

Raiders can't pull off upset

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Salem proved it is still Plymouth Salem when it comes to girls basketball Thursday at North Farmington.

In two games last year, Salem defeated the Raiders by 52 points each time.

While their first meeting of 1988 was much closer, the Rocks showed they haven't forgotten how to win, taking a 46-36 victory over an improved North ballclub.

Both teams looked to the early-season contest as a barometer of sorts.

Salem, though not the overpowering ballclub it has been in recent years, hopes to stay at the top despite having a lot of new personnel.

The Raiders, with an impressive start behind them, went into the game looking for a momentum-enhancing victory over the division champion.

"WE HAVE A tradition and a lot of pride," said Salem coach Fred Thomann after his team improved to 2-0 in the division and 6-2 overall. "We work real hard to execute and play a good brand of basketball."

Raiders coach Greg Capling, whose team refused to give up but eventually slipped to 1-1 and 4-7, was one person who thought the Salem mystique was still prevalent.

"It took us a half to figure out we could play with these guys," Capling said. "I told (the North girls)

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they could, but they didn't believe me."

The Rocks threatened to pull away several times, but the Raiders managed to keep the score close.

Salem, which led 21-19 at half-time, surged in front at the start of the third and fourth periods. North rallied each time, though unsuccessfully, and the Rocks weren't able to rest until it was over.

"To Greg's credit, he's done a nice job of getting his kids ready to go," Thomann said. "They forced us to finish the game."

"THEY MADE US play the whole 32 minutes, which is great. The competition is what it's all about."

It was a frustrating loss, however, for Capling and the Raiders who got close but were unable to come up with the series of points that would have put them in front.

Jill Estey supplied the impetus for a Salem surge when she started the second half with a baseline layup followed by another resulting from a half-court steal.

The Rocks extended their lead to 29-19, but the momentum switched and North got hot with Eve Clear hit a 3-pointer and scored a late basket to make it 33-27.

Salem missed its first six shots of the fourth period, and the Raiders,

after Donna O'Brien's three-point play and Kim Gurecki's layup, got within 37-33 on Clear's free throw with 4 1/2 minutes left.

But then North's shooting failed off, and the Rocks finally locked up the win on Sarah Ruete's basket and free throws by Estey and Lydia White, making the score 44-35 with 17 seconds remaining.

"WE COULDN'T make the key baskets," Capling said. "If Eve had made that 3-pointer, it would have been 37-36 and, I believe, a different game from there. We had the person we wanted shooting the ball."

Clear and Kim Gurecki, North's leading scorers, finished with nine and six points, respectively. But both were only 3-of-12 from the floor. O'Brien added seven.

"You can't afford to miss the easy shots against Salem," Capling said. "You can against some of these other teams."

"I thought we had a good chance of winning this game. I thought our defense was fine. I told the kids if we got 45 points we'd win this game."

Estey's third-quarter baskets had the makings of a big second-half for her after she struggled with her shot and scored two points in the first 16 minutes.

(Estey) is just going through a

period of time when she's missing by a quarter inch here and there," Thomann said. "She's taking great shots; they're just not going in. The one thing we don't want her to do is quit shooting."

She finished with 10 points, but the Rocks won this game with another balanced attack. For the most part, Estey was content to dump the ball over the defense to Salem's post players.

Teri King led the Rocks with 14 points, and Wendy Bailey was the main beneficiary of Estey's passing, scoring 11. Chris Simpson also played well around the hoop in the second half and added six points.

The Rocks, who were 3-of-12 in the fourth quarter, dominated the second-half boards but also missed some second and third attempts that could have sealed the outcome sooner.

"At some point in time, those are going to start going in," Thomann said, "and you'll say 'Those guys are really on a roll.' When you don't make the easy ones, you have to play the whole 32 minutes."

Salem relied on King's scoring in the first half when she had 11 of her game-high total. North pulled away, 17-17, on Gurecki's driving layup, but King sank back-to-back perimeter shots to keep the Rocks on top at halftime.

"The wings are extremely important in our offense," Thomann said. "Naturally, she's a key player in the scheme of things."

"We're going to keep going to her, and that's going to take some of the pressure off Jill."

Saginaw drops Marlins to 0-6

Farmington Hills Mercy basketball coach Larry Baker didn't sound like a coach whose team is winless in six games.

Baker had just returned from Saginaw Thursday night and was talking about Mercy's respectable, 43-31 loss to state-ranked Saginaw High.

The underdog Marlins missed 10 of 16 free throws in the fourth quarter; otherwise, it would have been closer.

"We played a great game," Baker said. "We executed a real tight game plan against an outstanding team."

"And we held (Saginaw's all-state center Annette) Babers, who's just a dynamite player that can run and jump, to 14 points. They knew they were in the ballgame the whole way."

Junior Joanne Stephens had 13 points, and point guard Jenny Clinton added 10 for Mercy, which trailed 24-12 at halftime.

A more encouraging sign for Baker perhaps was that Mercy's junior varsity defeated Saginaw's previously undefeated outfit, 41-33. The JV is 6-0.

W.L. WESTERN 61, HARRISON 30: Michelle Hall scored 18 points and Shawna Schlucoer contributed 14 in Walled Lake Western's rout over the winless Hawks.

Harrison, 0-6, got 13 points from Karen Najarian and eight from Dar-

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cy Pinal. Shari Barnes grabbed 11 rebounds for the Hawks.

Harrison trailed 15-4 after one quarter, but a strong second quarter kept the Hawks within reach at halftime, 31-17.

W.L. CENTRAL 69, FARMINGTON 34: Playing without guards Melissa Tisdale and Lisa Rockefeller, Farmington fell in Lakes Division play.

Tisdale (knee) and Rockefeller (ankle) are out with injuries. Farmington is 1-5 overall, 0-2 in its division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Central is 4-3, 1-2.

Farmington coach Diana Fair said she doesn't like to make excuses, but the Falcons missed Tisdale and Rockefeller, their starting guards.

"We were definitely outmached," Fair said. "Those two definitely could have contributed. Without the two guards, we had trouble bringing the ball passed half court, and when we did we threw the ball away."

Kelly O'Hanlon led Central with 16 points, including two 3-pointers. Junior forward Erika Hatcher scored 13 for Farmington, and senior forward Kirsten Norman added nine.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 5
PLYMOUTH SALEM 2
Friday at Livonia

No. 1 singles: Tracy Simon (PS) defeated Tina Borden, 6-2, 6-3.

No. 2: Christine Newton (LS) def. Wendy Shek, 6-3, 7-6.

No. 3: Holly Findling (LS) def. Shena Kapla, 7-6, 6-4.

No. 4: Ann Gamore (PS) def. Courtney Richa, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Tina Gerns-Dane Walsh (LS) def. Beth Cundiff-Michie Martin, 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

No. 2: Mary Frances Larebaki-Snow (LS) def. Kathy Marschall-John Shinnel, 6-2, 6-7, 6-2.

No. 3: Kathy McConner-Sue Bell (LS) def. Tracy Anderson-Sara Underwood, 6-2, 6-2.

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No. 2: Amy Bordin-Lynne Cohn (NF) def. Lynn Jennings-Dee Jada, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 3: Heather Riley-Volanda Wu (NF) def. Amy Kachko-Nicole Chesa, 6-2, 6-1.

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No. 1 singles: Gaila Connor (CJ) defeated Alissa Huth, 6-3, 6-3.

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N. Farmington golfers breeze

North Farmington keeps racking up victories in boys golf, the latest being a 200-248 defeat of Westland John Glenn at Fellows Creek Golf Course Friday.

The undefeated Raiders, 4-0 in the Lakes Division and 8-0 overall, were led by Larry LaPorte and Dave Schlott, both of whom broke 40 with rounds of 38 and 39, respectively.

North had balanced scoring as a mere three strokes separated its top five golfers. Scott Millman, Tom Seremet and Steve Fitzpatrick carded 41 apiece.

John Glenn's low scorer was Tom Mazorowicz, who shot 44. The Rockets were nowhere close to matching North's performance after that. Mark Baker finishing with 49, Jim Oginski 50, Shawn Kenyon 52 and Jeff Radatz 53.

The Raiders compete in the Oakland County tournament today and play host to Northville at Glen Oaks Golf Course Tuesday.

Falcons flip Franklin

A pair of second-half goals Wednesday lifted host Farmington to a 3-1 win over Livonia Franklin in boys soccer.

The win improves Farmington to 6-1 overall, 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Falcons are 2-3-1.

Goals by Pete Fraumenheim and Mike Gammerath in the second half broke a 1-1 halftime score. Fraumenheim's goal came at the 30-minute mark on a penalty kick, and Gammerath scored his second goal of the game with nine minutes left.

Fraumenheim and Joe Crow had one assist each. Fraumenheim gave Farmington a 1-0 lead with 15 minutes remaining before halftime, but Franklin's Alex Ross tied the score two minutes later.

Brad Burgess gave a fine effort in goal for Franklin. Farmington coach Cathy Cole split the goalkeeping duties between starter Mike Sheehy and Greg Bjedov.

"We've started to jell a little bit," Cole said. "I expected it about this time. (The players) are starting to adjust to my system and to each other."

CHURCHILL 7, HARRISON 1: Livonia Churchill stayed undefeated Thursday as it dominated the visiting Hawks.

Khaled Zaidan scored three times for the Chargers, 4-0-1. Four others accounted for the rest of Churchill's production.

Scoring goals for the Chargers were Matt Kluczek, Brady Ericson, Terry Flowers and Scott O'Leary.

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