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**COLLEGE HOCKEY AT "THE JOE"**

## Hawks stifle Vikings, 50-32

Farmington Harrison demonstrated again Tuesday that basketball is a team sport as it defeated Walled Lake Central, 50-32.

"We probably played our best team game of the year in all aspects of the game," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said, "considering we spread the scoring around, played great defense and held our composure against their full- and half-court pressure."

The victory lifted the Hawks to 14-2 overall and 8-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Vikings are 8-8 and 5-5.

Harrison didn't have anyone in double figures, but eight players combined for 48 points.

Matt Derocher led the Hawks with nine points; Lomar Wilson scored seven; Andrew Burt, Jerard Johnson and Jason Sharp tossed in six each; Brian Lewis and Jared Hopkins tallied five apiece, and Kareem Smartt added four.

The Vikings had another bad shooting performance, but the Hawks didn't allow Central's top shooters many chances.

After shooting 14-of-68 in a loss to Farmington on Friday, the Vikings were 13-of-69 from the floor Tuesday. Todd Negoshian was 1-of-5 and Cory Heitsch 0-for-2.

Nick Hall scored 10 points to lead Central; Joe Paletta added eight and Negoshian, who sank three of four free throws, five.

### BASKETBALL

"They didn't shoot that much," Teachman said of Heitsch and Negoshian. "That's how good our defense was."

"I think defense is when you don't let them have the ball, and that's basically what our guys did."

The Hawks played a triangle-and-two with Smartt shadowing Negoshian and Johnson guarding Heitsch. Dave Poci and Sharp took over when Smartt and Johnson needed a rest.

"(The Vikings) tried to play their other three against our triangle, and our other three guys did a great job," Teachman said of Lewis, Derocher and Hopkins.

"If you do it right, the two guys playing one-on-one have the easy part. The other three have to defend, help and rebound, and those guys did that very well."

Harrison, which made 21 of 48 field goals (44 percent), led 15-8 after one quarter, 31-17 at half-time and 41-26 going into the last period.

The Vikings, who were minus 6-foot-7 center Dave Cardinal (ankle), made five of nine free throws, the Hawks six of 12.

**FARMINGTON 72, NORTHVILLE 63:** The Falcons clinched a berth in the WLLA playoffs by winning on the road Tuesday.

Senior center Trevor Gaines scored 27 points to lead Farmington and offset a 25-point performance by Northville's

Dave Terakedis, who made seven three-point field goals.

The Falcons are 6-4 in the WLLA and 11-5 overall, the Mustangs 2-8 and 7-5.

**SALEM 70, CHURCHILL 42:** The Rocks clinched a tie for the top seed in the WLLA playoffs Tuesday.

Senior point guard Andy Power led Salem (13-3, 9-1) with 18 points. Gavin Patel contributed 10 and Tony Jancavski chipped in nine. Jeff McKian collected seven assists and had four steals.

Churchill, which trailed 38-24 at half-time, got a team-high 10 points from George Kithas.

The Chargers, who did not attempt a free throw, fell to 6-10 overall and 5-5 in the WLLA.

**JOHN GLENN 49, W.L. WESTERN 40:** A 28-18, second-half run carried Westland John Glenn (10-6, 8-2) to the WLLA win Tuesday at Walled Lake Western (8-8, 5-5).

Bill Foder and Eric Jones paced the winners with 14 and 10 points, respectively. Stephen Lawson added nine.

**SELLEVILLE 78, REDFORD CC 72:** Senior guard John Edwards tallied 15 points and sophomore guard Kevin Harrison 14 to lead the host Tigers (6-10) as they upset Catholic League Central Division champion Redford Catholic Central (13-3) for the second straight year.

CC's Chris Young, a 6-foot-10 center center headed to Michigan, scored a game-high 30 points.

**LUTHER NORTH 72, CLARENCEVILLE 59:** Clarenceville junior Albert Deljasovic scored a game-high 37 points, including eight three-pointers, but it wasn't enough Tuesday as Lutheran North claimed the Metro Conference win.

North is 7-9 overall and 7-8 in the Metro. Clarenceville 5-10 and 3-10. Junior David Schwarz paced the Mustangs with 24 points and eight rebounds.

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Harrison and tie for the final playoff berth, they lose the (head-to-head) tiebreaker with any of the three teams above them.

Until the final 1:07 of the third period, the Canton-North outcome was up for grabs. But a single play changed all that.

The Chiefs clung to leads of 11-7 after one quarter and 19-18 at the half, thanks mostly to junior guard Joe Cortellini's shooting (three three-pointers in the first half).

Midway through the third quarter, Canton had a 24-20 lead. That's when things started going south for the Chiefs.

A three-pointer by North's Alan Pennala and a three-point play by teammate Ray Lousia turned that around. Two baskets by Emir Medunjanin gave North a 30-24 lead with 1:46 left in the third.

A Cortellini basket narrowed

the gap to four, setting up the key call of the game.

Lousia attempted an errant three-pointer from well behind the arc. Oliver Wolcott, who was defending on the play, turned around to block Lousia out after the shot and was called for a foul.

The official called it a shooting foul, awarding three free throws. When the Canton bench protested, he called a technical foul, too.

Lousia shot all five free throws, making four, and the Raiders got possession. Adrian Bridges hit a layup and the North lead went from four to 10 in a 13-second span.

"Our team can't take all that," Canton coach Dan Young said. "They can't overcome that."

North took a 38-26 lead into the final period. The Chiefs managed to pull to within seven twice, the last on a basket by Cortellini with 3:04 left.

But free throws down the stretch — mainly by Lousia; he was 5-of-6 in the last two-plus minutes and 15-of-18 in the game — kept the Raiders in command. For the game, North was 18-of-24 from the line; Canton was 5-of-8.

"He's been so clutch at the free-throw line," said Swinehart of Lousia. "At the end of the game, our goal has been to get the ball into his hands."

Lousia's 22 points paced North. Pennala added 10 and Medunjanin got eight. Cortellini's 19 topped Canton. Next best was Scott Samulek with eight.

"We're going to continue to look for other players to score," Young said.

The Chiefs will have to do it while playing in the "Final Four" portion of the tournament, while North assumes Canton's customary role and searches for a title.

## May from page C1

once scoring and steals, third in free-throw shooting percentage (63-of-85 for 74 percent) and 13th in rebounding.

She has single-game season highs of 28 points, five assists, six steals, four blocks and 10 rebounds. May was OCC's leading scorer in five straight games recently (the Lady Raiders won four) with an average of 21.6 points.

"Right before the conference games started, I was out for a week with a broken rib (and missed the OCC Christmas Classic)," May said. "I really got motivated when the conference games started, and that's when I started playing better."

What makes May's numbers and level of play all the more impressive is she has overcome a potentially-debilitating case of rheumatoid arthritis to excel at the game.

May was diagnosed with the illness in September of 1995, at the start of her senior year in high school.

"I would wake up and it would be hard to walk," she said. "Just about every part of my body was hurting."

"I went for a second opinion at U-M in late 1996, and a doctor told me I'd probably never be able to play competitive basketball again."



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**Team leader: Carrie May of Farmington Hills leads the Lady Raiders in scoring and is among the best in other categories, too.**

ball again.

"That was kinda hard to believe, I took the next month off, but I couldn't take it any more, so I had to start playing

again."

May has the arthritis under control with medication. She said the disease doesn't affect her game and added she has felt especially well the last two months.

"Some days it's hard when I don't feel so good, but I just play through it," she said. "I still have the desire to play. I can pretty much do whatever I want to do. It's become part of my life now and I'm used to it."

May had planned to attend the University of Michigan-Dearborn following high school, but her condition caused her to change her plans. She hasn't been disappointed with her decision to attend OCC.

"Two weeks before school started, the arthritis flared up, and I wasn't sure I was ready to handle getting up in the morning and going to practice," she said, adding OCC was closer to home and less stressful since practices are in the afternoon.

"It worked out better for me that way. I think I've developed more as a player and, hopefully, can continue next year."

The 20-year-old May, who plans to be an elementary school teacher, wants to play at a four-year school next season but doesn't know yet where that will be.

## Oakland CC women cagers topple Henry Ford

The Oakland Community College women's basketball team continued its late-season charge Saturday with a 70-64 victory over second-place Henry Ford in the MCCA Eastern Conference.

The Lady Raiders were 12-12 overall and 8-6 in the conference going into a Wednesday game at Wayne County Community College. OCC ends the regular season Saturday at Flint Mott.

Jonakieta Sledge scored 26 points and had 11 rebounds to lead the Lady Raiders against Henry Ford, 11-13 in the conference and 14-9 overall.

OCC's Carrie May (North

Farmington) had 16 points and six rebounds. Jessica Regentin added 12 points, and Myn Badger had seven assists.

The Lady Raiders have clinched a berth in the MCCA state playoffs and will play a first-round game Monday. The site and opponent are to be determined.

The women's team gained a win Monday without playing a game. Macomb had to forfeit a 75-72 win over OCC on Jan. 3 for using an ineligible player. OCC is now tied with Schoolcraft for fourth place in the conference.

OCC lost to host Alpena Feb.

11 in overtime, 67-62. Sledge had 24 points and 11 rebounds, May 19 and 10, respectively. Krissy Wybrick added eight points.

The OCC men lost Henry Ford Saturday, 118-75. Brad Burlingame and Matt Ullrich had 16 points each, Willie Davis 13 and Glen Gray 10.

The Raiders were closer Feb. 11 but lost to host Alpena, 77-73. Montez Briggs scored 21 points; Tyler Strait had 16 points and four blocks, Burlingame 11 points and 10 rebounds.

OCC is last in the conference at 3-11 and 4-20 overall.

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