

Salem downs Churchill in playoff game

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Sports Writer

Livonia Churchill put up a better fight, but Plymouth Salem had the last word in the opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball playoffs.

Led by Tiffany Grubaugh's game-high 18 points, the Rocks improved to 15-3 on the season, with a 47-34 homecourt victory against the Chargers, who slipped to 9-9.

Salem won the first meeting between the two teams, 56-32, back on Sept. 8.

The Rocks also got rival Canton (14-4) in the WLA semifinals on Tuesday, this time on the Chiefs' home floor. Salem earned a one-point victory over Canton on Oct. 27.

"Churchill competed really hard and we knew coming in they'd be really pumped up to play us," Salem coach Fred

Thomann said. "We knew it was going to be a game and we were able to fight through that. And I think our guys stepped up and across to the occasion."

Churchill employed a box-and-one defense to try and slow down Grubaugh, the 6-10 junior forward.

She had 11 first-quarter points en route to 21 during the first meeting against Churchill.

At times Churchill contained her, but she seemed to come up with key baskets at critical junctures of the game.

Grubaugh's three-point play with 32.4 seconds left in the first half gave Salem a 23-11 cushion.

She also nailed a free throw line buzzer-beater to end the third quarter, stopping a mini-Churchill run to maintain a double-digit lead for the Rocks, 34-24.

Churchill never got closer

than 10 the final quarter.

"She (Grubaugh) got a little frustrated because they could not get her the ball, but she still got her points," Churchill coach Dave Balog said. "She came through when she had to."

"The box-and-one was critical. She had to work harder. The first time they got her, she won something like eight-for-eight. It seemed she just didn't miss."

Salem shot the ball effectively (50 percent) going 17 for 34 from the field.

Grubaugh was eight of 11, including a three-pointer a free throw.

"Tiffany struggled with it (the box-and-one), but as the game wore on she got more comfortable with it," Thomann said.

Senior center Andrea Pruett was the only other Rock in double figures with 12 points.

"Pruett and Grubaugh carried us offensively," Thomann said. "And I liked the way we played defense tonight for the most part. We stymied them enough that we didn't give them much space to play."

Churchill shot miserably from the floor — eight of 39 (20.5 percent), but kept semi-close by making 15 of 20 free throws (75 percent).

Kersten Conklin and Stacey Supanich, Churchill's top two scorers all season long, finished with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Nikki Lewis added six.

"We had some layups and missed some shots underneath," Balog said. "Had we made those shots, I think we could have beaten them. We played hard and didn't give up."

Salem was sloppy in its execution. The Rocks committed 27 turnovers to Churchill's 16.

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North's Katie Gaffey rimmed out, Russell stole the ball, but the Raiders (8-10) gave it back with a turnover.

"That was huge," said Blohm of Thornell's basket. "When it got down to the 2:40 mark, we said, 'If it's a layup, take it; if not, hang on to the ball and let's shorten this thing up.'"

North put Canton's Anne Morrell on the line where she made the first free throw and final point with 35 seconds left.

McComb tried the same baseline move that won the game against Livonia Stevenson a week earlier, but she couldn't get clear of Canton defenders to get the ball to the rim.

McComb, who was 11-of-15 from the floor, attempted a three and appeared to be fouled as time expired, but the shot was blocked and the Raiders were down four anyway.

"I told the kids, in my heart, it's a loss only on the scoreboard," North coach Linda Perkins said. "We shot 50 percent from the field and 100 percent from the free-throw line. I couldn't have asked them to play any harder. Samantha plays harder and harder every game."

Janell Twietmeyer scored 18 points and Janine Guastella 12 to lead Canton. Katie Vihtelic added 13 points for North.

"A key was not letting (Vihtelic) get away and score in the fourth quarter," Blohm said. "Any time you put players like McComb and Vihtelic on the floor it's hard to defend them, and their other players are improved. Their team represented itself well in the league this year."

The Chiefs were 19-of-46 from the field (41 percent) and 11-of-15 at the line. The Raiders made 20 of 39 field goals (51 percent) and six of six free throws.

Canton led 14-12 after one

quarter and 24-22 at halftime. Consecutive three-point plays by McComb and Vihtelic and another deuce by McComb gave North a 35-32 lead late in the third period.

But a Twietmeyer basket, a three-point play by Ashley Williams and Kieseal's three gave the Chiefs a 40-38 lead entering the fourth quarter.

"We were patient on offense; that's the thing that pleased me," Blohm said. "We were tentative against the zone to start but at least we hung on to the ball, got some cutters going and made them play some defense, which we didn't do last time."

Canton earned a rematch with rival Plymouth Salem in the semifinal round Tuesday at Canton. Salem won the regular-season meeting by a point, 40-39.

"I was pretty pleased with our last effort," Blohm said. "Salem has great size and is really hard to guard. Salem has a solid package, and it will be difficult for us. But the kids competed well the last time, and I think they will again. We'll just have to see what happens."

The Raiders will have a chance to even an earlier score, too, when they play at Livonia Churchill, which defeated North in the round-robin schedule, 39-28.

Perkins said Canton's run at the start of the fourth quarter "might have been the straw that broke the camel's back, but our kids didn't quit playing. They came back pretty tough in the last few minutes. We know the Chiefs would be coming after us. We played as hard as we could; it just didn't happen."

"I think we're peaking. This was a good indicator. Canton has gotten better and so have we. We'll move on from here; we're ready for the next game."

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girls didn't panic.

"The big thing was we held together and stopped it. Other times, we weren't able to do that."

King hit consecutive turnaround jumpers in the low post to restore Stevenson's lead to 28-22, and Gusek made a two-pointer plus a three-pointer to let Stevenson end the third period with a 33-22 margin.

It was 41-24 before the fourth quarter was two minutes old, and the margin was up to 20 before it reached its mid point.

"They had three baskets in the second half," Henry said. "That's pretty good defense."

Taylor led Harrison with 10 points; Ault scored seven and Colbert five as the Hawks, WIAA regular season co-champions with a 10-1 record, fell to 13-5 this season.

Gusek led Stevenson with 13 points and LeBlanc had nine. Fox, Dule and Elhendt scored eight each while King ended with six.

"We've had a great year," Mantyla said. "The kids have played hard and they've stuck together."

The season isn't over, though. For anybody.

GLENN 48, FARMINGTON 32: The

Crows sisters combined for 27 points Thursday, leading Westland John Glenn (8-10) past Farmington (1-17).

Samantha Crows, a junior forward, led all scorers with 14 points. Sister Stephanie, a freshman guard, had 13.

Stephanie Marx, a sophomore forward, had 13 for the Falcons, who trailed 29-19 at intermission.

GARDEN CITY 42, RED UNION 38: Garden City avenged an earlier loss on Thursday, posting a 42-38 victory.

Senior guard April Wright scored 13 points, grabbed five rebounds and blocked five shots for the Cougars, who improved to 7-12 overall and 3-8 in the Mega Conference White Division.

Senior forward Sarah Tubot scored 10 points and 10 rebounds with five steals and three blocks. Senior forward Mary Bullard contributed eight points.

Senior forward Laura Hillson scored a game-high 17 points, including eight in the fourth quarter, to lead RU, 8-10 overall, 4-7 in the White.

Garden City led 8-4 after one quarter and 19-16 at halftime. A 13-6 advantage in the third quarter raised the Cougars' lead to 32-22 after three quarters.

RU got as close as three points late in the fourth quarter but two free throws by Bullard with 45 seconds left helped provide the final margin.

Garden City jumped out to an 8-2 lead to start the game before IU scored seven straight to lead 9-8. A three-point shot by senior guard Wendy Hankinson gave the Cougars the lead to stay, 11-9.

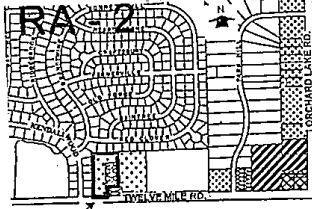
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 1998
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48338

ITEM: Planned Unit Development Plan #1, 1998

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to Planned Unit Development Plan #1, 1998, which requests the approval of the Planning Commission to permit the development of an Assisted Living Facility/Community Theater in RC-2, Multiple-Family Residential District. The property involved is located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road, east of Kendallwood Drive, and is more particularly described as follows:

Sidwell #23-10-451-001; 23-10-378-012
A part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 10, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan. Containing 3.9588.



PROPERTY CONCERNED
The applicant in this matter is Laura J. Hester, Gerald J. York Associates, Inc.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Planned Unit Development Plan request. The Planned Unit Development Plan request and the Zoning Text and Map may be reviewed at the Planning Department, City of Farmington Hills, on any business day between 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

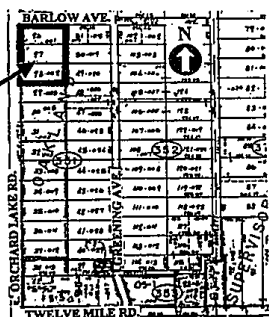
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TIME: Special Approval 74-6-98

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (Special Approval 74-6-98) which requests approval for a bank with drive-in facility in an OS-2, Planned Office Service District classification. The property involved is located at the southeast corner of Orchard Lake Road and Barlow. Sidwell #23-11-351-001 & 002. The applicant in this matter is Dean A. Johns.



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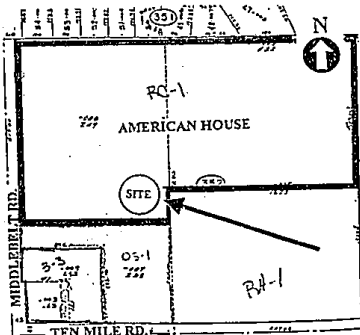
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ITEM: Special Approval 86-9-98

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (Special Approval 86-9-98) which requests Site Plan Approval for a cellular tower (replacing existing tower) in RC-1, Multiple-Family Residential District classification and recommendation to City Council for a Certificate of Need. The property involved has an address of 24400 Middlebelt Road, Sidwell #23-24-352-006. The applicant in this matter is John J. Riley, AT&T Wireless Service.



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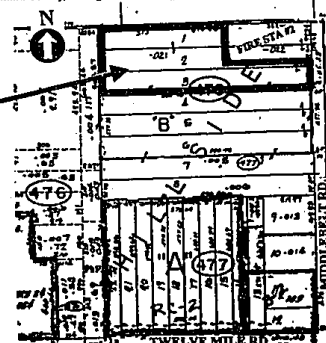
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ITEM: Cluster Site Plan 85-9-98

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to Cluster Site Plan 85-9-98, which requests the approval of the Planning Commission to utilize the Single-Family Housing Cluster Option in an RA-1, Single-Family Residential District. The property involved is located on the west side of Middlebelt Road, between Twelve and Thirteen Mile Roads, and is more particularly described as follows:

Sidwell #23-11-478-021
A part of the East 1/4 of Section 11, T1N, R9E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan. Containing 4.20 Acres.



The applicant in this matter is Sami Harb, Windmill Ridge Development Company, who seeks this approval in order to build (13) detached single-family housing units on the site.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Cluster Site Plan request. The Site Plan and the Zoning Text and Map may be reviewed at the Planning Office, City of Farmington Hills, on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

DALE A. COUNTEGAN, Director Planning,
Community and Economic Development

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Bush at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 1998. Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 207-1076.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Gushman, City Manager Laubhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

The Agenda was approved as revised.

Minutes of the Special and Regular Meetings of October 10, 1998 were approved as submitted.

Nicole Hagopian reported to Council on her experiences as a Girls State Representative.

Council recognized William S. Hartsock for his 25 years of service to the Farmington community.

Minutes of other Board were received and filed.

Council accepted the resignation of Rosemary Fitzpatrick from the Beautification Commission.

Council approved an adult crossing guard at Gill and Arundel Streets.

Council authorized a maintenance agreement for the State Street Parking Lot.

Council revised job descriptions for Department of Public Services Crew Chief positions.

Public comments were heard.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

The Financial Report: quarter Ended September 30, 1998 was received and filed.

The Department of Public Works and Water & Sewer Department Quarterly Report, July 1 to September 30, 1998 was received and filed.

Council scheduled a Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program for November 16, 1998 at 8:00 p.m.

Council approved the Monthly Payments Report for October, 1998. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

MARY L. BUSH, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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