

Falcons earn WLAA victory

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Tucker 11, Gallagher 10 and Fitzpatrick seven.

Stevenson led 25-22 at halftime but extended its lead to 13 points in the third quarter. The Falcons trimmed the margin to 40-29 entering the final period and outscored Stevenson 18-7 to force overtime.

Afterbaugh scored with three seconds left in the fourth quarter to the 47-47 and again with :05 remaining in the first OT to knot the score at 51.

With the Falcons up two and 11 seconds left in the second OT, Fitzpatrick made both ends of a one-and-one free-throw opportunity to give Farmington a 58-54 lead. Matt Grodzicki hit a three-point shot at the buzzer for the Spartans.

"In some other games, we never seem to be able to get back in the game, but tonight the kids hung in there and battled back," Mikel said.

"We stuck to our game plan, the kids did what was asked of them and everything fell into place tonight. Those are the kind of games that make you feel good."

Grodzicki had a game-high 19 points for Stevenson. Ryan Furkas 12, Colin Stockton 10 and Tony Stojew five. Grodzicki and Furkas combined for all nine three-point field goals by the Spartans while Farmington made none.

"They didn't get the ball inside much at all, as you can see by the

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number of three-point shots they had," Mikel said. "We zoned them and tried to make them shoot three. They were content to do that and when they did we did a nice job of rebounding."

Afterbaugh had 12 of his 13 rebounds at the defensive end, Tucker six of his 11. Farmington outrebounded the Spartans 42-29. The Falcons made 22 field goals and were 14-of-22 shooting free throws. Stevenson 11 and 8-of-10.

HARRISON 55, FRANKLIN 46: For 31 minutes Friday, Livonia Franklin kept visiting Farmington Harrison on edge, starting at defeat. But that last minute...

"We made mental mistakes at the end," said Franklin coach Rod Hanna. Those errors proved costly.

The biggest game with 40 left and the Patriots down by two. Keith Roberts, who had performed well throughout the game, drew his fifth foul and went to the bench. "That was the ball game," said Hanna.

Without their big offensive gun, Franklin's hopes for victory dimmed. Jeremy Teachman hit a pair of free throws, and the Patriots had to foul to get the ball back.

Roberts finished with 15 points for Franklin, which slipped to 6-4 overall and

3-3 in the WLAA. Jeff Witkowski had 14 and Jeff Hunt scored nine.

Mike Pesel sparked the Hawks with 23 points; Paul Oliviyda was limited to eight by Franklin's tough defense. Harrison improved to 7-2 overall, 4-1 in the WLAA.

"We did a good job on their big man," said Hanna. "We had our shots. They just didn't fall in."

GLENN 84, N. FARMINGTON 58: Ken Taylor ignited a strong fourth quarter that pushed Westland John Glenn to victory at North Farmington Friday.

The Rockets improved to 6-4 overall, 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. North is 3-7 overall, 1-4 in the WLAA.

Glenn trailed 46-44 after three quarters, but outscored the Raiders 20-12 over the last eight minutes to post the win. Taylor scored 11 points for the Rockets in that last quarter; he finished with 18.

North had plenty of chances to overtake Glenn. Down two points in the final minute, the Raiders missed a three-pointer but got the ball right back on a steal — then blew a layup.

They were forced to foul, and the Rockets — who had struggled at the line in the first three quarters, making 1-of-6 — hit them when they had to. Aaron Scheffer hit both ends of a 1-and-1 that gave Glenn a four-point lead; the Rockets made 6-of-7 in the fourth period.

Joining Taylor in double-figures in scoring for the Rockets were Mike Orr with 14 points and Scheffer with 12. Dean Penala scored 15 for North, with Mark Temple getting 13 and Jon Sturtz 12.

"We executed and did all the right things," said North coach Tom Negoshian. "The ball just didn't go in for us."

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SOCCER SIGN-UP

Registration for the spring soccer season is now taking place. Forms are available at the Farmington Hills YMCA and the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

Walk-in registrations will be taken at the visitor's house in Heritage Park on Saturdays, Feb. 8 and 15, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The age groups for boys and girls are under-10½, under-12½, under-14½, under-16½ and under-19½.

The fee for the eight-game schedule is \$40. The registration deadline is Saturday, Feb. 22. First-time registrants must have a birth certificate and a social security number. For information call Jan Rilco at 553-8591 or Vince Scanio at 474-4541.

COACHES NEEDED

Farmington Hills Mercy High School is searching for coaches in the following areas: part-time assistant softball, varsity cheerleading and freshmen basketball. Send resume to Suzanne Brown, athletic director, Mercy High School, 29300 Eleven Mile Rd., 48336.

CURLING CLINIC

The Detroit Curling Club will have a novice clinic at 9 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 8. The clinic is designed to teach curling skills to the beginner and includes basic strategy, delivery of the stone and sweeping technique.

The fee is \$10 and reservations are necessary. To register or receive information call 681-2890. The Detroit Curling Club is located at 5600 Drake Road in West Bloomfield between Maple and Walnut Lake roads.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Oakland Community College's men's basketball team scored the last eight points of the game Friday at Flint Jordan — and still lost 105-92.

Joe Hampton led the winners with 19 points, but Jordan had six players score 15 or more. Rashe Reivers topped OCC with 28, 20 coming in the second half. Dale Craft finished with 24.

Jordan shot 55 percent from the floor and was even more deadly from three-point range, making 57 percent. The Raiders, behind 40-38 at the half, hit 49 percent of their floor shots.

North, CC swimmers record easy victories

Senior Chris Knoche won the 50-yard freestyle and contributed to two relay victories Thursday as North Farmington defeated host Walled Lake Central 126-51 in boys swimming.

The Raiders are 3-0 against Western Lakes Activities Association teams and 6-1 overall in dual meets.

Knoche swam 23.09 in the 50 freestyle and anchored the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

David Rosenber, Brian Darold and Keith Lee combined with Knoche to win the 400 relay in 3:52.84. The 200 relay unit also consisted Steve Dackack, Andy Marks and Chris Danbeck, and the North foursome had a 1:45.64 time.

Also winning for the Raiders were Karl Kozicki, 200 freestyle, 1:57.01; Itai Zohar, individual medley, 2:17.44; Jeff Nicholas, diving, 149.85; Jonathan Kershaw, butterfly, 1:04; Adam Kammer, 100 freestyle, 53.26; Charlie Jacobs, backstroke, 1:05.2; and Ryan McKelley, breaststroke, 1:11.43.

REDFORD CATHOLIC Central rested some of its top swimmers Wednesday and still came away with a 106-77 win over host Harper Woods Notre Dame.

The Shamrocks are 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Catholic League's Central Division. CC won only three individual events and two relays, so its depth was the difference in the lopsided meet.

"A lot of guys got a chance to swim who normally don't get a chance," CC coach Pete Leonhardt said. "We haven't swam anyone real good yet, so we haven't really gotten fired up or swam with any emotion."

Randy Teeters, Devon Fekete, John Brogan and Kevin Markell swam to a victory in 200-yard medley relay in 1:47.93. Fekete, Jason Sosnowski, Steve Teinke and Chris Neck won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:37.89.

CC's individual winners included Paul Magoulick, 50 freestyle, 24.52; Meek, butterfly, 58.95; and Jason Micyda, backstroke, 1:05.19.

Raiders defeat S'craft

Superb balance and a transition game that was in high gear kept Schoolcraft College's women's basketball team stumbling.

The Lady Ocelots suffered their fifth-straight loss in Eastern Conference play Wednesday, losing 74-62 to Oakland Community College at SC. The defeat almost certainly ends any hopes SC may still have had regarding first place in the conference; the Lady Ocelots fell to 2-7, and dropped to 12-10 overall.

All five Lady Raider starters reached double-figures in scoring, thanks in part to a running game that converted easy opportunities after most SC misses. OCC led 30-32 at the half, and its lead just kept expanding.

Kathy Wagner's 19 points paced the Lady Raiders. Leslie Catanzarite (from Livonia Ladywood) scored 18, Jody Dorr finished with 15, Stephanie Crelley had 13 and Dana Sebecch got 10.

Donna Galli collected 24 points and 11 rebounds to lead SC. Sis Guth added 11 points and Katie Balogh 10.

Free throws again played a role in SC's loss. OCC made 18-of-27 from the line (67 percent), including 7-of-11 in the last three minutes (63 percent); SC was 11-of-17 from the stripe (65 percent). It marked the third-straight game in which the Lady Ocelots have been outscored by a wide margin at the free throw line.

North gymnasts prevail

Freshman Annie Jud won three events and led North Farmington to victory over Farmington in girls gymnastics Wednesday.

The state-ranked Raiders scored 134.6 in their own gymnasium and the Falcons 109.1.

Jud won the vault competition (9.2), bars (9.15) and floor exercise (8.8). She was second on beam (8.65) behind teammate Jamesah Gater (9.0).

The Raiders are 3-0 in duals with Western Lakes Activities Association teams and 9-1 overall.

North has a big meet Wednesday when it entertains defending WLAA champion and No. 1-ranked Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m.

Gater was second on bars (8.8) and floor (8.7) and finished third on vault (8.6). North teammate Michelle Tsai placed second on vault (8.9) and third on bars (8.5) and beam (8.65).

Farmington's Nicole Gerwatowski finished third on floor (8.1) and fourth on beam (7.95).

Stage set for mat showdown

Farmington crushed host Livonia Stevenson 52-15 in Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling Thursday and set the stage for a showdown later this week with Plymouth Salem.

The Falcons and the Rocks, both 4-0 in the Lakes Division of the WLAA, will meet to decide the championship Thursday night at Salem. Farmington is 11-1 overall.

"It will be pretty tough to beat Farmington," Salem coach Ron Krueger said Thursday after the Rocks defeated North Farmington 53-17. "They're a senior-studded team."

"Their kids have been around a while. They're well disciplined and they're not going to do anything dumb. They're not going to give us anything."

"We've beaten some teams pretty handily, but they've given us some voids. We moved kids around and it helped us. Farmington is not going to let us do that."

THE FALCONS had five pins in the Stevenson match from Chris Darnell (112) over Nate Steffler (111), Matt Smith (130) over Jeff Knoche (93), Dave Monge (152) over Ben Levels (53), Ryan Adams (171) over Tom Dedivandt (32) and Matt Siskosky over John Hull (634) in the heavyweight class.

Accounting for the remaining 22 points were Farmington's Rob Sutton (119), Jon Duff (125), Mike Prough (140), Mike Pailo (160) and Rob Cavagnol (189).

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