

Trojans have fast start in Metro

Livonia Clarenceville is off to a good start in the Metro Conference boys basketball race.

The Trojans, behind Scott Barnard's game-high 21 points, earned a 60-50 victory Tuesday at Harper Woods.

Barnard, a junior forward, hit 10 of 16 shots from the field in his best outing of the season. He also grabbed seven rebounds and added five steals.

Jason Merritt, a junior forward, added 16 points and 17 rebounds. Senior guard Joe Hernandez also scored 15 points, including nine in the decisive fourth quarter as Clarenceville outscored the Pioneers 20-14.

"We pressed the whole game and we forced them (Harper Woods) to take some bad shots," Clarenceville coach Rick Larson said.

Clarenceville shot 12 of 23 from the free throw line (52 percent) and 24 of 54 from the floor (44 percent).

Joel Cowells, a 6-foot-7 center, led Harper Woods (3-4, 0-2) with 18 points and nine blocked shots.

SOUTH LYON 52, FARMINGTON 49: The Falcons rallied in the fourth quarter Tuesday but fell short at home against the Lions.

Farmington led 13-10 after one quarter but was outscored 20-16 in the next two and trailed 39-29.

The Falcons tried to make up the difference with a 20-13 advantage in the final.

Farmington had the ball with four seconds left and down two but was called for traveling.

Jack Sikovsky scored 12 points, including five in the final, to lead the Falcons. Dan McLaughlin made three triples in the last period and finished with 11 points.

Raiders

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Hawks didn't anticipate was Gold's knocking down the threes, he added. Otherwise, it was a matter of the Raiders executing better.

"The difference in the game was their rebounding and the play of Cochran," Teachman said. "We couldn't handle Cochran in a zone, man-to-man or combination defense. He did what he wanted to do, basically, which is win the game for them."

"I don't know what else to do except to say 'stay with your man.' I've said it and said it — 'You have to stay with your man' — and still we have guys doing their own thing."

Rich Beal had 10 points for the Raiders and eight rebounds, five on offense. Bill Tron grabbed six rebounds, and Jeff Tron got all five of his at the defensive end. Tim Dolan added eight points (two threes) and three rebounds.

"Tim had his lowest scoring total but played his best game,"

'I wondered how we were going to execute the offense. Will we be sharp or not? We worked a lot on the offense over break.'

Brian Swinehart
North Farmington coach

Swinehart said. "He was boring out, keeping his man off the boards, and defending really well."

"Tonight was our best team performance. All our guys did a good job of playing within their ability and not trying to do too much."

Kareem Smart had nine points for the Hawks, who were 16-of-48 from the field and made 12 of 17 free throws. Doug Brodski and Justin Snow added six apiece.

North led 17-10 after one quarter and 31-23 at halftime. Derocher scored the first seven Harrison points of the third period, and Snow's putback got the Hawks within a point of the Raiders, 33-32.

"We ran the offense at the beginning third quarter and look what happened," Teachman said.

Eric Jones sank a three to end the quarter with North on top 40-34. Gold scored the first nine points of the fourth for North, and Beal's tip gave the Raiders a 61-38 lead with 6:19 remaining.

Harrison didn't get closer than 11 points until Smart scored the last two baskets in the final minute.

"The three is a big part of our game," Swinehart said, adding the Raiders shoot 50 to 100 in practice. "The biggest thing was to play our system, play our game and do a solid job of executing, and I think we did that."

BASKETBALL

Dave Dilworth had seven rebounds to lead Farmington (2-4).

Steve White scored 17 points, Mike Arden 15 and Kris Lamontagne 10 for South Lyon. The Lions are 2-7.

LAKELAND 70, CHURCHILL 53: Cold-shooting Livonia Churchill (2-6) dropped its third straight in a non-league Tuesday at White Lake Lakeland.

Junior guard Shawn Wolosyn scored 11 points in a losing cause. He also dished out six assists. Senior center Jay Van Wagner added 10 points.

Eric Haines and Dave Wilkins tallied 15 and 13, respectively, for the victorious Eagles, who led from nearly start to finish.

"We're just not shooting the ball well right now, and I'm not sure why," said

Churchill coach Tom Lang, whose team was 10 of 20 from the free throw line. "Maybe we can turn it around Friday at home versus Walled Lake Central."

MILFORD 61, FRANKLIN 23: Frigid Livonia Franklin (1-5) set a dubious school-scoring mark Tuesday in a non-league loss to the host Redskins (3-3) of the Kensington Valley Conference.

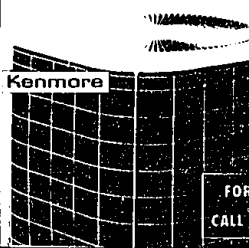
The Patriots, who trailed 24-12 at intermission, lost contact in the third period after being outscored 10-2.

Milford, using a deliberate, ball-control offense against Franklin's zone defense, allowed only one Patriot field goal attempt, a made basket, in the third. Franklin had three turnovers during the period.

Nate Deuman, a junior center, scored eight points for Franklin.

Three Milford players scored in double figures — Chad Chwalek (12), Nick Demester (10) and Justin Williams (10).

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