,' 'he said. 'But then I say, 'There's a goal I want to reach,' and that is to bring this program some stability.

"IT'S NOT WINNING or losing that matters. It's character that you're building in these girls. Everyone wants to win, but you've got to build character first and winning will come from there."

For obvious reasons, Neve isn't ready to call this Harrison team a contender for the Western Lakes Activities Association crown.

Harrison, which scored only 28

points per game, must replace grad-uated point guard Lesley Devine, who scored one-fourth of the team total. Neve's top returnee is 5-foot-10 forward Darcy Pinzl, who aver-aged six points and eight rebounds and was the team's most valuable player.

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Only one other starter, Karen Najarian, returns, and she will move to point guard after starting at shooting guard last year.

The other players slated to start are guard Steph Kallen, who scored three points per game in a reserve role, 5-6 forward Almee Jarvenpan

BISIOREK PLAYED varsity at.
Harrison in 1985 and averaged six
points per game.
Help is expected to come from 5-9
junior center Sharl Barnes and sophomore point guard April Jones, both
of whom started on the junior varsity (that did not win a game) last
vear.

sity (that do not win a game) gar-year. Neve is impressed with freshman small forward Andrea Najarian, who could contribute. Neve said one of the obstacles Harrison faces is decilining enroll-ment. He said the administration has, done its best, however, to promote the sbort.

one its best, nowever, to promote the sport.

"The numbers just aren't there right now," he said. "But the administration is very supportive of us, trying to get girls out. It's taking more time than I'd like, but it's getting there."

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