

# Defense lifts Mercy to win

In an ironic twist of fate, foul trouble for one starter might have been responsible for Farmington's victory in girls basketball Thursday.

The Marlins started slowly in their game with Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher but eventually rallied with excellent defensive pressure to overcome the Lakers, 42-24.

Lee Albrecht, the starting center, went to the bench in the second quarter with two fouls and Mercy trailing by seven points.

"It was scary, because she's our only true post player," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "Picking up the second foul may have forced me to do the smart thing and put in a fleet group and cover the whole court."

The pressure exerted by Mercy's defense pulled the Marlins back into contention, and they led 21-18 at halftime. The defense proceeded to hold the Lakers to eight second-half points.

One of the defensive standouts was Carrie Walton, whose hustle gave the Marlins possession of loose balls and forced some Gallagher turnovers, Baker said.

"With the help of Carrie Walton, we put a lot of pressure on them," he said. "In the last two games, I've been really pleased with what she has added to our defensive dimension."

Offensively, the star was junior Joanne Stephens, who scored a season-high 14 points. Jenny Clifton added 14 as the Marlins survived without 3-point shooter Amy Edwards, who was hurt in an earlier game and played sparingly. Mary Crane had 11 points to lead the Lakers, 9-4 in the Central Division and 0-5 overall.

Mercy evened its record at 2-2 in the division and is 2-3 overall. The Marlins, who have won two of their last four games, are no longer concerned about events of the present.

"We're really locked in mentally to the league season," Baker said. "We're 2-2 and not 2-4. We're really striving to make the league playoffs."

Mercy also is looking forward to



Tuesday's home game with division foe Redford Bishop Borgeas. For the second time in years, Baker also coached the JV team Thursday to allow assistants Mike King and Dennis Cichonicki to scout the Spartans against Livonia Ladywood.

N. FARMINGTON 75, FARMINGTON 58—Sophomore forward Eve Clair scored 24 points, leading three North Farmington players in double figures Thursday night in the win at home.

North is 7-3 overall, 3-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Farmington led 3-8 and 1-4.

Also scoring in double figures for North were Kim Gurecki, who had 17 points, and Viki Seaman, who scored 13 and had 16 rebounds. Lisa Rockefeller and Maria Ferrari led Farmington with 13 points each. Ferrari also had 13 rebounds.

North led 40-27 at halftime and 60-40 after three quarters. The Raiders scored at least 10 points in both the first (23) and third quarters (20).

"We're not very happy with our defense," Farmington coach Greg Capling said. "They threw some shots in that I didn't expect to go in. We scored a lot of points, but they kept coming at us."

NORTHBVILLE 46, HARRISON 27: Northville led 30-7 at halftime, en route to the easy Western Division win.

Karen Baird scored all 12 of her points in the first half for Northville, now 3-2 overall and 3-3 in the Western Division. Harrison is winless in 11 games, including five in the Western Division.

Debbie Stevens contributed 11 points for Northville, and Darcy Pini led Harrison with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

The Hawks outscored Northville 20-16 in the second half but couldn't catch the Mustangs.

"We haven't put all four quarters together," Harrison coach Jim Neve said.

# Fleet Farmington runs dual-meet mark to 6-0

Mark Kwiatkowski took individual honors for Walled Lake Central, but depth provided the winning margin for Farmington in boys cross country Thursday at Central, 24-34.

The Falcons are 6-0 in dual meets, 3-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Kwiatkowski finished the course in first place at 16:22. Farmington's Brad Moore was second, clocking 16:34. Central runners garnered the third and fourth positions, but Farmington athletes captured the Nos. 5-9 positions.

"It was a flat, fast course, but our kids ran well," Farmington coach Jerry Young said.

"We knew if we could get enough guys ahead of their fifth man, we'd do well. We had to have this meet if we wanted to keep the Lakes Division title in sight."

Paul Brandt of Farmington placed fifth in 17:04, and sixth place belonged to Mark Mitchell (17:17).

Matt Langton finished seventh in 17:30, Gene Tokraks was eighth (17:40) and Kevin VanOrd claimed ninth (17:51).

Farmington competed without Ben Goba and Greg Endres, two of its top runners who missed Thursday's meet with injuries.

DAVE HAMWAY wasn't the first, or even second, runner across the finish line for the Plymouth Salem boys cross country team Thursday.

But he was every bit as important as those team-mates ahead of him, helping the Rocks edge North Farmington in a tight meet at Oakland Community College, 25-29.

Hamway, who missed the Redford Union Invitational on Tuesday with sore knee, rallied late in the race to



finish ninth overall and give Salem the victory.

Four runners for each team had already finished, and the Rocks led 17-19. Hamway came from 10 yards behind to overtake North's Jason Biederman. Hamway finished in 18:24, Biederman 18:33.

If the Raiders had placed a blocker between Salem's No. 4 man, John Thomas, and Hamway, the Rocks would have lost the meet.

"I WASN'T GOING to let him run today, but he said he felt fine," Salem coach Geoff Baker said. "He came through at the end. He's a very courageous runner, because if it wasn't for him we would have lost the meet."

The victory keeps the Rocks, 3-0 in the Lakes Division and 3-1 overall, in the running for the division title. Defending champ Salem and Farmington, also 3-0, will decide that issue when they meet Thursday, Oct. 20, at OOC.

Scott Stryker paced the Rocks, who were minus two key runners, Sean Speakman and Mike Patterson, due to illness, with a first-place finish and 16:56 time.

Brendon Masterson was third (17:29), Samir Bhavsar sixth (18:14) and Thomas seventh (18:16).

North, 0-3 in the Lakes, was led by Jason Kocembo, who was second at 17:17. He was supported by team-mates Jeff Simpson in fourth place (17:48), Jim Nader in fifth (18:12) and Scott Simpson in eighth (18:22).

# Kiel sets record for Falcons

It must be a drag having to run behind Colleen Yuhn, Walled Lake Central's best girls cross country performer.

Literally.

Jennifer Kiel claimed a school-record Thursday for Farmington, clocking 19:32, finishing nearly a minute behind Yuhn, who won the meet in 18:35. As a team, Farmington finished with 20 points; Central was disqualified for not having enough runners.

"She (Yuhn) dragged Jenny along to a better time," Farmington coach John Barrett said.

After Yuhn, the next six spots belonged to Farmington runners. The Falcons remained undefeated at 6-0 overall, 3-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Third place went to Jennifer Derwinski, a 21:43 finisher. Maureen O'Dell was fourth (21:45), freshman Allison Davis was fifth (21:51), freshman Carrie Walter was sixth (22:01);



North Farmington's Lisa Rives had quite a race Thursday, but the team victory in girls cross country went to Plymouth Salem, 24-31.

Rives shattered the course record at Oakland Community College and ran away with individual honors, posting a 19:51 time.

That topped the record of 20:02 set by Farmington rival Jennifer Kiel earlier this year.

But the Rocks captured the next two places and put all five scorers in the top eight.

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