

North girls notch 2nd victory in row

North Farmington is undefeated after two games in the young girls basketball season after coasting past Clarenceville 68-34 Thursday.

Allisha Gordon scored eight of her 20 points in the first quarter when the Raiders raced to a 23-5 lead. North led 41-17 at halftime and 65-30 after three periods.

Allison Stein added 13 points and Shannon McCoy 12 for the Raiders. Wendy Roy scored a game-high 21 for Clarenceville.

MERCY 42, SOUTH LYON 35: Junior guard Glenda Lee paced the visiting Marlinas with her scoring and all-round court play Thursday. She scored 20 points and also had seven steals and seven assists.

Sophomore guard Liz Weber, who returned from a preseason head injury, was a fine complement to Lee in the backcourt, according to coach Larry Baker, and added nine points.

Mercy (2-0) led 22-20 at halftime and extended the lead to 32-25 in the third quarter with one starter and four subs on the floor.

"We had a good rotation from the bench in the third quarter," Baker said. "I was pleased with the bench play in the second half."

Junior forward Karin Sikorski scored eight points to lead the Lions (2-2). The Marlinas made eight of 17 free throws, South Lyon one of one.

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The Falcons took control of the ball at their own 34-yard-line with less than a minute remaining in the game and added some excitement to the finish. Toker and Lewis connected on a 30-yard pass as the Falcons marched to the Laker 29. Senior defensive end Brad Hammer blind-sided Toker from the rear on the final play of the game and caused a fumble. With no time remaining on the clock, Tobin scooped up the loose ball and raced 63 yards for the final touchdown.

"We just ran out of time," said Niskanen. "We had a guy wide open in the end zone. Two more seconds and we would have had a touchdown."

Toker completed five of 10 passes for 127 yards while the Falcons rushed for 120. Whitt carried the load in the ground game, gaining 110 yards on 18 carries. Curry completed eight of 17 passes for 101 yards while the Lakers ran for 188.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PEEP FOOTBALL

Friday, Sept. 10

Garden City at Edsel Ford, 3:30 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Harper Woods, 4 p.m.

W.L. Central at Liv. Church, 7:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at Pny. Canton, 7:30 p.m.

Farmington at W.L. Westland, 7:30 p.m.

Redford Union at Taylor Center, 7:30 p.m.

Taylor Kennedy at Wayne Mem., 7:30 p.m.

Red. Thurston at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.

Luthers West at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

St. Agatha at New Haven, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Franklin, 1 p.m.

Westland Glenn at Farm. Harrison, 1 p.m.

Shishoo Burgess vs. East Catholic at Detroit Derby, 1 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Windsor Brennan at Liv. Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Sept. 7

Dearborn at Liv. Church, 7 p.m.

Liv. Stevenson at Mt. Lakeland, 7 p.m.

Pny. Canton at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at Bm. Seaholm, 7 p.m.

W.L. Bloomfield at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Ypsilanti, 7 p.m.

St. Agatha at Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.

Huron Valley vs. A.P. Inter-City at Marshall J. High, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 9

Edsel Ford at Liv. Church, 7 p.m.

Trenton at Liv. Franklin, 7 p.m.

Red. Thurston at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Westland Glenn at South Lyon, 7 p.m.

River Rouge at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Waterford Mott at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Novi, 7 p.m.

Wayne Memorial at Taylor Center, 7 p.m.

St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.

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Pny. Canton vs. St. Clair, 6 p.m.

Farm. Mercy vs. Utica Ford, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Huron Valley at Mich. School Deaf, 6 p.m.

Det. Mumford at Bishop Burgess, 7 p.m.

Pny. Canton at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Homulus Tournament, 8 & 11:30 a.m.

Mercy Hospice Clinic, 8 & 11:45 a.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Luth. Westland at Bethel, 4:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Inter-City, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 9

Woodhaven at Garden City, 4 p.m.

Garden City at Redford Union, 4 p.m.

Red. Thurston at Taylor Center, 4 p.m.

Liv. Stevenson at Farm. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.

Pny. Canton at Liv. Franklin, 5:30 p.m.

Farmington at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Liv. Church at Pny. Salem, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 9

Red. Thurston at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m.

Luth. Westland at Country Day, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 10

Garden City at Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.

Pny. Canton at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Liv. Stevenson at Farm. Harrison, 5:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at Liv. Franklin, 5:30 p.m.

Farm. Harrison at Wat. Kettering, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Liv. Stevenson at Bm. Seaholm, noon.

Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 11 a.m.

MEY'S COLLEGE SOCCER

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Schoolcraft at St. Clair (Ont.), 5 p.m.

Cross country from page 1C

The leading contenders for the open positions are junior Mike Langdon and first-year seniors Jason Jackson, Brett Cottra and Mark Kurcer. Cottra and Kurcer also migrated from the soccer team.

Even with the newcomers and uncertainty of their ability, Bridges is not throwing in the towel when it comes to a division repeat.

"I'm not counting us out," Bridges said. "I'm excited about my first year as head coach. I think it may take us awhile, but once we get in condition and get some races in we should be alright."

One thing that might help Farmington is that they are a smart squad. Literally. The majority of its members have grade-point averages over 3.0 with several of them over 3.5.

"That will help us because they are smart runners and they pick up on things quickly," Bridges said.

Farmington Harrison

Farmington Harrison coach John Reed had a dilemma at the

end of last season. Five of his top seven runners were seniors, leaving Reed with only three returning runners.

So Reed did the logical thing—he began recruiting.

No, he didn't go to other schools and lure them to Harrison. Instead, he found what he needed in his own school. Reed successfully pried seven athletes away from other sports.

Unfortunately, Reed didn't find the next Justin Dwyer, who finished ninth in the Class A meet last season and was one of the five lost to graduation.

Reed does have junior Justin Koonce returning from last season's team, which finished 3-2 in the Western Division and third in the conference.

Also returning is a "new" Todd Haney. The junior took fourth at the WLA meet but had a poor track season due to burnout, according to Reed, who said Haney is nearly back to top condition and has new motivation.

Senior Doug Bacon has recovered from an ankle injury which hampered him last season. Senior Dan Passerman is a good bet to

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"When we got ahead 14-0, it was hard to run the fullback so much because it takes up so much time," Herrington said. "When they did, he was successful and it wasn't like we weren't hitting him."

Quarterback Ryan Stupakis was 8-of-18 passing for 85 yards, but 80 came in the second half and 61 on the last two possessions. The Falcons didn't score until two minutes remained when Stupakis made a 3-yard run.

The Hawks recovered the fumble and, with the Divine Child defense playing tight to stop Harrison from running out the clock, Bryant went off left tackle for the finishing score on first down.

"The defense played very well in the first half, but we got a little tired in the second," Herrington said.

"After they scored, we had our inside team in there. But if they had gotten it back it would have been an exciting game down the stretch."

The Hawks will be host to Class AA power Westland John Stein in a big early-season game Saturday.

PONTIAC 25, NORTH 0: Edwin Watson scored all four touchdowns Saturday to lead state-ranked Pontiac Northern past visiting North Farmington.

The Raiders held the big-and-fast Huskies to a 6-0 halftime lead, but a pair of second-half turnovers led to Pontiac touchdowns. North still had just 50 yards less in total offense, 265-215.

"I thought our defense played really well, especially the four line-

backers," North coach Jim O'Leary said, adding Jeff Kong had eight solo tackles and 19 total.

"We just ran out of gas in the second half. We have eight guys going both ways and we were out."

David Zietz completed six of 22 passes for 78 yards. Scot Lord caught three passes for 65 yards, and tailback Russell Hayes rushed seven times for 31 yards.

"We didn't throw the ball real well," O'Leary said. "We didn't sustain the ball; we didn't control it at all."

"But I think we found a tailback (Hayes) had been at quarterback and we tried him at tailback a couple days ago. He got in the game and did a heckuva job."

The Raiders play at Plymouth Canton on Friday night.

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