

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.

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 55-30 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 Marlins 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 Linda 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 Marlins made eight of 17 free throws, South Lyon one of one.

KETTERING 51, HARRISON 46: The Hawks slipped to 1-2 after

losing another close game Thursday.

"I think the girls are really playing hard, but we still have a lot of work to do," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said.

Senior center Carey Perkins scored 19 points for Harrison, which trailed 37-36 at halftime and 38-34 after three periods. Junior forward Eric LaCossé had eight rebounds and 14 points.

Junior forward Jamie Simmons had 20 points for Waterford Kettering (2-1).

ATHENS 47, FARMINGTON 27: Troy Athens used an aggressive defense to force turnovers and defeat the Falcons in the final of its own tournament Thursday.

Freshman Amanda Parker scored eight points to lead Farmington (1-1), which trailed 27-10 at halftime. "Athens is an extremely quick team and does a lot of trapping and pressing," Farmington coach John Verdura said. "Consequently, our turnovers led to a lot of layups for them."

"It not only hindered our scoring chances but resulted in easy scores for them. You're not going to beat many team with 27 points, but you have to work to get the kind of shots you need against a press."

"The game did us an awful lot of good because it showed us we have to play aggressively and most of their points came off poor offense and not defense. There were some positives in there, and we just have to keep working at them."

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. Tokar and Lewis connected on a 30-yard pass as the Falcons marched to the Laker 29. Senior defensive end Brad Hamner blind-sided Tokar 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."

Tokar completed five of 10 passes for 127 yards while the Falcons rushed for 120. White carried the load in the ground game, gaining 110 yards on 15 carries.

Curry completed eight of 17 passes for 101 yards while the Lakers ran for 188.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PRE 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. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Westland, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Taylor Union, 7:30 p.m.
Taylor Kennedy at Wayne Meno, 7:30 p.m.
Lutheran West at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agatha at New Haven, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 11
Liv. Stevenson at W.L. Westland, 1 p.m.
Westland Green at Farm. Harrison, 1 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. East Catholic
at Detroit Denby, 1 p.m.
Canton vs. Royal Oak, 1 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 12
Farmington at W.L. Westland, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Taylor Union, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at Inter-City, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at W.L. Westland, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Roncalli vs. Farmington, 8 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 13
Edsel Ford at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.
Troy Athens at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Westland Green at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
River Rouge at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Westland, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Novi, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14
Wayne Memorial at Taylor Center, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Westland, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian vs. St. Clair, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 15
Westland at Roncalli, 7 p.m.
W.L. Westland at Edsel Ford, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at W.L. Westland, 7 p.m.
Huron Valley at St. Clair, 7 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 16
Roncalli vs. Farmington, 8 a.m.

MERCY 6, FARMINGTON 8
Friday, Sept. 17
W.L. Westland at Roncalli, 4:30 p.m.
Garden City at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at S.H. Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at W.L. Westland, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 18
Liv. Stevenson at Blyth, Seaham, noon.
Sunday, Sept. 12
Rectord Co. at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m.
Luth. Westland at Country Day, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 19
Garden City at Huron Valley, 4 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at S.H. Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at W.L. Westland, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 20
Liv. Stevenson at Blyth, Seaham, noon.

Sunday, Sept. 12
Rectord Co. at U-D Jesuit, 4 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER
W.L. Westland vs. St. John's B
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 Cottrill and Mark Kurcer. Cottrill 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 ro-

"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 al-

"right."

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 instead, he found what he had in his own school. Reed successfully pried seven athletes away from other sports.

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

Reed does have junior Justin Koone from 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 WLAA 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

be in the top seven.

Junior Chad Koone, Justin's twin brother, is currently out due to a knee injury but is expected to be one of the team's leading runners when he returns in two weeks.

The top newcomer is senior Matt Lambert, who came from the soccer team. He has established himself as the third fastest runner on the team. Junior Mike Bin, a former football player, is currently running the fifth fastest.

Other newcomers include track team members Scott Oswald and Matt Citrin and swimmers Chris Bailey and Mike Schaner.

Reed likes what he sees from freshman Ryan Maloney and senior Tom Sokol, who is on the track and basketball teams.

"Some people might consider this a rebuilding year for us, but I think we'll surprise a lot of people," Reed said. "We're the underdogs this year and people don't think we'll do that well because we lost so many runners. But the team is positive and I think we'll be competitive."

Football from page 1C

"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 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 inside kick 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 gotten 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 Glenn 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 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. Scott Lord caught three passes for 55 yards, and tailback Russell Hayes rushed seven times for 31 yards.

"We didn't throw the ball real well. I thought we'd do better than that," 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 heck of a job."

The Raiders play at Plymouth Canton on Friday night.

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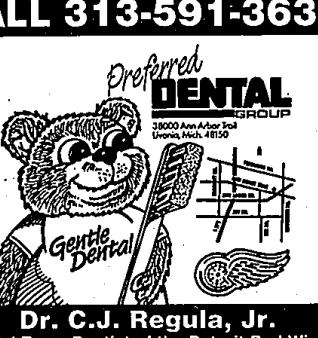
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