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Saturday in Livonia

TEAM SCORES

1. Farmington Mercy, 20; 2. (tie) Dearborn and Livonia Stevenson, 14; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 10; 5. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 9; 6. Troy Athens, 8; 7. Warren Mott, 4; 8. Royal Oak Kimball, 3.

FINAL MATCHES

No. 1 singles: Sue Summerville (D) def. Nicole Tronzo (FM), 6-2, 6-0.
No. 2: Shannon Fitzpatrick (FM) def. Sherry Chapin (BHA), 6-4, 6-4.
No. 3: Cindy Vail (FM) def. Holly Fong (LS), 7-5, 6-4.
No. 4: Lisa Belenda (LL) def. Sue Crowley (D), 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.
No. 1 doubles: Tina Gerniel and Diane Walsh (LS) def. Beth Dens and Jenny Baker (D), 6-1, 6-0.
No. 2: Heather Balen and Gigette Iagan (FM) def. Mary Larabel and Amy Snow (LS), 6-3, 7-6.
No. 3: Alison West and Robin Baker (FM) def. Kathy McConnell and Molly York (LS), 6-2, 6-3.
No. 4: Sharon Bayne and Cindy Kool (FM) def. Sue Bell and Kelly Mader (LS), 6-2, 6-2.

FARMINGTON MERCY 6
LIVONIA LADYWOOD
Tuesday at Oakland Comm. College

No. 1 singles: Nicole Tronzo (FM) defeated Beth Zimmerman, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 2: Shannon Fitzpatrick (FM) def. Jane Belenda, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 3: Cindy Vail (FM) def. Lauren Zimmerman, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 4: Lisa Belenda (LL) def. Sue Strong, 6-0, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Gigette Iagan and Kirsty Spade (FM) def. Tina Mazi and Bridgette Moore, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 2: Heather Balen and Sue Broughton (FM) def. Paula Taylor and Tricia Mott, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 3: Alison West and Robin Baker (FM) def. Caroline Keyshie and Karina Murray, 6-2, 6-0.

FARMINGTON MERCY 4
DET. COUNTRY DAY 3
Friday at Oakland Comm. College

No. 1 singles: Nicole Tronzo (FM) def. Mady Castellan, 6-3, 6-4.
No. 2: Vanna Borison (CD) def. Shannon Fitzpatrick, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0.
No. 3: Anne Sinespre (CD) def. Cindy Vail, 6-6, 6-4, 6-1.
No. 4: Tracey Opperheide (CD) def. Sue Strong, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Gigette Iagan and Kirsty Spade (FM) def. Anne Phelps and Wendy Gohberg, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.
No. 2: Heather Balen and Sue Broughton (FM) def. Monica Gupta and Bernadette Angel, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 3: Robin Baker and Alison West (FM) def. Nisha Shanbag and Nancy Ber, 6-3, 7-5.

BIRMINGHAM MARION 6
FARMINGTON MERCY 1
Wednesday, Sept. 14, at Marian

No. 1 singles: Nicole Tronzo (FM) def. Stephanie Strougner, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 2: Karen Nious (BM) def. Shannon Fitzpatrick, 6-4, 7-5.
No. 3: Devon Diaz (BM) def. Cindy Vail, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 4: Carol Rembessa (BM) def. Sue Strong, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Beth Gill and Malachi DiCorio (BM) def. Gigette Iagan and Kirsty Spade, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 2: Eina Peters and Julie Egan (BM) def. Heather Balen and Sue Broughton, 9-5, 6-4.
No. 3: Lisa Snyder and Tessa Diaz (BM) def. Alison West and Robin Baker, 6-4, 6-3.

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Farmington guard Jennifer McGlinch attempts to drive past Sara Morey and penetrate the John Glenn defense. The Falcons were not

successful often enough as their basketball record dipped to 1-4.

Raiders lone winners among city hoopsters

Tuesday wasn't a fun night for most high school girls basketball fans in Farmington.

North Farmington was the only city school able to win, rolling past struggling Livonia Stevenson, 54-26. The host Raiders, 4-2 overall and 1-0 in the Lakes Division, never trailed the Spartans, 1-4 and 6-1. North, which entertains defending league champion Plymouth Salem in a key division game Thursday, led 15-4 after one quarter and 25-13 at halftime.

Junior forward Eve Clear led North's balanced scoring with 11 points. Debbie Weinstaub added 10, followed by Kim Gurecki and Vikki Seamons with nine each. Stephy Sutter, a junior forward, led Stevenson with seven points.

Neither team shot well from the free-throw line. North was 5-of-10 and Stevenson 8-16.

FRANKLIN 48, HARRISON 27: Host Livonia Franklin scored the game's first 20 points and won in a rout. Freshman Dawn Warner led Franklin's attack with 10 points. Everyone played and scored at least one point for the Patriots, 3-1 overall.

Franklin had a 34-17 edge in rebounding, with reserve Shannon Eberly grabbing six. Senior forward Darcy Pinal had 12 points for Harrison, winless in four games.

JOHN GLENN 71, FARMINGTON 44: Four players scored in double figures for Westland John Glenn, 4-1 overall.

The game was the Lakes Division opener for both teams. Farmington is 1-4 overall.

Glenn jumped out to a 20-9 lead after one quarter and led 37-21 at halftime. Christina Hoffman paced Glenn with 17 points. Yvette Lawrence and Tracy Martin had 13 apiece, and Janet Tarnes added 12. Senior center Marisa Ferrari scored 16 for Farmington and Erika Hatcher contributed 10.

Tourney title won by Chiefs

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Canton girls basketball coach Rob Neu had more in common with Detroit Pistons counterpart Chuck Daly than just the sharp-looking threads Saturday night.

Besides being candidates for the Best Dressed Coach Award, both have molded championship teams, also.

Neu, sporting a black pin-stripe suit for the final of the Farmington Mercy Hoops Classic, must have felt like a million bucks, too, after watching his huddle hand Waterford Kettering its first loss, 54-47.

"This was an important night for our program," Neu said. "Last year we played for the consolation and tonight we play for the championship."

"I wanted to show the kids this game was important and meant a lot to us."

The Chiefs will no doubt move up from No. 9 in the Class A rankings after beating the team that upset top-ranked Traverse City in the first round of the tournament.

"Rankings aren't a concern, but what is important is that we came out of a very difficult five-game stretch at 4-1," Neu said. "Most important is how much we're improving."

Canton got better as the championship game wore on, overcoming a height disadvantage and turning the tables defensively on the Captains, 4-1.

At first, it looked as if Kettering's front line of 5-foot-11 center Missy Davis and 5-9 forwards Julie Schmitt and Nicole Leigh would dominate. The Captains took the ball inside, got repeated second shots and lived at the free-throw line in the first quarter.

Furthermore, the Chiefs lost their only truly big player when 5-11 center Susan Ferko went to the bench with two early fouls. Jennie Clark played well in her place, however.

But the game began to change when Michelle Fortier hit two 3-pointers and teammate Amanda Bell dropped some outside shots to bring Canton from behind before the first period was done.

"That's my career high," said Fortier, who scored 12 points, was named the most valuable player and was voted to the all-tournament along with Ferko. "That forced the defense to challenge the wings more and allowed us to get the ball to Susan."

After the excellent first-half shooting loosened up the Kettering defense, Ferko returned to score 11 of her game-high 15 points in the second half.

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Canton basketball coach

Canton was shaken by the Captains' press at the outset, but the Chiefs soon used their quickness to their advantage, with guards Fortier, Jenny Russell and Bell pushing the ball and catching the defenders out of position.

"We struggled at the start, but we came back," Fortier said. "The whole team came back."

Only a late surge and some key buckets from Schmitt enabled Kettering to force a 28-28 halftime tie, but the Chiefs made a decisive move in the third period.

Another factor was the weather. The hot, humid temperature on the late September evening made the gym very stuffy and seemed to take a greater toll on the bigger Captains.

By then, Canton's defense was the one doing the harassing. Fortier and Russell made a lot of steals in the third quarter, which fired up the transition game and helped to wear down Kettering.

"Rob said we got them tired, and they looked tired," Fortier said. "We pushed our defense out to make them work harder."

"They were getting tired and made some bad passes, but I think our defense had something to do with that."

The Chiefs ran off 13 unanswered points, holding the Captains scoreless for nearly six minutes and turning a 31-30 deficit into a 43-31 lead.

Kettering, forced to press but totally ineffective against the slick ball handlers from Canton, got close in the finale when the Chiefs stumbled briefly, but Canton had more than enough third-quarter points in reserve.

Bell also had 12 points. Leigh, who had 14 to lead Kettering, was an all-tournament selection as was teammate Mikki Bryce and Traverse City's Wendy Merriman.

girls basketball

Farmington played without Melissa Tisdale and Lisa Rockafellow, both out with injuries.

TRENTON 53, MERCY 41: The Marlins traveled down river Wednesday, losing to highly regarded Trenton, 53-41.

Mercy, traditionally one of Observerland's best teams, is 0-5. Trenton improved to 4-1. The Marlins trailed 31-18 at halftime. Mercy matched Trenton's second-half total but could not catch the Trojans.

It doesn't get easier for Mercy, which plays today at Saginaw. The Marlins lost four starters from last year's unit and don't have a player taller than 5-foot-10.

Mercy opens Central Division play Tuesday at Harper Woods Regina.

"We're off to a very rough start against some excellent teams," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "Hopefully, the tough schedule will help us in league play."

"Trenton is a strong outfit. None of their starters was under 5-9, and they hurt us on the boards (rebounding)."

"They pushed us around in the first half," he added, "and, though we outplayed them in the second half, it wasn't good enough."

Amy Edward led Mercy with 14 points. Point guard Jenny Clinton and junior forward Joanne Stephens added eight each. Mercy shot 26 percent from the field.

TRAVERSE CITY 64, MERCY 45: All-state center Wendy Merriman scored 30 points Saturday night to become Traverse City's all-time scoring leader in the consolation game of the Mercy Hoops Classic.

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