

Raiders triumph over Knights; Mercy loses to Ladywood

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North Farmington earned a 41-29 victory over visiting Royal Oak Kimball in girls basketball Tuesday.

The Oakland Activities Association crossover win improved North's overall record to 2-7.

Christy Stockton scored 12 points and Brittany Pajewski 11 to lead the Raiders. Kristin McElean added eight points.

Andrea Jenkins had 11 points and Jenny Weeks eight for the Knights, who made nine of 23 free throws. The Raiders were 14-of-23 at the line.

North turned a 16-14 half-time lead into a 13-point advantage by outscoring Kimball in the third quarter,

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14-3. "The third quarter was the difference," North coach Tim Carruthers said. "We came out real focused defensively and shut them down."

"We needed to do that. We struggled to score in the first half, so we talked about how the defense would have to lead, and it finally did in the second half."

BLAZERS TOP MARLINS

Farmington Hills Mercy failed to sustain the momentum from its Friday victory over Birmingham Marian and dropped a 55-41 decision Tuesday at Livonia Ladywood.

Both teams are 2-1 in the Catholic League Central Division. The Blazers are 6-3 overall, the Marlins 5-3.

"We didn't play like we did on Friday," Mercy coach Kristin Guinn said. "We were real flat tonight."

Ruth Sventickas scored 12 of her game-high 20 points in the first quarter to start Ladywood with a 14-3 lead. The Blazers led 24-10 at halftime and 42-31 going into the final period.

"We just came out flat from the beginning," Guinn said. "We had trouble stopping Sventickas inside, and we didn't get a lot of second-chance points."

"Our rebounding tonight was poor. We didn't look to attack like we did against Marian on Friday. Our shooting percentage was

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very low."

Bethany Jury added 13 points for the Blazers and Lauren Hessano 12. Mercy's top scorer was Valisha Turner with 10; Whitney Johnson netted eight.

Erica Elliott have five points and seven rebounds for the Marlins, who made 12 of 22 free throws. The Blazers were 16-of-26 at the line.

CAPTAINS GROUND HAWKS

Senior guard Amanda Martin made five three-point baskets and scored 17 points

to lead host Waterford Kettering to a 61-33 win over Farmington Harrison.

Barb Patterson added nine points and Jessica Kim eight for the Captains, who led 27-14 at halftime after outscoring the Hawks in the second quarter, 17-8.

Kettering was ahead 42-26 at the end of three periods and outscored Harrison in the fourth, 19-7.

Jessica Condeni scored 11 points and had eight rebounds to lead the Hawks. Karen Ternes added six points and Maggie Condeni five rebounds.

"Quite honestly, they're just better than us, and we didn't play well enough to hang in there with them," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said.

"It was good work for us. They're a team that puts a lot of pressure on you. I think we played hard but not well enough to really make the game competitive."

"We hope it's a crossover game we'll get better for having played."

The Captains, who compete in the OAA Division I, are 6-3; the Hawks, members of the OAA Division II, are 5-6. Kettering sank 19 of 28 free throws, Harrison 15 of 33.

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Rice golfer co-medalist in Oak meet

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The Oakland County Boys Golf Division I Championship held Monday at the Pontiac Country Club produced a number of surprises.

Kensington Valley Conference members Novi and Milford, which had never before won an Oakland County title, placed first and second, respectively, with scores of 307 and 310. Pontiac Notre Dame Prep was third at 313. Birmingham Brother Rice, which had been struggling this season, managed a fourth-place finish (319) without the benefit of a senior in its lineup.

And, perhaps most astonishing of all, Brother Rice freshman Matt Malloure tied for medalist honors with Novi's Eric Aytes as each shot 79 on the par-72 course.

"It was a major surprise to finish that high," said second-year Brother Rice coach Chuck Christie. "We've only won one dual match and I had to hope our underclassmen would do well."

While Malloure had been playing well this year, Christie didn't expect to see his first-year linker claim top honors.

"Matt's been improving and coming on. He's getting more comfortable on the course and he's gaining more confidence each time out," said Christie. "It's not easy for a freshman to win this tournament, but he's starting to play his game."

"He's definitely a player and he's been the one guy I've been able to count on this year," he said.

Brother Rice's Alex Winkley shot 77 and also earned a medal. The other Warrior scorers included Brandon Raymond (82) and Ryan Green (85).

"I just wanted to see what the young kids could do, and to let and behold they finished fourth," said Christie. "They definitely have the potential. It's just a matter of everyone gelling at the same time."

Farmington Harrison placed sixth at 322, and Lake Orion (326), Rochester Adams (327), Walled Lake Western (327) and Bloomfield Hills Lahser (328) rounded out the top 10.

The meet's other area medalists were Clarkston's Bill Haun and Lake Orion's Jeff Belter.

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