

Falcons reach district final

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As cold as it was Tuesday night, you couldn't find any place colder than the Redford Union High School gym.

Despite shooting only 27 percent from the field and 58 percent from the free throw line, Farmington was able to pull out a 38-27 victory over Southfield in a first-round girls basketball district game.

The Falcons (5-16) play the winner of the Redford Union-Redford game for the district championship at 7 p.m. Friday. Southfield finishes the season 4-16.

Ironically, Farmington was helped out by the Blue Jays' cold shooting. Southfield made only 20 percent (11-55) of its shots from the field and 28 percent (4-14) from the free throw line.

Despite the Falcons giving a new definition to "winning ugly," Farmington coach Diana Fair will still take the win.

"WE CAME out flat and were flat the entire game," Fair said. "We started playing a little better in the second half, but we were still missing something. I know for sure, if we expect to win Friday, we'll have to step up our intensity."

"It didn't feel like our team out there," Farmington senior guard Kim Owczarzak said. "It felt more like our first scrimmage. We just played bad. I think we might have overlooked them like we did last year."

girls basketball

Last season, the Falcons edged Southfield by two points in the district. The tone of this year's rematch was set right from the opening tipoff as the teams traded turnovers, missed shots and tossed airballs.

Nearly two minutes into the first quarter, the Falcons got on the scoreboard first when Owczarzak made a free throw and Farmington never trailed in the game.

"Our shooting, as you can tell, was our downfall tonight," Southfield coach Jeff Cilmine said. "It's been our downfall all year. We played hard tonight and have been in some good ballgames this year, but we haven't shot the ball well."

The teams combined for 19 first-quarter turnovers and 10 airballs. Southfield scored its only basket of the quarter with 1:10 remaining as sophomore guard Dawn Johnson hit a 15-foot jumper. Farmington clung to a 10-2 lead at the end of the quarter.

THE POOR shooting continued in the second quarter. Owczarzak extended the Falcons' lead to 14-2 with two free throws and a short jumper. She finished with a game-high 18 points.

Sharree Williams kept the Blue Jays in the game as the senior poured in the most seven Southfield points. But Williams, who had nine points to lead the Blue Jays, spent most of the second quarter and virtually all of the second half on the bench in foul trouble.

Eight first-half points by Tammy Allen sparked the Falcons to a 21-9 halftime lead. Allen also pulled down nine rebounds.

The third quarter looked like a replica of the first. While Southfield was struggling against the Falcons' full-court press, Owczarzak nailed two free throws nearly three minutes into the quarter to begin the second-half scoring.

Farmington opened up its biggest lead of the game at 26-11 with 2:06 left in the quarter. But Southfield ended the third with five unanswered points and put itself back into contention entering the fourth, which turned out to be the best quarter of the night.

Southfield's streak and chances to pull the game out were ended by Owczarzak and her sister, Kerri. The two combined for all 12 of Farmington's fourth-quarter points as the Falcons held on for the victory.

"I never felt in control of the game, because when you play that lazy any team can come back on you," Fair said. "You have to give Southfield some credit. They never gave up and made a nice comeback."

Kerri Owczarzak, a 5-foot-5 junior, finished with a game-high 13 rebounds.

Raiders eliminate tournament host

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Walled Lake Western's hot streak came to an abrupt end Monday as the Warriors were defeated by North Farmington, 48-37, in the opening round of the girls basketball district tournament at Walled Lake Western. The Warriors finish the season at 10-11 while North improved to 9-12.

The games were scheduled to meet Farmington Hills Mercy last night in the Western district semifinals. The finals begin Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Coming off back-to-back wins last week over Walled Lake Central and Livonia Stevenson in the Western Lakes Activities Association Tournament, the Warriors never got untracked against North as they had in their previous two games. Western shot a lackluster 27-percent from the floor (16-of-58) and converted 5-of-12 free throws.

North, meanwhile, nearly burned the gym down. The Raiders scorched the nets with 90-percent free throw shooting (19-of-21) and 38-percent shooting from the floor (14-of-36).

"Frankly, I'm kind of surprised we didn't play better," admitted Western coach Don Peterson. "We beat two very good teams last week in Central and Stevenson and I thought we'd play a little better. But I have to give all the credit to North Farmington. They played a great ball game."

girls basketball

THE RAIDERS TOOK control of the game in the fourth quarter, the Raiders were perfect at the free throw line converting 10-of-10 attempts. Senior guard Eve Clear, who led all scorers with 27 points, led North's fourth-quarter rally by converting 8-of-8 from the charity stripe.

Although North didn't make a field goal in the fourth quarter, the Raiders were perfect at the free throw line converting 10-of-10 attempts. Senior guard Eve Clear, who led all scorers with 27 points, led North's fourth-quarter rally by converting 8-of-8 from the charity stripe.

"This was a good win for us," said North coach Lance Davis. "We spend a lot of time on free throws every day in practice. We shoot 25 before practice. We shoot them under pressure and the girls have to run if they miss. We shoot them for break. We even shoot free throws for our fundraisers. We've been pretty consistent from the line."

WESTERN SWITCHED FROM man-on-man defense to a box-and-one late in the third in an effort to

stop Clear. But the Raiders, who dressed just seven players for the game, responded by slowing the pace. One of the Raiders brought the ball past half court they simply stalled and held the ball until Western came out and played man-on-man.

With Eve in there and us holding the lead, there was no need for us to score," Davis said. "We had to slow the pace because our bench was so small tonight. We couldn't rest on defense with Holly Miller and Dawn Godfrey (Western's two leading scorers) in there so we had to rest on offense."

"I give all the credit to Lance and his kids," added Peterson. "They did the right things when they had to."

WESTERN PULLED to within five points twice in the fourth quarter, but couldn't overcome North's sharpshooting at the line.

Godfrey, who finished with a team-high 17 points for Western, pulled her team to within 40-35 when she returned an offensive rebound to the net with 3:08 remaining in the game. Junior Karen Seremet answered for North by acing a pair of free throws.

Miller (13 points) responded with a steal and a layup as Western again closed the gap to five, 42-37, with 1:15 left in the game. But Clear sealed the win for North with six

straight free throws down the stretch.

Clear scored five points in the early part of the first quarter as North took a quick 7-2 lead.

Miller and senior Jeni Gross had a pair of blocks each as the Warriors battled back and tied the game. Miller's jumper with 5:48 remaining in the first quarter evened the score at 10-10.

Raider freshman Rebecca Macek scored two of her six points and Miller split a pair of free throws in the closing seconds as the first quarter ended with North holding a slim 12-11 lead.

SEREMET AND CLAR scored six and eight points, respectively, in the second quarter as North increased the lead to 27-21 at halftime. Godfrey took charge for the Warriors, scoring eight of her team's 10 points in the quarter.

Western pulled to within a basket, 29-27 midway through the third when Miller passed to Godfrey for an easy layup on the fast break.

Clear tossed in a triple with less than a minute remaining in the third to give North its biggest lead of the game, 38-29.

swimming rankings

This is the ninth installment of the best area girls swim times. Schools in the Livonia-Redford-Westland-Garden, City-Plymouth-Canton Farmington-Oakwood-Rochester Hills coverage area are urged to phone in their best times to Plymouth Canton coach Hooker Welman, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday or Friday at 451-6655, Ext. 313 (Canton pool).

100 FREESTYLE (State cut: 56:29)	
Elen Lesog (Churchill)	54.87
Karin Kiang (H Farmington)	55.41
Juanita Markey (H Farmington)	55.77
Jen Gosper (Canton)	55.79
Erica Smith (Mercy)	55.84
Tara DeWitt (Churchill)	56.29
Jill Hawkins (Farmington)	56.41
Michelle McCallary (Mercy)	56.75
Kerri Doran (H Farmington)	56.76
Andrea Hoeben (Mercy)	57.30

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY (State cut: 2:50:09)	
Farmington Hills Mercy	1:53.15
North Farmington	1:53.59
Livonia Stevenson	1:54.99
Plymouth Canton	1:55.11
Plymouth Canton	1:57.95

200 FREESTYLE (State cut: 2:01:59)	
Kerri Doran (H Farmington)	1:55.88
Karin Kiang (H Farmington)	1:59.20
Tara DeWitt (Churchill)	2:00.00
Poly Temuta (Mercy)	2:00.33
James Anderson (Stevenson)	2:01.10
Michelle McCallary (Mercy)	2:01.58
Nicole Borge (Stevenson)	2:03.52
Holly Parnen (Stevenson)	2:03.62
Erica Smith (Mercy)	2:03.91
Sheri Richardson (H Farmington)	2:04.01

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY (State cut: 2:19:00)	
Linda Golden (Mercy)	2:11.69
Jen Doran (H Farmington)	2:12.52
Anna Palmer (H Farmington)	2:18.03
Cara Worthen (H Farmington)	2:18.24
Jennifer Knapp (Stevenson)	2:18.41
Kate Knapp (Mercy)	2:18.93
Karin Kiang (H Farmington)	2:19.24
Mandi Falk (Thurston)	2:19.30
Liz Soles (Churchill)	2:19.44
Shannon O'Brien (H Farmington)	2:20.56

50 FREESTYLE (State cut: 25:59)	
Elen Lesog (Churchill)	24.90
Jen Doran (Canton)	25.40
Jill Hawkins (Farmington)	25.68
Karin Kiang (H Farmington)	25.77
Michelle McCallary (Mercy)	25.84
Mandi Falk (Stevenson)	25.90
Linda Golden (Mercy)	25.97
Cara Worthen (H Farmington)	26.01
Mandi Falk (Thurston)	26.10

100 BACKSTROKE (State cut: 1:05:26)	
Juanita Markey (H Farmington)	1:01.73
Linda Golden (Mercy)	1:02.53
Jen Gosper (Canton)	1:02.83
Kristin Stockboon (Salern)	1:04.76
Jennifer Miller (Thurston)	1:05.01
Stacey Ridge (Harrison)	1:05.22
Jane Roberts (Canton)	1:05.51
Anna Palmer (H Farmington)	1:05.67
Alex Peterson (Stevenson)	1:06.30
Rebecca Turner (Harrison)	1:06.37

100 BREASTSTROKE (State cut: 1:12:00)	
Kate Knapp (Mercy)	1:09.02
Mandi Falk (Thurston)	1:09.80
Jill Knapp (Stevenson)	1:09.89
Jennifer Knapp (Stevenson)	1:10.00
Anna Palmer (H Farmington)	1:10.59
Cara Worthen (H Farmington)	1:11.12
Jean Huananien (Mercy)	1:12.57
Andrea Hoeben (Mercy)	1:12.88
Anna Palmer (Salern)	1:13.88
Amy Austin (Salern)	1:13.98

100 BUTTERFLY (State cut: 1:02:59)	
Karin Kiang (H Farmington)	1:00.02
Linda Golden (Mercy)	1:00.45
Michelle McCallary (Mercy)	1:01.95
Elen Lesog (Churchill)	1:02.52

400 FREESTYLE RELAY (State cut: 3:52:59)	
North Farmington	3:44.10
Farmington Hills Mercy	3:46.98
Plymouth Canton	3:50.43
Livonia Stevenson	3:51.03
Livonia Churchill	3:51.63

Schoolcraft men win opener

The season opened successfully for the Schoolcraft College men's basketball team — and success has been a rare experience for the Ocelots the last few seasons.

Despite an appalling 34 turnovers, SC — behind a sharp shooting effort — leveled visiting Kellogg CC 108-95 Saturday. The Ocelots led 48-39 at the half and were never in serious trouble.

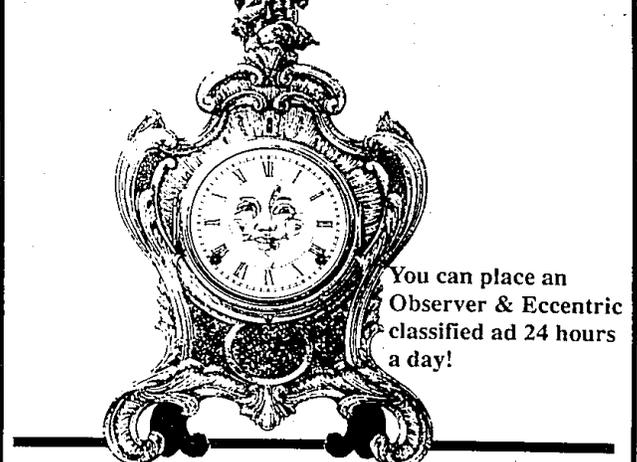
SC will win some if they get efforts like those given by Randy Waters, who notched a triple-double, with 23

points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists. Waters also had four steals. Kewi McGill also played superbly, netting 30 points and seven boards.

There's more: Dave Hamilton had 12 points, seven rebounds and six assists. Charles Perkins got 11 points and five assists, and Mitch Fyke and Barry Quayle scored nine points apiece.

SC hit 38-of-70 floor shots (52 percent), 27-of-35 free throws (77 percent) and outboarded Kellogg 39-29.

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