GIRLS BASKETBALL

Harrison wins key game, prepares for another one

Farmington Harrison earned an important victory Tuesday in girls basketball to remain near the top of the Western Lakes Activities Association standings.

With the teams tied at 29 entering the fourth quarter, the Hawks outscored visiting Walled Lake Central by five, 17-12, to gain a 46-41 win.

Harrison is 5-1 in the WLAA and tied with Walled Lake Western and Northville for second place. Plymouth Salem is in first place with a 6-0 record.

The Hawks, who are 5-7 overall, have a key game tonight when they play host to Western. Central is 4-2 and 7-5

Ayana Richmond scored a game-high 20 points for the Hawks. Maggie Condeni tossed in 10, and Jessica Condeni had six points to go with her 10 rebounds. Richmond also had three assists and three steals.

"Ayana made a lot of big shots for us," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "They pretty much denied her the ball all over the floor; they double teamed her a lot.

"When she didn't have the ball, that made it harder to get it back. She made shots with people draped all over her.

"Jessica Condeni had a big game for us, too. She competed so hard. With her effort, like Ayana, she carried us at times."

At the end of the game, Harrison was up one. Maggie Condeni made "a great interior pass" to Merrill DeRose, who sank the layup for a three-point lead with 1½ minutes left.

The Hawks went up by seven before settling for a five-point difference.

Brittany Corram and Katie Radmacher scored 11 points apiece for Central, which led at halftime, 21-17. Stephanie Koslowski added six points.

Harrison made 13 of 22 free throws, Central three of seven.

"We think Central is one of the better teams in the league," Mantyla said. "If we played well, we thought we had a good shot to beat them.

"We knew they would present some problems for us. They have good size and good athletes. We knew we had our hands full."

MARIAN 55, MERCY 50: Farmington Hills Mercy had a 10-point halftime lead Tuesday over visiting Birmingham Marian but was outscored by 15 in the second half.

The Mustangs lead the Catholic League Central Division with a 6-1 record and improved to 11-2 overall. The Marlins drop to 2-5 and 6-7.

Mercy outscored Marian in the second quarter, 19-13, and entered halftime with a 29-19 advantage.

But the Mustangs had a big third quarter, outscoring the Marlins 20-9 to take gain the lead, and were four points better in the finale, 16-14.

"We played an outstanding first half," Mercy coach Kristin Wright-Guinn said. "We played a decent second half; we just threw the ball away. We passed it to Marian like they were our own teammates.

"It came right down to the end and we threw the ball away too many times. Overall, we played a pretty good game, I thought we had them."

Deidre Jones, Whitney Johnson and Barb Maczka scored eight points apiece to lead Mercy. Jones also had 16 rebounds.

Marian's Katie Solner scored a game-high 15 points, and Konice Halloran and Flyn Pykonen had 14 each.

Solner, who made nine of 11 free throws, had 25 points the first time the teams played, but Mercy's Alex Marshall and Johnson did a good job defending her, Wright-Guinn said.

"Johnson and Marshall did a great job on defense," she said, "and Deidre was a huge help on the boards, offensively and defensively. I like to see Deidre come to play."

Marian was 25-of-32 shooting free throws, Mercy 10-of-17.

CANTON 50, N. FARMINGTON 25: In a WLAA game Tuesday at Canton, the Chiefs gradually pulled away from an outmanned North Farmington squad to post a 50-25 victory.

That win, combined with Monday's non-league, 53-44 victory at Ann Arbor Pioneer, allowed Canton to improve its overall record to 7-5; the Chiefs are 3-3 in the WLAA. North is 4-8 overall, 1-5 in the league.

"They just couldn't score," Canton coach said of the injury-depleted North team. "They defended well; we had trouble scoring for a while.

"The (Canton) kids are hanging in there; they're playing hard. Once they got through the fatigue factor early in the game, they did well."

The Chiefs led 11-6 after one quarter, pushing it to 23-13 at the half. By the end of three quarters, their lead had grown to 33-19. In the fourth they outpointed the Raiders 17-6.

Freshman forward Katie Cozat turned in a solid performance, netting 15 points and eight rebounds. Jessica Johnson contributed 12 points, Christina Redd nine and Briana Wolcott eight.

Three players scored five points apiece for North: Lindsey Hirzel, Jehan Hindo and Oyinda Obayan.

The Raiders were minus their two post players due to injury – Meghan Callahan and Catherine Audette. Furthermore, Tina Frank, the first guard off the North bench, was ill and didn't play.

"We battled them pretty good for three quarters, but we couldn't do it without those kids," North coach Tim Carruthers said.

NORTHVILLE 39, FARMINGTON 28: It was a one-point game with three minutes to play Tuesday, but host Northville pulled away to an 11-point victory.

Farmington led 10-5 after one quarter, but Northville was ahead at halftime, 17-16, and the end of three quarters, 28-22.

Julie Kimmel had 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Falcons, who are 3-3 in the WLAA and 7-4 overall.

Randin Brown added eight points and Janis Atkins 13 rebounds. Farmington made six of 12 free throws.

Emily Ott scored 14 points and Maggie Ossola 12 for the Mustangs, who are 5-1 and 8-3 overall.

W.L. WESTERN 70, JOHN GLENN 18: Kristen Burgess of Western (7-3, 5-1) outscored John Glenn all by herself, totaling 19 points. Tracy Winkler had 13 and Lauren Talbot scored 10.

GIRLS BEST SWIM TIMES

Following are the best Observerland girls swim times and diving scores. Area high school coaches can update times and scores by fax to the Observer sports department at (734) 591-7279.

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY
(Class A state cut: 1:56.78)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:51.79
North Farmington 1:54.03
Livonia Stevenson 1:54.20
Plymouth Salem 2:02.31
Westland John Glenn 2:03.20

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 2:01.19)
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:56.52
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 1:58.65
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 1:59.08
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 1:59.50
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 2:00.57
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:02.03
Monica Glowski (Salem) 2:04.01
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 2:04.61
Moira Cronin (Mercy) 2:04.75
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 2:05.24

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY
(Class A state cut: 2:17.69)
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 2:09.33
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 2:10.34
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 2:10.07
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 2:18.66
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 2:19.20
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 2:20.28
Jackie Smith (Mercy) 2:20.45
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 2:20.58
Katy Sondergaard (Stevenson) 2:20.84
Valencia Smith (N. Farmington) 2:21.56

50-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 25.39)
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 24.64
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 24.99
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 25.43
Monica Glowski (Salem) 25.46
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 25.47
Emily Howard (N. Farmington) 25.61
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 25.60
Carrie Robie (Mercy) 26.08
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 26.16
Laura Geverink (Stevenson) 26.16

DIVING
Katie Edwards (Stevenson) 237.45
Angela Arienzo (Churchill) 226.25
Allison Bentley (Ladywood) 210.65
Ashley Aquinto (Salem) 207.50
Natalie Giszewski (Stevenson) 203.65
Amanda Darling (Mercy) 189.65
Nikki Dunn (Stevenson) 184.80
Lisa Thompson (Stevenson) 177.00
Patty Ahern (Canton) 176.05

100-YARD BUTTERFLY
(Class A state cut: 1:02.29)
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 59.65
Monica Glowski (Salem) 1:01.19
Valencia Smith (N. Farmington) 1:01.54
Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:01.67
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 1:02.20
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 1:02.22
Katy Sondergaard (Stevenson) 1:02.23
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:02.40
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:03.10
Katie Stefl (Harrison) 1:03.39

200-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 55.69)
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 53.39
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 54.70
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 54.71
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 55.35
Monica Glowski (Salem) 55.84
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 56.10
Emily Howard (N. Farmington) 56.23
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 56.44
Eloise Page (Mercy) 56.45
Andrea Giczewski (Stevenson) 57.52

500-YARD FREESTYLE
(Class A state cut: 5:26.39)
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 5:09.81
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 5:17.65
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 5:22.14
Eloise Page (Mercy) 2:22.42
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 5:22.91
Katie Benedict (Mercy) 5:28.57
Jackie Wayneguite (Mercy) 5:29.15
Katie Stefl (Harrison) 5:29.67
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 5:35.03
Jessica Lis (Stevenson) 5:35.07

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(Class A state cut: 1:43.99)
Farmington Hills Mercy 1:40.59
North Farmington 1:45.12
Livonia Stevenson 1:45.87
Plymouth Salem 1:47.08
Livonia Churchill 1:52.30

100-YARD BACKSTROKE
(Class A state cut: 1:02.79)
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 59.07
Ashley Eilers (Stevenson) 1:01.68
Katie Naglick (Mercy) 1:02.44
Eloise Page (Mercy) 1:02.95
Moira Cronin (Mercy) 1:04.04
Caitlin Kelly (Mercy) 1:04.31
Stephanie Cummings (Stevenson) 1:04.34
Jackie Smith (Mercy) 1:05.03
Krystyn Peterson (John Glenn) 1:05.30
Leslie Banas (Mercy) 1:05.63

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE
(Class A state cut: 1:11.29)
Lindsi McErlean (N. Farmington) 1:08.41
Andrea Hum (Stevenson) 1:08.55
Elizabeth Garlow (Mercy) 1:09.52
Elena Milewski (Mercy) 1:10.74
Erin Cook (Stevenson) 1:12.84
Jakki Waldecker (Harrison) 1:13.02
Kristin Loridas (Mercy) 1:13.56
Julie Ward (Stevenson) 1:13.90
Kristen Wolff (N. Farmington) 1:14.82
Annette Merchant (Mercy) 1:14.86

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY
(Class A state cut: 3:49.59)
Farmington Hills Mercy 3:41.60
Livonia Stevenson 3:43.76
North Farmington 3:45.71
Plymouth Salem 3:53.75
Plymouth Canton 4:05.08

DUAL MEETS

NORTH FARMINGTON 129
FARMINGTON HARRISON 56
Oct. 4 at North Farmington

200-yard medley relay: North Farmington (Lindsi McErlean, Kristen Wolff, Valencia Smith, Emily Howard), 1:55.67; **200 freestyle:** Melissa Navas (NF), 2:00.16; **200 IM:** McErlean (NF), 2:11.16; **50 freestyle:** Howard (NF), 26.07; **diving:** Kristin Ulewicz (NF), 108.45; **100 butterfly:** Smith (NF), 1:01.70; **100 freestyle:** Howard (NF), 56.29; **500 freestyle:** Laura Bridge (FH), 5:39.92; **200 freestyle:** Harrison (Jakki Waldecker, Bridge, Ellen Doughty, Danielle Liebowitz), 1:52.35; **100 backstroke:** McErlean (NF), 1:00.10; **100 breaststroke:** Waldecker (FH), 1:12.90; **400 freestyle relay:** North Farmington (Lauren Sundquist, Angela Hanks, Jessica Sapick, Catherine Munaco), 4:03.81.

NORTH FARMINGTON 143
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 43
Oct. 8 at North Farmington

200-yard medley relay: North Farmington (Jessica Sapick, Alissa Melvin, Catherine Munaco, Sarah Reading), 2:14.16; **200 freestyle:** Valencia Smith (NF), 2:00.79; **200 IM:** Melissa Navas (NF), 2:20.57; **50 freestyle:** Lindsi McErlean (NF), 25.47; **diving:** Kristin Ulewicz (NF), 156.60; **100 butterfly:** Emily Howard (NF), 1:06.91; **100 freestyle:** Smith (NF), 56.80; **500 freestyle:** McErlean (NF), 5:22.91; **200 freestyle relay:** North Farmington (Kristen Wolff, Shayna Farber, Katie Purcell, Howard), 1:50.83; **100 backstroke:** Navas (NF), 1:08.37; **100 breaststroke:** Krystyn Peterson (JG), 1:15.87; **400 freestyle relay:** North Farmington (Lauren Sundquist, Sapick, Sarah Paske, Smith), 4:04.65.

Coach's comments: "We had several best swims and some first times for people who tried some different things," North coach Pat Duthie said. "We were pleased because some kids who've been very supportive got in the meet and had a chance to show what they can do."

Dual-meet records: North Farmington, 3-1 overall, 3-1 WLAA.

FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY 145
LIVONIA LADYWOOD 46
Oct. 8 at Eastern Michigan University

200-yard medley relay: Mercy (Jackie Smith, Elena Milewski, Emily Gallery, Sarah Schuchardt), 2:00.80; **200 freestyle:** Katie Benedict (M), 1:59.50; **200 IM:** Annette Merchant (M), 2:20.58; **50 freestyle:** Elizabeth Garlow (M), 25.56; **diving:** Amanda Darling (M), 186.80; **butterfly:** Garlow (M), 1:03.10; **100 freestyle:** Jackie Wayneguite (M), 59.62; **500 freestyle:** Colleen Coan (M), 5:41.00; **200 freestyle relay:** Mercy, 1:50.15; **backstroke:** Eloise Page (M), 1:02.95; **breaststroke:** Merchant (M), 1:14.86; **400 freestyle relay:** Mercy, 3:59.00.

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low was runner-up in the breaststroke. Naglick had two of Mercy's three third-place swims in the butterfly and backstroke. The other was by Loridas in the 500 freestyle.

While Mercy has become the team to beat in this meet, it also means the Marlins aren't real popular with the majority of spectators, according to Downs.

"It's like people expect you to win, and it's hard to have that pressure on you," he said.

Downs told his athletes, 'The only ones rooting for you are your own parents. The others are here for two reasons: To see their kids swim and to see you lose.'

"We've been lucky to have everything jell. With three relays, you're looking at 96 points – 32 each. We could have won (only the) three relays and been seventh; so you see how important they are."

Raiders are 3rd in county

North Farmington had its best finish since winning the county meet in the late 1980s.

McErlean captured first place in the individual medley and backstroke by more than two seconds over her closest competitor in each event.

"She had a terrific 200 IM and, quite honestly, was capable of swimming faster," North coach Pat Duthie said. "There was just nobody around her at the end of the race.

"When I saw her time at the 150 mark, I thought she was going to go 2:08. You go to these meets hoping somebody as outstanding as Lindsi is going to get pushed a bit.

"She stood up and did a great job. At the end of the race, she didn't have to go any faster than she did to win.

"It didn't surprise me at all that she won two. She was the fastest seed. Her backstroke time of 59.59 was her second fastest this year; so that was a real nice effort, too. But she was kind of alone in that race, too."

The Raiders also had some excellent relay swims, the best being second place in the 400 freestyle by Emily Howard, Melissa Navas, Sarah Paske and McErlean. North bettered its time by nearly three seconds.

McErlean, Kristen Wolff, Valencia Smith and Howard were third in the medley relay, and Smith, Catherine Munaco, Navas and Paske were 11th in the 200 freestyle.

"Obviously, (McErlean) can't swim the relays by herself; the other kids did a great job, too," Duthie said.

"Two who stepped up in the medley were Kristen Wolff in the breaststroke and Valencia Smith in the butterfly. They were substantially faster than they had been this year, and it made a big difference in our medley relay.

"We had very good swims from Lindsi leading off in the backstroke and Emily Howard in the freestyle. They also swam very well, but the middle two in the medley relay had some terrific relay splits."

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