

# Girls basketball

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admirable. "I told them it was up to the gold shirts (Raider) to get us back in it when we went out at halftime and they did that." Harrison didn't have anyone in double figures but had balanced scoring again. Kelly Taylor and Karolyn Knutson scored eight points apiece. Emily Jackson and Aiyana Richmond six each. Maggie Condeni, who was a factor in defending McComb in the post, had seven rebounds and seven blocks. Becky Zak had five rebounds and Taylor four steals.

"I thought Maggie Condeni

had an outstanding game for us," Mantyla said. "Her aggressiveness and the shots she contested were a big key for us."

Jehan Hindo, Kalmigian and Christina Colombo added six, five and four points for the Raiders, respectively.

McComb, who had 20 points in a 53-41 loss to Harrison two weeks ago, was 7-of-22 from the floor Tuesday, but she went the first seven minutes of the game before attempting her first shot and had only two points in the first half.

"She's so good we basically were chasing her wherever she

went," Mantyla said. "We weren't talking about numbers. We were just trying to hold her down. It was a team effort and a lot of communication and probably a little bit of luck."

"I think we played real well defensively. The first half was one of our better efforts. It was everybody, not any one set person."

Fortunately for the Raiders, Staci Russell, Hindo and Colombo played well on the perimeter, handling and passing the ball and even scoring in the first half to keep North reasonably close.

But the Hawks increased a 9-

3, first-quarter lead to 23-14 at halftime behind six points apiece from Taylor and Richmond.

"Harrison did a good job of denying Sam," Perkins said. "I think we dribbled through (the defensive pressure) too much in the first half."

"We did a better job of swinging the ball, so we didn't get trapped and could get the ball to (McComb). She did a nice job in the fourth quarter."

The Raiders outscored the Hawks 12-5 in the third quarter to get within two at the end. McComb made consecutive baskets, and Russell scored off the fast break to cut Harrison's lead to 28-28.

North had chances to tie and possibly take the lead in the fourth quarter, but they missed their first nine shots and were 3-of-16 in the period.

Harrison was only 2-of-9 from the floor but finally made a move when Zak scored from the wing. Knutson and Gayle Ternes made two free throws each to give the Hawks a 34-26 lead with 3:46 remaining.

McComb hit a three and converted a steal, while Taylor scored off the delay offense and Jackson made a free throw to account for the 37-31 score.

"We did a better job of getting Sam the ball in the second half," Perkins said. "We were trying to get screens and weren't executing, so we went to a set offense and did a better job with that."

"I thought my kids did a great job defensively, as gassed as they were, to get us back in it."

Harrison finished the game 14-of-40 (35 percent) from the floor and North 16-of-52 (31 percent). The Hawks made six of 10 free throws, the Raiders three of eight.

"(The Raiders) made it tough for us to score in the second half, and we had a hard time solving what they were doing," Mantyla said. "At the end, we didn't do a real good job of closing it out."

CHURCHILL 49, FARMINGTON 36: Deanne DeRoo (12 points) and Kate Hogan (10) paced a balanced scoring attack Tuesday, powering Livonia Churchill (4-13) to a victory over the visiting Falcons (3-15).

Churchill, which snapped an 11-game losing skid, also had seven points and eight rebounds from Stephanie Doyle.



Nice save: North Farmington's Jehan Hindo recovered a loose ball Tuesday under pressure from Kelly Taylor.

Stacey Selleck contributed six points and seven rebounds, while Megan Sheehan and Kristin Barry also tallied six apiece.

"It's the best we've played as a team all season," Churchill coach Dave Balog said. "We felt we put it all together and we hope to carry it over the next three for four games."

Julie Kimmel led Farmington, which trailed 31-28 at intermission, with 18 points and 12 rebounds.

"For most kids on this team, it doesn't matter if they win or lose," Farmington coach Scott Lowe said. "They're the same no matter what coming back on the bus — happy and joyful."

"We've got to get them to understand that it takes desire, dedication and discipline at all three levels — freshman, JV and varsity. And the same goes for the coaches because they have to set the example. Until we do that this program is going nowhere."

"We're not here to let the program founder. Kimmel is the only kid who has gotten better and better. She's improved because she wants to be a

player. She comes out and practices hard every day."

"Next year there are going to be no spots guaranteed."

SALEM 52, STEVENSON 28: A 21-2 first-quarter run Tuesday carried Plymouth Salem, the top seed in the WIAA playoffs, to an opening-round, 52-28 win over visiting Livonia Stevenson.

State-ranked Salem is 17-1 overall; Stevenson drops to 7-9.

Tiffany Grubbs scored nine of her game-high 18 points in the opening quarter for the Rocks, who face Farmington Harrison (13-5) in the WIAA semifinals 7 p.m. Friday at Salem.

Kelly Jaskot and Monica Mair each added 13 points for the winners.

Abbey Schrader led Stevenson with nine points; Lindsey Guelick and Katie King added eight and six, respectively.

CANTON 50, JOHN GLENN 28: After falling behind 23-9, host Plymouth Canton (13-5) stormed back to beat John Glenn (9-9 overall) in a WIAA first-round playoff game. Anne Morrell scored 14 points for the Chiefs; Stephanie Crews countered with 11 for Glenn.

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