

# Falcons show poise in win

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Staff writer

Poise is something usually not associated with basketball teams that have won just three of 20 games. But it was a key ingredient in Farmington's surprising 51-46 triumph over West Lake Western Thursday in a Class A district game at Western.

The Falcons' poor record was just one reason for their underdog status entering the game. Location — Western was the host team — was another. And then there was the absence of Mike Williams, Farmington's 6-foot-4 senior center, who sprained his ankle in practice Wednesday.

But the Falcons prevailed, thanks to a solid defensive effort (Western was an icy 14-of-46 shooting, 30 percent), great pivot play from Jason Brown (10 points) and clutch free-throw shooting down the stretch.

FARMINGTON NEEDED that last element to ensure the win. The Warriors trailed 49-39 midway through the final quarter before rallying. They put together a 12-4 run that pulled them to within 55-51 with 1:33 left.

The two teams traded baskets before Brown turned in the defensive play of the game, going from possible go-to hero in a few seconds. His inbound pass was intercepted by Tom Kubik at midcourt. Kubik set the ball for the game-winning basket. But Brown held his ground and forced a poor shot, and Farmington regained possession with its slim lead intact.

Western was forced to foul. The Falcons, though, proved cool to the challenge. In the final 44 seconds, Chris Schmid, Brian Browne and P.J. Green each went to the line in a one-and-one situation; Schmid and Green sank both ends, while Browne was one-of-two. Farmington made six-of-eight in that final stretch.

"WITH THE WAY our year's been going, we'll take anything we can get," said Farmington coach Bob Kaump. "We've had some struggles this year, but they're hanging together."

The kids hit their free throws at the end, (Mike) Myers and Brown did a heck of a job rebounding, and we got some excellent defense from P.J. He harassed their point guard all night long."

Farmington hardly played like a team that had struggled through a 3-17 season. The game was tied at 10 after one quarter before Browne put the Falcons in front for good with two driving layups midway through the second quarter. They led 24-21 at the half.

After Western pulled to within 26-25 early in the third quarter, Farmington rolled off 10 straight points for a 36-25 advantage with 1:41 left. Western trimmed the deficit to 39-33 by quarter's end, but — thanks in part to Brown's eight fourth-quarter points — the Warriors could not catch the Falcons.

Browne added 10 points and Dennis Haimi and Myers added seven apiece for Farmington. Western, which bowed out at 7-14, got 23 points from Kevin White, nine from Wayne Parris and eight apiece from Kubik and Mark Kocis.

# Hawks bury Clarenceville in 'B'

By Brad Emmons  
Staff writer

"Paul Clough and his Livonia Clarenceville basketball team took their final bows for the 1988-89 season in the semifinals of the Class B district tournament Thursday at Redford Bishop Burgess High.

Clough, who is stepping into his seventh season at the Trojans' head coach, watched his team fall victim to state-ranked Farmington Harrison, 67-44.

In the other semifinal, host Burgess struggled past underdog Detroit Renaissance, 66-57.

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# Bowling's origins unknown

WHERE DID IT all start? I have asked many people who have been around the sport of bowling for a long time, and nobody seems to know for sure exactly where bowling, in its present form, began.

It is possible that even the cavemen could have picked up a rock and tossed it as a pile of bones to see if they could knock them all down.

Perhaps the ancient Greeks practiced some form of bowling. There were bowling (artifacts) found in the tomb of an Egyptian child of about 5,200 BC, and the Italian game of bocci traces back 2,000 years.

If any readers of this column have any information regarding this subject, please write to me, and we'll see who comes up with the most likely story.

You would think this game was really invented by the brewers, what with "beer frames" and all. By present format, I mean the use of 10 pins, a wooden surface of the present dimensions and similar type of missile. This does not include "turkey bowling."

In case you missed the news item recently, there have been some super-natural tale-shit stock boys in California who reinvented the game by rolling a 16-pound frozen Butterball turkey at a set-up of 10 pop bottles at the end of an aisle. If you just happen to work in a supermarket, don't try it. The guy that got all the publicity got fired.

There are some very strong youth travel leagues in the area. They bowl in different houses each week. The teenage girls have been doing very well, and Pamela Glenn of Farmington Hills won the February tournament.

Lona Palise of Garden City was mentioned twice in this column, and Melissa Lindroth has just set a national high mark for the Junior Girls Division of the YABA with a 721 actual series.

At Mayflower Lanes in Redford Township, Clark Stone of Westland Center Men's League rolled games of 243-266-253, which adds up to a 762 series.

In the Thursday Mixed Seniors, Emery Glines shot a 212 and Larry Sharp had a 509 series. Frank Ferrara, bowling in the Friday Seniors League, pitched 12 consecutive strikes, but not in the same game and finished Game No. 2 with six and started Game No. 3 with another six in a row.

The Wednesday Night Owls saw Dev Bricker shoot a 214 game, well over her 139 average. A few weeks ago Kathy Simkins made the 7-10 split.



Woodland Lanes in Livonia had some excellent games from the youth leagues as 8-year-old Ryan Anderson rolled a 195 game and 491 series and 11-year-old Scott Hardesty rolled his 118 average with a pair of 158 games in the Livonia Parks & Rec Preps. In the Friday Prep, Christy Rose (age 11) scored a 217 game, and 13-year-old Mike Topolewski fired a 221 game.

In the Catholic Central Father & Son League, 11-year-old Matt Grovesky (145 average) rolled games of 225 and 204 in a 573 series. The grown-ups liked the way the Lanes were behaving in the Wednesday Men's Trio League as these scores show: Tom Matheson bowled a 209 game (solid 4 pin on the last ball) and 703 series; Dave Norwick 683, Bobby Thompson 682, Walt Smith 677, Joe Gumbis 672 and Erv Watson 668-671.

In the Senior House League, Ken Smolts led with a 279 game and 723 set, and Tony Kempinski rolled a 715 series. In the Livonia Elks League, Gary Por-man had a 654 series, Nick Ferri a 277 game 664. The Grandale League featured a 278 game by Bud LeBlanc, Sr.; his series was 632. The "strikers" saw Howard Foucher with a 665.

Ford Paris was led by Tim Sparrow's 279 while Keith Coon ran up a 650 set. The Fyers saw Ellis Lange pitch a 619 series. The Jacks & Jills Mixed League saw a 251 game by Judy Moore, a 662 series by Yours Truly, a 221 game from Tom Brodeur and a 630 series by Gary Filbin.

In the Bucks and Does Mixed League, Mark Wenzel registered a 274 game. The Bator's Bar League had the following results: Randy Smith, 208-193-201 for a 692 series; Bob Lewicki a 745 series on games of 229, 259 and 247; Len Singer 257-66, Jeff Wolber 227-64; Mark Cumbo 235-

642; Gary Plummerfelt 217-626; Howard Clark 227-620; Ed Waniewski 210-611; Terry Cwik 221-611; Don Deputala 215-606; Jerry Newton 221-608; Larry Hirsch 607; Don Liptow 222-616; Joe Diggs 224-605; and John Urdvary 223-605.

Oak Lanes on Middlebelt is the scene of the Monday Night Ladies League with competition starting at 8:30 p.m. Leading the way was Jeri Toner on a 218 game, along with Laura Schmidt with a 209 score.

The high school team championship will take place on April 2, with the first qualifying rounds on March 19. Among the school which have placed entries so far are Redford Bishop Burgess, Northville, Southfield, Wayne Memorial and Troy Athens. Interested parties should contact Michael Martus at 254-2748 or Harry Burkey at 881-9149.

Bowling Tip of the Week: A few words about splits. Everybody hates to get them, but they are part of bowling and sometimes they pop up when you least expect them.

Some splits are almost impossible to convert by just nicking the edge of the pin to slide across to another on the same (parallel) pin. I'm talking about the 4-6 or 7-10 snake-eye split. Kathy Shanks made the 7-10 in Mayflower Lanes. This is a rare feat.

I am amazed at how many league bowlers still try to slide it across and end up missing all the pins. This is giving away the score, and often enough a game can be decided by one single pin.

It is better to pick up your speed a little and try to hit one pin solidly and hope for a lucky bounce off the side wall. You will at least add to your score and help your team.

On the other split, go for it. A 5-7 looks hard but can be done. The baby splits, like a 3-10 also can be made, and there are ways to do it. A little extra practice on how to line up on the approach for these shots will help give you a better chance at it.

The best advice is: Don't let the splits intimidate you in the next frame, forget your split and go out and make your best shot.

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Date: March 6, 1989  
City of Farmington Hills  
31555 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Farmington Hills, MI 48018  
(313) 474-6115

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about March 27, 1989 the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County will request the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) for the following project:  
Regal Orchards Storm Drainage and Street Paving Improvements includes the installation of 3800 linear feet of 12" and 15" storm pipe with catch basins and ditching in addition to paving Cora, Haynes and Springbrook south of Nine Mile Road. Estimated cost \$220,000.

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly, the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for such decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:  
The project will improve existing drainage and roadway conditions and will not disturb natural features of the environment such as vegetation, water courses, or wildlife.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named Farmington Hills, Oakland County, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying, upon request at the Community Development Office between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of Federal funds.  
All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County to the City Manager at 31555 W. 11 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI 48018 on or before March 24, 1989. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on the within project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Farmington Hills will undertake the project described above with Discretionary Funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Farmington Hills is certifying to HUD that Farmington Hills and William M. Costick in his official capacity as City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, Farmington Hills may use the Block Grant funds, and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer of applicant approved by HUD; or (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to HUD at Department of Housing and Urban Development, Postal Building, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI 48226. Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objection received after April 17, 1989 will be considered by HUD.

WILLIAM M. COSTICK, City Manager  
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