

Chiefs wins WLAA rematch with Raiders

In a rematch of last year's Western Lakes Activities Association final, Plymouth Canton defeated host North Farmington 67-49 Tuesday in girls basketball.

Both teams are 6-3 overall, but the defending champion Chiefs improved to 3-1 in the league while the Raiders dropped to 1-3. Junior center Sarah Warnke scored 20 points and helped Canton out-rebound the Raiders.

Kristi Florensi added 10 points; Amelie Crayton and Mary Anderson had nine apiece.

Senior Alisha Gordon scored a game-high 24 points for North. Carrie May had nine, Kathie Collins eight and Liz Weber seven.

Canton took charge with a 16-9 first quarter, led 30-23 at halftime, and put the game away with a 15-8 advantage in the third.

Tara Overdilla, a transfer from Livonia Ladywood, scored 18 points in three periods of play to lead Divine Child. Carrie Carpenter and Mary Murray added 10 apiece.

"We thought we set up a pretty good defensive plan, and Murray drilled four straight 15-foot shots on us in that

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quarter," Marcy coach Larry Baker said. "She didn't miss."

"We were concerned about them inside defensively, and they shot extremely well from outside."

Julie Angel had nine points to lead the Marlies, while Carrie Schwydt and Felicia Brooks scored seven each.

The Falcons, who led 30-14 at halftime and 46-29 after three quarters, are 4-0 in the Central Division and 9-1 overall. Marcy is 1-3 and 4-4.

NORTHVILLE 62, FARMINGTON 40: Junior guard Samantha Lege scored 27 points and sparked the visiting Mustangs with a 11-17 scoring advantage in the second half Tuesday.

Andrea Salver had 20 points and Kim Washneck 11 for the Falcons, who are 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 4-6 overall.

"Northville out-rebounded us, and that's where they hurt us most," Farmington coach John Ventura said.

"They have good perimeter skills. We didn't handle their dribble-drive well, and we gave them too many scoring opportunities."

"They either scored off the initial possession or off the boards, and that was the difference in the game."

The Falcons led 23-21 at halftime but fell behind after being outscored 17-8 in the third quarter.

Farmington had one of its better offensive games as far as not committing turnovers and playing a good floor game,

Ventura said, but didn't have the defensive rebounding to hold down the Mustangs.

GLENN 44, WESTERN 44: Westland John Glenn pulled off a mild surprise Tuesday, outscoring visiting Walled Lake Western 19-9 in the final quarter to gain the win.

Junior forward Jami Orignal paced the victorious Rockets (2-7, 1-3) with 17 points. Senior center Kelly Kluski added 11 for host Plymouth Salem (7-3, 3-1), which earned the easy WLAA win Tuesday over Livonia Churchill (1-6, 0-3).

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The Spartans also got a lift off the

bench from Gina Palmeri, who scored eight points and grabbed four rebounds, all in the second period.

Tracy Rykiewicz had 17 points, four assists and six rebounds for the Patriots. Kellie Main added 10 points, while Jaclyn Deane added 10 rebounds.

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percent from the floor (16 of 53).

Harrison had to regroup after a sluggish first quarter that forced it to play catch-up for most of the game. The Hawks, behind the inspired play of Kelly LaCoese, began their rally at the beginning of the second quarter as LaCoese scored seven straight points.

"I think Kelly did a heckuva job keeping us in the game," Mantyla said. "We had to play her early with two fouls and put her back in with four fouls. She does the things you need from a

senior — things you can't coach." LaCoese and Mantyla agreed the Hawks weren't ready at the start of the game.

"We were a little bit tentative and possibly overcoached against their pressure," Mantyla said. "We were thinking too much against their press and not reacting."

"They came out hard, hit their layups and put on a lot of pressure," LaCoese said. "That's the type of team they are. We came out tight and were nervous and

just weren't shooting the ball well."

Two straight baskets by Cicely Dowdell closed Central's lead to 22-20 at halftime. The Hawks took their first lead of the game when Erin LaCoese nailed a triple to begin the third.

"We didn't do a good job of adjusting when they went from their man-to-man to their zone defense," Butler said. "Assistant coach) Steve Ruert did make a good adjustment on defense by denying their inbound pass. That gave them some problems."

The score eases throughout the third quarter before an Alsup layup gave the Vikings a 39-33 lead entering the final quarter.

"We have had a lot of trouble this season with our half-court game, mainly because we run so much," Butler said. "That was probably why they were able to get back into the game."

"We wanted to do three things coming in: dominate the boards, cover their perimeter game and take away their pressure. We really didn't do any of those."

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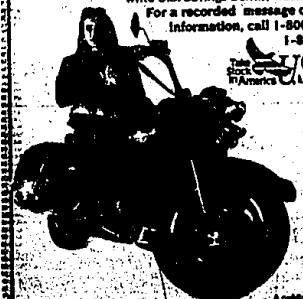
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