



Rob Karbowski keeps an eye on the target as Harrison opened the boys basketball season he tumbles over West Bloomfield's Kurt Angat. Tuesday night by beating the Lakers 76-61.

Clean sweep for city teams

Opening Night of the boys high school basketball season was a huge success for the Farmington schools.

All three won their openers Tuesday to start the 1989-90 campaign off right.

Senior guard Matt Hoffman scored 31 points as North Farmington outscored host Berkley 92-71.

Senior Chris Schmid and junior Andy Smith also had big games as Farmington downed Waterford Kettering 60-50 and Farmington Hills Harrison blasted West Bloomfield 76-61, respectively.

Hoffman made 11 of 15 field goals and was 6-of-8 shooting free throws. He made eight dunks and was 3-of-3 from three-point range. Hoffman also had seven assists and six steals.

"He played well but so did the whole team," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "We played a very intense game. Hopefully, that's what you get from a veteran team."

Brian Temple scored 26 points for the Raiders, and 6-foot-6 center

basketball

Eric Carlson added eight points and nine rebounds.

Negoshian said he was surprised North rang up as many points as it did, however.

"We've been concerned since the scrimmage about shooting the ball," he said, "but we've been working hard and hoping things fall into place."

Following a 22-22 first quarter, the Raiders picked up the pace in the second, racking up 33 points to lead 55-40 at halftime. North extended the margin to 74-57 after three periods.

Grandt Stephens tallied 17 points and Todd Sutton 16 for the Bears.

Six-foot-10 center Doug Lang was held to four points while seeing limited playing time.

SCHMID SCORED 16 points, and

Brian Browne and P.J. Green added 11 apiece as the trio of senior guards paced the Falcons. Browne also grabbed 11 rebounds.

"It's a big win and it boosts our confidence," Farmington coach Bob Kaump said.

The Falcons led 29-28 at halftime and 42-39 after three quarters. An 18-11 advantage in the fourth secured the victory.

Center Ted Smith scored a game-high 18 points for Kettering.

SMITH DROPPED in 20 points for the Hawks, who led 31-24 at halftime and held a 54-45 advantage entering the final period.

Senior center Rob Karbowski scored 17 points and hauled down 14 rebounds for Harrison, and senior guard Mill Coleman added 11 points and 10 assists.

"We did a lot of experimenting," coach Mike Teachman said. "We are deep and we played all 11 kids."

Josh Koby scored a game-high 24 points for West Bloomfield.

Superior dunks St. Mary's

Just when things seemed to be going so well, the St. Mary's College basketball express got derailed.

Remember, though: Coach Glen Donahue said his young team would be inconsistent early in the season. His players proved him right with a reversal Saturday at Lake Superior State.

After upsetting Oakland University, the team chosen to win the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, in four overtimes at OU the previous Wednesday, the Eagles were shot down by an interior Lake Superior squad 76-72 Saturday in South St. Marie.

"We just didn't play very well," said Donahue, whose team slipped to 6-4. "We missed a couple of free throws down the stretch and did all the things you have to do to win."

"(Lake Superior) played good defense, stayed close and then made the plays they had to make."

THE GAME was close all the way until, in the last two minutes, the Lakers (2-1 for the season) outscored St. Mary's 7-2. Chris Woolley's 29 points, including 16-of-18 free throws, led Lake Superior. Rik Gray and Heath Thomas added 12 apiece.

St. Mary's, which had seven players reach double-figures in scoring in the win at OU, had just one against the Lakers — Garth Howard, with 13 points. Jeff Suspek added nine (on three-of-five three-pointers) and James Lakes, Marvin Morrison and Denny Butcher contributed eight apiece. Lakes also had 11 rebounds.

St. Mary's hit just 26-of-85 shots (40 percent) to Lake Superior's 22-of-51 (43 percent). Also, the Lakers were 29-of-38 (80 percent) from the free throw line while the Eagles shot just 21, making 16 (76 percent).

St. Mary's hosts Calvin College at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Sleigh-less Santa joins in the 5K fun

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

Santa made a list and checked it twice, but it had nothing to do with presents for the little kiddies.

Mr. Claus was making sure he'd packed his gloves, running shoes and warm underclothes for the Max and Erma's Jingle Bell 5K Run Sunday in Farmington Hills.

Santa — who finished the 3 1/2-mile run in 20:40 without the aid of any reindeer — said he'd got in the night before from the North Pole, where he'd grown accustomed to the cold. But for the 1,000 other runners in the race, wind chills 15 below zero made it a day to r-r-r-remember.

Actually, it turned out Santa was an imposter, some guy named Greg McComas from Beverly Hills.

But, thank goodness, the hot chili inside Max and Erma's restaurant at Orchard Lake Road and Fourteen Mile was for real — plentiful and plenty hot.

The racing was for real, too, never mind the costumes or jingle bells many runners were wearing.

BRIAN OLSEN, 28, a former junior college All-America and later a varsity runner at Oklahoma State, drove in from Jackson because he couldn't find a run closer to home

running

and won going away in 16:10, by four seconds over Rob Rasmussen of Novi.

"My wife's cousin lives near here and I'm going over there to warm up," said Olsen, who took the lead at a half mile, went through the mile in 4:55 and survived a brutal head wind in the second mile (16:13).

Michelle Gay of Orchard Lake did double duty for the women. She won the 5K in 19:07, passing the runner-up with a furious closing sprint, then came back 15 minutes later to win the mile.

Of her 5K win, Gay said: "With a half mile to go, a cop told me I was second. Then I saw her and said, 'It's now or never' and kicked it in."

It was a family affair for the Van Meters of Southfield. Alan won the mile and finished fifth in the 5K. His wife, Lucy, the junior high track coach at Southfield Christian, ran the mile, and their 18-year-old daughter, Bianca, something of a prodigy in local running circles, cruised the 5K in non-race mode then baby-sat while mom and dad did the mile.

Despite the wind, the biting cold and the fact that it was a Sunday and a perfect day for sleeping in, about 300 runners signed up on race day.

THE FIELD included one school principal, Bill Smith of Longacre Elementary in Farmington Hills, one Santa Claus, several Christmas Carols and, by the time the run was over, nearly 1,000 Rudolphins, whose glowing red noses could have lit up the night skies during a power outage.

The field also included one schizophrenic, the schizophrenic, Kevin Sherwood of Royal Oak, came dressed as Baby New Year on the back side and Father Time on the front, and for his efforts won the best-costume division and a trip for two to Tampa, Fla.

Sherwood couldn't make up his mind in the runs, either, and finished third in the mile and ran the 5K.

Other local notables included John Springer of Redford, who finished fourth overall in 16:23 and first in the 25-29 age group, and Melba Hatch of Canton, the nationally-ranked master who won the 60-and-over age group.

The Budd Co. won the corporate division, with Plante & Moran second and National Steel third.

The second-annual run was a benefit for the Arthritis Foundation.

Coleman narrows choices

By Dan O'Meara
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Mill Coleman, the three-time all-state quarterback at Farmington Hills Harrison High School, has narrowed his college choices to six schools.

The 5-foot-9, 165-pound senior is considering Michigan State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Ohio State, UCLA and Stanford. MSU is the only one he has visited thus far.

At the football team's post-season banquet Sunday, Coleman was named the most valuable player on the 1989 Class B championship team.

"He's known as 'The Thrill,' but the thrill for me will be seeing what lies ahead for him," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"The things you look for in a leader are outstanding ability, humility, high moral character and academic excellence, and he fits all of these categories," Herrington added.

Coleman passed for a state-record 7,464 yards and 77 touchdowns during a four-year varsity career, and he finishes as the sixth-leading rusher at Harrison with 1,611 yards and 21 touchdowns.

OTHER AWARDS and their recipients were — outstanding backs: Matt Conley and Steve Hill; outstanding

football

lineman: Mondel Hightower; Rocks of Granite: Tim Conlon and Matt Sperry; most improved player: Mike Saputo; Hawk Split Award: Chris Sarsfield; scholar athlete: Mill Coleman; and scout team player of the year: Vince Orsini.

In addition, Herrington received a letter from Gov. James Blanchard, congratulating the Hawks on winning their second consecutive state championship.

Harrison also was honored in a proclamation issued by Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Sever, recognizing the team for its 13-0 record in the last season, its 26-game winning streak, its 28-27 come-from-behind victory over DeWitt in the Pontiac Silverdome and its football tradition. Sever also declared Monday, Dec. 4, as "Hawks Day."

Harrison concluded its banquet with an hour-long slide show, reviewing each game and featuring the senior players. Dick and Sandy Gove produced the show with assistance from Dave Turquist.

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