

## Farmington wins 43-40 over Hawks

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"Amal was a one-man break," Swinehart said. "That's her strength, moving in the open court and taking it to the hole."

"We got those buckets because of our defense. We picked up our defense and that's what picked up our offense."

Center Tammy Allen scored 14 of her game-high 18 points in the first half to spark Farmington to its seven-point halftime lead. She also had 12 rebounds.

"THEY TRIED to take Tammy out of it (in the third quarter), but we didn't look to her as much because we got out on the break," Swinehart said.

Hopkins finished with 16 points and Krista Snow 12 to lead Harrison. Erin LaCosse added eight for the Hawks, Andrea Salter six points and eight rebounds for the Falcons.

Farmington is 2-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, the Hawks 0-3. Both teams are 3-11 overall. The Falcons play at North Farmington tonight to decide the champion among the city's public schools.

Despite nearly running away with the game in the third quarter, Farmington had to survive a late rally by the Hawks, who outscored the Falcons 17-7 in the last period.

"It's taken us until we're double figures behind to start playing aggressively," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "We have to be pushed, with our backs against the wall, before we get to that point."

"In terms of playing hard, we played even with them in the second half, but they were more physical in the first half."

Salter scored to give Farmington



Becky Wahnschick of Farmington and Kelly LaCosse (13) collide as they battle for the same rebound.

a 40-30 lead with six minutes remaining, but the Falcons had only three points the rest of the game. They missed some free throws down the stretch and were 3-of-16 overall.

THE HAWKS pressed full court and caused seven turnovers in the last quarter. Snow grabbed a missed free throw and scored to make it 40-36 with 3:45 minutes left. Hopkins got

Harrison within three (43-40) with 14 seconds left.

"We're still struggling from the perimeter and with our shooting in general," Mantyla said. "We don't have a perimeter game, so (Hopkins) never has a shot where she's not double or triple teamed."

Farmington shot 46 percent (20-44) from the floor, the Hawks 26 percent (16-62).

## Defense carries Mercy to victory

A good defense carried Farmington Hills Mercy to an easy, 43-17 victory over Dearborn Divine Child in girls basketball Tuesday.

Six points was the most the Falcons had in any quarter as Mercy rolled to quarter leads of 15-4, 25-10 and 34-14. "We really did play outstanding defense," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "Divine Child is a solid, young team but credit goes to our kids and the intensity they showed on defense."

The Marlins are 4-2 in the Central Di-

vision of the Catholic League and 10-4 overall. The Falcons are 0-7 and 6-9.

Senior center Laure DeMattia hit her season average of 16 points to lead Mercy. Senior guard Kathleen Derrigan had eight points, eight assists and four steals. Junior forward Marabelle Brooks pulled down 12 rebounds, and senior forward Mary Bleniewicz added seven points.

Dawn Pek scored eight points for Divine Child, and Jessica Toth had just two after scoring 19 against Mercy in the first meeting.

W.L. WESTERN 57, N.FARMINGTON 54: The Raiders entered the fourth quarter of their girls basketball game with Walled Lake Western, clinging to a six-point lead Tuesday.

North led throughout the first three quarters, but the Warriors, led by their front line, sent the game into overtime and eventually beat North, 57-54.

"Their senior leadership just refused to die," North coach Lance Davis said. "A couple of our turnovers also helped them. We played well but let the game slip away."

The game went to overtime when Western's Dawn Godfrey nailed a jumper with 36 seconds remaining and was fouled on the shot. The senior forward made the free throw to knot the score at 44.

The Raiders, 3-9 overall and 2-5 in the Western Lakes Athletic Association, took a two-point lead in overtime, but back-to-back jumpers by Godfrey gave Western the lead at 53-51.

## Manitou hunt rough but rewarding, also

WITH THE evening shadows creeping slowly through the forest on the final day of the special primitive deer hunt my sights were already resting on next year's hunt. What changes needed to be made? What was forgotten and what was excess baggage? How could I enhance my chances for success?

This season was over, but the anticipation for next year's hunt was already building like a severe case of buck fever.

The "North Manitou Challenge" had certainly lived up to its billing, but that challenge was the enticing aspect of this special hunt held in the rugged terrain on North Manitou Island.

Through a lottery drawing, my brother John and I were selected to participate in a special muzzleloader-only deer hunt earlier this month on the 15,000-acre island.

Hunters drive to Leland and are transported to North Manitou — 13 miles out in Lake Michigan — by the Manitou Island Transit ferryboat. Hunters are dropped off on the island and left to fend for themselves for the duration of the week-long hunt.

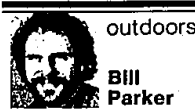
Hunting North Manitou is not easy. It's hard, rigorous work. It's not unusual to walk 10, 15 even 20 miles in one day.

Sweat begins to drip as soon as the boat leaves the island and hunters trudge through the sandy beach and head inland with their gear securely strapped to their backs and their one-wheeled deer carts.

There are no roads on North Manitou although hiking trails crisscross through the treacherous terrain. Motorized vehicles and bicycles are strictly prohibited. One-wheeled deer carts, which assist hunters in transporting their gear and game around the 7 1/2 by 4 1/4 mile island, are allowed.

If a hunter is fortunate enough to bag a deer the work really begins. Hills and ridges are numerous and blowdowns are scattered throughout the sandy terrain. Some hunters carry backpacks with them at all times so they can skin and bone their harvest on the spot and backpack the meat back to camp.

When it's time to catch the ferry



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back to the mainland, successful hunters often make two trips from their camp to the landing site just to get their venison off the island.

After nearly two months of planning and preparation it seemed all aspects of the trip were covered. We were prepared for rain or shine, warm or cold. There were enough rationals for an extra day or two on the island in case adverse weather kept the ferry from picking us up on schedule. The only thing we weren't prepared for was a prolonged stay in Leland and that's exactly what we got.

Why? With gate warnings including rain and winds up to 40 knots, our group was "blown off" Lake Michigan two days in a row. We finally made it to the island late in the afternoon on the second day of the hunt.

Due to the unplanned time limitation (the ferry was scheduled to pick us up in three days) our opportunity to hunt was limited. We settled on an area close to the boat landing so we

wouldn't spend a lot of time packing our gear around the island.

With a three-deer per hunter bag limit, we had high expectations. We saw deer every day but returned home empty handed.

Hunters in other areas of the island, however, experienced great success. One party of five bagged 13 deer and another party of six took 12. Naturally, they hunted the area we originally intended to hunt ourselves.

North Manitou Island was acquired by the National Parks Service in 1984 as an addition to the Sleeping Bear National Lakeshore. Prior to that time the island was under private ownership.

Several houses, in various stages of decay, dot the island and remind hunters of days gone by. The island has been home to loggers, farmers, fruit growers and vacationers.

I often found it hard to concentrate on hunting. The adventurous boy in me wanted to jump out and explore.

My mind wandered... Who first built the "Pole Bridge"? What went on at the "Storner Camps" and the "Davenport Camps"? What was life like when "Crescent City" was booming and how many children learned to read in the old "School House"?

In 1981 it was estimated there were 1,000 deer on the island and overbrowsing of vegetation was a problem in many areas. The National Park Service held the first public deer hunt on the island in 1985 in order to better manage the herd. Subsequent hunts have been held every year since. Through the managed hunts, the herd now numbers between 400 and 600 deer.

The beauty and isolation of the island coupled with the difficulty of the hunt make the North Manitou Challenge a unique, fulfilling adventure in Michigan's great outdoors — with or without filling a permit.

(Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to: Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009, or call Bill Parker Monday evenings, 6-10 p.m. at 644-1100 ext. 241.)

## Marlins claim league crown

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ger and better performances Saturday in that regional," Servais said.

The Marlins will compete along with Ann Arbor Pioneer, Walled Lake Western, North Farmington and Livonia Stevenson in the Class A regional at Marshbank.

"I'm hoping we can put icing on the cake and get a team to the state meet," Servais said. "In other words, I want to have my cake and eat it, too."

About five to seven teams will be fighting for three spots. I'm happy with what we did last weekend, but it's going to be a lot tougher this week and we've got to be ready for it."

A fourth team could possibly qualify. After the runners from the top three teams are removed from the individual list, a team with four in the remaining top 10 also advances to the state meet.

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