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# SPORTS

## Farmington Gaines 1st win

### FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

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Driving Force: Farmington guard Ron Freeman scoots by Redford Union's David Oliver as Falcons square record at 1-1.

third quarter, all from close range.

"Trevor can be a force inside and he's only a junior so he's just going to get better," Mikel said. "He jumps well, has good hands and runs the floor. He has a great attitude and works hard to get better."

Farmington was 26-of-62 from the floor. Fifty of the Falcons' shots came in the paint, which was the Falcons' main offensive strategy.

"Before we took a shot, I wanted Adam and Trevor to at least touch the ball," Mikel said.

Senior guard David Oliver led RU with 16 points. Senior guard Brett Hubel, playing with foul trouble most of the night, and junior forward Aaron Bosell added seven each.

"The players played a little scared, tight," Pradel said. "Hubel got a quick three fouls and everyone else stepped back, it took a little out of them."

Without a strong inside game, Pradel knew the Panthers might struggle against Gaines. "We just didn't body him up," Pradel said. "We needed to be more physical with him."

The Falcons played again without starting point guard Tony Juncal, who cut a thumb on an electric saw during workshop class. He is out until at least January. Junior guard Dave Viane, held to five points, also wasn't at 100 percent after injuring his wrist against Kettering.

Junior Ron Freeman played well

in Juncal's place, according to Mikel, and finished with four points.

"Freeman's done a good job filling in," Mikel said.

#### Harrison hot

They've already got a corny slogan — "Refuse to Lose." A few more wins and their coach might even let them keep it.

Farmington Hills Harrison rallied late for a 64-61 victory Wednesday night over Waterford Kettering, winning a back-to-back night for the Hawks' first 2-0 start in years.

"I was just telling our players," Coach Mike Teachman said, "that I think it goes back to Mill Coleman era. And it's a funny thing — this is our most challenging schedule over."

"Our players have even adopted a slogan, Refuse to Lose. I don't like it, but..."

Waterford Kettering, playing its second game in as many nights just as Harrison was, had some nice leads but couldn't put Harrison away.

"They led for 31 minutes, we led for one," Teachman said. "We played some frantic defense at the end and got the ball a few times. We outscored them, 27-12 in the fourth quarter."

Harrison, 2-0, trailed by 11 with 5:43 to play but turnovers and stiffer defense gradually cut the margin down until the Hawks got within winning range.

Jerrard Johnson hit a three with

1:06 to play that brought Harrison up to within a bucket, 61-59.

He stole the ball from a Kettering player and got fouled going to the basket at the other end with 43 seconds left.

Johnson hit the first free throw but missed the second. Teammate Justin Snow came up with the rebound, though, and he got fouled.

Snow missed the first, missed the second and Waterford Kettering brought the ball down. It missed a shot attempt but Snow again came up with the rebound -- and was fouled with two seconds to play.

He made the first of two but missed the second and time ran out. "We have to learn early execution," Teachman said. "Maybe if we get a few practices, we'll get away from that football season."

Kettering played a methodical style of offense but relied almost exclusively on outside shooting. The Captains hit 10-of-16 three-point tries but made only four other baskets.

In addition, they were 23-of-31 from the free throw line. Kettering, 1-1, got 21 points from Chris Cook who did a good job defending Matt Derocher.

Harrison was led by Jared Hopkins, who scored 18 points and hauled down seven rebounds. Derocher scored 11 and had seven rebounds.

Derocher made a big play late in the fourth quarter to keep the Hawks flying toward victory. He dove into the sideline to save a steal and his teammates eventually converted it into a basket that shaved the deficit from 59-56 to 69-58.

Snow scored eight points and got seven rebounds for Harrison while Kevin Bambenek had seven points, Brian Lewis scored six and Johnson five. Eddie Flournoy added five including a big putback late in the game.

Harrison plays Tuesday night at home against Oak Park and visits Westland John Glenn on Thursday.

#### Falcons drop opener

Waterford Mott led 39-26 after three quarters en route to a 52-42 non-league victory Wednesday over host Farmington.

Farmington trailed 15-10 after one quarter and 24-16 at halftime. Senior guard James Bigelow led Mott with 16 points. Senior forward Tim Mansfield added 13 points.

Mott made six three-point shots compared to Farmington's one in 15 attempts. Mott made six of 12 free throws and Farmington seven of 10.

Gaines led Farmington with 19 points, including eight points in the fourth quarter. Sertic added seven points.

"It was Mott's second game and our first and that made a little bit of a difference," Mikel said. "Just like it may have had an effect with us playing our second and Redford Union its first."

Two games into the 1996-97 season and coach Denny Mikel is ecstatic about the Gaines he has seen on the Farmington boys basketball team.

Since the Falcons are 1-1, we're not talking about how much they've accomplished but rather the player whose last name is Gaines.

Trevor Gaines, a 6-foot-5 junior center, scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in Friday's 67-54 non-league victory over visiting Redford Union.

Gaines made several nifty inside moves for baskets, but earned the biggest applause when he completed a two-handed dunk off a fast-break pass from Adam Weber with 4:21 left in the first quarter.

Weber made the pass near half-court from the seat of his pants, which is where Gaines ended up on his landing.

"He fell on his back, as usual," Weber said, laughing. "He'll have to work on his landing."

Good thing players only get style points in dunking contests.

"I took off too far (from the basket), then I fell on my butt," said Gaines, who scored 19 in Wednesday's 52-42 season-opening loss to Waterford Mott. "Coach knows I can do it, he just doesn't want me to get a T (technical foul) for holding it to the rim. He's laughing in the locker room, said 'Every time you dunk, you fall on your butt.'"

Gaines' dunk came during a 13-0 run that gave the Falcons a commanding 17-3 lead before the end of the first quarter.

The Falcons, substituting freely in the first half, took a 40-24 halftime lead.

All 10 players who dressed for Farmington scored. Ryan Gargol, a 6-4 junior center, finished with 13 points and Weber added 10. Freshman forward Justin Miller scored eight points and senior forward Nick Sertic added six.

RU, playing its first game under new coach Lloyd Pradel, made only one of eight field goals in the first quarter while committing six turnovers. Pradel's Farmington had played its first two nights earlier.

"The first win is always nice to get," Mikel said. "When we lost to Kettering we had first-game jitters, didn't play well. We pretty much made up our mind to play with more poise. The players wanted to play hard to meet pressure defense. I have pretty high expectations and if we get off to a good start, we might surprise some teams in the league (Western Lakes)."

Instead of giving up, RU came out strong in the second half, going on a 12-2 run to get within 44-32. The Falcons answered with a 10-0 run of their own, however, to enjoy a 54-32 lead.

Gaines scored eight points in the

## Area swimmers set to take new plunge

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Youth will be served on the Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison boys swimming teams. Because they're about the only ones at the table.

"We had quite a number of good quality seniors graduated from last year's team," North Farmington coach Pat Dutchie said. "I have only got two seniors on the team this year."

"I hate to use the word rebuilding. I would say this is a developmental year."

"We're very small," said Coach Lisa Collins, in her seventh year at Harrison. "But the ones we do have, quite a few have a lot of potential."

"But we're very small. We only have about 16 swimmers on our team. And of the 17, seven are freshmen, so we're kind of rebuilding. We have only one senior."

"We lost three guys who were very important to our team," Farmington coach Ross Bandy said. "Danny Banger, Ken Kopf and Matt Crawford."

"They all placed at the league meet. And for a freshman to step into their shoes is very difficult."

"But we're looking pretty good. We still have some weak spots. But I'm really happy with the way the kids are timing so far."

Bandy, who has put in more than a dozen seasons, returns senior John Hawkins to swim the middle distance and distance freestyle races. Hawkins qualified for the state meet in the 500 freestyle and 400 freestyle relay.

The Falcons' captain is Nick Katherian, whom Bandy described as "a universal swimmer with great leadership qualities. I expect a lot of big things out of him this year."

Farmington also returns a swimmer who skipped his junior season to concentrate on music, Chris Owen.

"He qualified his sophomore year in the 100-meter breaststroke," Bandy said. "He is a former school record holder before Danny (Belanger) broke his record."

When Owen decided he didn't have enough time for swimming and music both, he issued a heartfelt apology to the team. And continued showing up at meets to give his support.

"After dedicating a year to music," Bandy said, "I think he decided he missed swimming quite a bit."

"This is something, that he came back. He's an outstanding young man."

Junior Matt Bauckelaars, who just missed the state qualifying time in the 100 breaststroke last year, is expected to be an outstanding distance freestyler.

Junior Pete Bosler, a middle distance and short distance swimmer, "has a great deal of potential," his coach said. "From his freshman to his sophomore year he dropped 10 seconds in the 200 freestyle. He was part of our 400 freestyle team that went to the state."

Farmington will miss the services of Todd Benavigna, recovering from surgery, for some time. It will take him some time to get back into competitive shape, too.

"We'll sort of miss him the first part of the season," Bandy said. "We look for him to hang tough, though."

"We've got a nice freshman class coming in. Their skill levels are good. I'm very pleased for them to come out and they're working really hard. The upper classmen are helping them."

Among the freshmen are the younger brothers of Owen and Hopper.

"We're very fortunate to have a group of kids who have a true trust in my coaching ability," Bandy said, "have faith in the program and are very proud to be a part of Farmington swimming."

"I've been at Farmington since I started coaching. I can remember being at the bottom of the barrel in the league. Now, the past few years, we've been at the top."

"A lot of credit goes to the seniors that are leaving the team this year and who have recently left this program."

Other swimmers returning for Farmington include senior Jason Cavichioni, a distance freestyler; senior Shawn Emborg, a sprinter; senior Shawn Hopper, who competes in the backstroke, IM, freestyle and butterfly.

Dutchie's North Farmington team returnees include his son, Patrick, a freestyler, butterfly specialist who last year was 19th in the state.

The other cornerstones of Dutchie's team is Matt Swartz, who will swim "primarily breaststroke, IM, and maybe some freestyle for us."

"Both return with three varsity letters and are team captains." A key junior for the Raiders will be Dan Gabriel, who finished ninth in the state in the backstroke last year and set a varsity record near 54 seconds in the event.

Chris Randa will swim freestyle and butterfly while junior Justin Hawkins, who came out for the first time as a sophomore, should do well. A fourth returning letter winner is Chris Smith, who will swim freestyle and backstroke.

North Farmington has some outstanding sophomores, including Tony Munaco (shorter freestyle dis-

#### EMU baseball clinics

Eastern Michigan University will hold a series of baseball coaches clinics from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the EMU Huron Golf Club.

The schedule is as follows: Coaching baseball (Jan. 28); catching (Feb. 4); hitting/offense (Feb. 11); pitching (Feb. 18); team defense (March 4); infield/outfield (March 11).

The cost is \$36 per clinic or \$175 for the entire series.

Among the featured guest speakers include David Martin (EMU), Roger Coryell (EMU), Ron Oestrike (EMU), Jake Boss (EMU) and Bruce Felice (Tigers' West Michigan Whitecaps manager).

For more information, call (313) 844-2307.

#### LaCrosse starts in Kazoo

Sophomore guard Kelly LaCrosse (Farmington Hills Harrison) has started the first four of Kalamazoo College's games and is averaging 19.2 points per game.

The 5-8 LaCrosse has a season high of 25, which she reached against Elmhurst, and has made all but four of 30 free throw attempts. She is also averaging 4.3 rebounds, two steals and 1.8 assists per contest.

She was named Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Player of the Week for the week of Nov. 24. LaCrosse also plays left field on the Hornets' softball team.

#### NFWB baseball tryouts

North Farmington West Bloomfield baseball tryout dates have been set.

Registration for all players is scheduled for Thurs., Jan. 9, 1997, or Wed., Jan. 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at North Farmington High School.

Cost is \$75 per child, \$95 after Jan. 15. Fees are nonrefundable.

Parents must register their own children, with a birth certificate required for anyone not playing in the NFWB last year. Family health insurance card must be presented at registration.

Travel team tryouts will be held Jan. 26 or Feb. 1 at Abbott Middle School. Those interested should call Roy Phillips (810) 489-5924 for more information.

Tournament Team tryouts will be held May 18 and 26 at Pioneer Field with Softball Travel tryouts March 28 and 9 at North Farmington High School. Players in the T-Ball (6-6 year-old boys and girls), Pitch (boys 7-8) and Novice (girls 7-8) leagues are grouped by neighborhood. House league teams for boys and girls ages 9 and up are selected by draft.

Orchard Lake Middle School will hold baseball tryouts Sun., Jan. 26, for 8-10 year-olds at 8 a.m.; 13-14 at 11 a.m.; 11-12 at 12:30 p.m. and 15-16 at 3 p.m. The order for Sun., Feb. 2, is 11-12 at 8 a.m.; 15-16 at 10:30 a.m.; 9-10 at 11:30 a.m. and 13-14 at 2:30 p.m.

Softball tryouts will be Sat., Jan. 25 or Sun., Feb. 2, at North Farmington. Girls age 13-16 try out on Jan. 25 at 8 a.m.; 11-12 at 10 a.m. and 9-10 at noon. On Feb. 2, the 9-10 age group tries out at 8 a.m.; 11-12 at 10 a.m.; and 13-14 at noon.

Practices begin March 31 with games starting April 28. The NFWB picture day is May 10 (or 17, if it rains). All-Star games are set for June 21 with the tournament season starting June 23.

For more information call the NFWB hotline at (810) 788-4110.

#### Crusaders stop Concordia

After absorbing a 25-point defeat one night earlier, Madonna University's men's basketball team illustrated its resiliency by bouncing back to beat Concordia College Thursday in Ann Arbor.

The win was Madonna's third of the season; combined with its 95-68 loss at Wayne State Wednesday, it left the Fighting Crusaders with a 3-10 record.

Free-throw shooting was the difference for Madonna against Concordia. The Crusaders were 34-of-42 from the line (81 percent); the Cardinals were 8-of-14 (57.1 percent).

Mike Maryanski enjoyed a superb performance for Madonna. Maryanski connected on 11-of-12 free throws and 4-of-8 three-pointers in scoring a team-best 29 points. He also grabbed 12 rebounds and blocked three shots.

Kristian Magro added 23 points and 10 boards; Brandon Stone (Plymouth Salem) contributed 10 points and nine rebounds; and John-Mark Branch got seven points, eight boards, four assists and four steals.

Madonna held a commanding 42-32 rebounding advantage.

"In Wednesday's loss at Wayne State, the results were quite different. The Tartars outrebounced them 34-21, holding a commanding 17-5 edge on the offensive boards, and outshot them, connecting on 39-of-72 (54.2 percent) of their floor shots."

Maryanski again paced the Crusaders, scoring 16 points, grabbing five rebounds and blocking two shots. Stone had 11 points, five boards and three steals, and Magro netted 10 points.

Wayne State was led by Westland John Glenn grad Tony Goins, who shredded Madonna with 20 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists and two steals.

#### Lady Crusaders fall

Free throws and rebounds led Madonna's women's basketball team to defeat Thursday at the University of Findlay (Ohio), 100-93.

A superb performance by the Lady Crusaders' Katie Cushman wasn't enough. Cushman poured in a game-high 32 points, connecting on 11-of-16 from the field and 9-of-13 from three-point range, and dished out four assists.

Chris Dietrich added 14 points, six boards and eight assists, and Michelle Parmentier had 13 points and five rebounds for Madonna.

The loss was Madonna's fifth in a row and left the Crusaders with a 2-6 mark.