

WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 21

Harrison at Oak Park, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

Clarenceville at Crestwood, 7 p.m.

Det. Crockett at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Seaholm at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Saturday, Dec. 26

Portage Northern Tourney, TBA.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Dec. 26

(Schoolcraft Christmas Tournament)

Conestoga vs. Waukegan, 5 p.m.

Schoolcraft vs. St. Clair, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Schoolcraft Tourney, 3 & 7 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

Saturday, Dec. 26

(Schoolcraft Christmas Tourney)

Schoolcraft vs. Elgin (Ill.), 1 p.m.

Lakeland vs. Kennedy (Ill.), 3 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Schoolcraft Tourney, 1 & 5 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Dec. 23

Churchill vs. Brother Rice

at Compuware Arena, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 27

Redford Unified at U.D. Jesuit

Tournament at City Arena, 4 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Sunday, Dec. 27

Whalers at Brampton, 6:30 p.m.

Lakers take 63-51 win from Falcons

Farmington High basketball fans will probably see junior Garlin Gilchrist on the floor a little more after his performance Thursday.

Gilchrist came off the bench to score all 12 of his points in the fourth quarter and lead his team in scoring.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, Gilchrist's effort wasn't enough to prevent West Bloomfield from claiming a 63-51 victory.

"I told Garlin he really played well," Farmington coach Denny Mikel said. "I think Garlin earned the right to get a few more minutes. He did a nice job."

Sophomore Matt Mikel scored eight points before fouling out in the third quarter. Juniors Justin Milus and Todd Anthony added seven points each for the Falcons, 1-2 overall.

Jeremy Mazur led the team with 10 rebounds. Farmington was outscored 17-9 in the second quarter but still only trailed by five at halftime, 29-24.

But the Lakers were nine points better in the third period, and a 45-31 deficit was too much for the Falcons to overcome

despite a 20-point finale. "We had a poor third quarter," coach Mikel said. "We were down five at halftime but still felt it was a ballgame."

"But then we got outscored 16-7 and now we're down 14. The good thing is we outscored them in the fourth quarter and the kids played hard."

"We had one bad quarter and we couldn't seem to get anything to go. West Bloomfield is a veteran, talented team, and they took advantage of our mistakes."

Matt Wilde scored 16 points to lead the Lakers (3-1). Brandon Grant added 11 and Randy Wexelman 10.

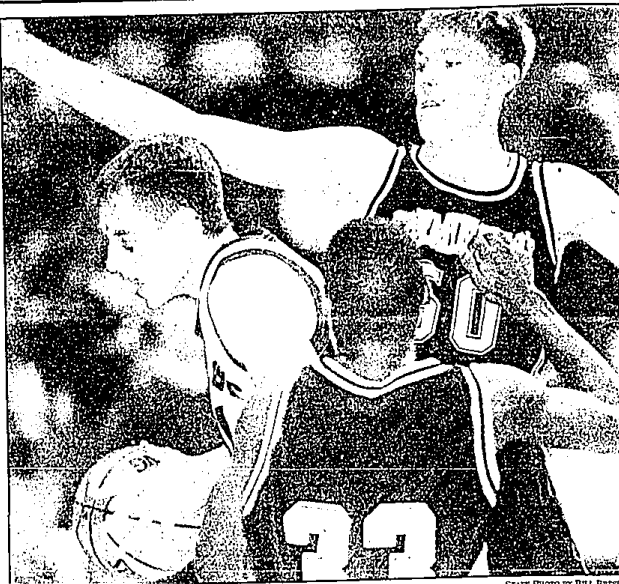
The Falcons were minus junior C.J. Whitfield, who suffered a sprained ankle Tuesday.

"We missed his quickness," Mikel said, adding Milus was not 100 percent for the same reason. "Had we been at full strength, we might have been able to give them a bit of a battle."

Farmington finishes the December portion of its schedule Tuesday with a home game against Detroit Crockett.

"We're looking to get to 2-2 before Christmas vacation," Mikel said. "The kids are positive and, being as young as we are, we're still looking for some combinations."

The Falcons sank 17 of 27 free throws, the Lakers 19 of 30.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BASKIN

Down the lane: West Bloomfield's Matthew Wilde drives past Farmington defenders Todd Anthony (33) and Brian Davies Thursday. The Lakers won the game, 63-51.

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get back in it," Palmer said. "I think the start hurt us mentally. You can't control some things, but we keep fighting through it. We're a young team and I'm not displeased with our talent, but the kids have to get some experience and go through it a couple times."

Deljosevic, who had six points in the first period, finished with 10. Junior Adrian Bridges scored nine, Kelmgian seven and Watha five.

Joe Kofahl led Milford with 11 points. Jon Jury and Mike Tobin added eight apiece and Ryan Mehal seven.

The Redskins did a better job of denying Medunjanin the ball in the second half, but that

opened up the inside for Bridges, who scored all of his points in the last two quarters. "They were switching up their zone on us, and when I got the ball they doubling down on me," said Medunjanin, who was 9-of-9 from the floor.

"He's tough," said Palmer of Medunjanin. "We didn't have a defense for him, other than to distort our defense, which would've meant leaving someone open on the perimeter and sagging."

"They were scoring from two and three feet out and going to the free-throw line. We were chucking threes because we can't get inside. Again, it was the start."

North extended its lead to 47-27 after three periods and scored the first seven points of the fourth to double the score on Milford, which outscored the Raiders over the final six minutes, 16-9.

The Raiders shot an even 50 percent for the game (25-of-50), but the Redskins made just 29 percent of their shots (14-of-48). Milford sank 10 of 12 free throws, North nine of 16.

Negoshian emphasized the Raiders also are a young team; The new coaches and players are still getting to know each other.

"We have to keep playing hard and trying to learn," he said. "We just have to keep getting better and keep getting better."

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