

Falcons back on track with division win

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STAFF WRITER

The Farmington High Falcons hope they turned the corner and can soon boast of having a string of victories as opposed to defeats.

The Falcons snapped a six-game losing streak in boys basketball Friday night with a 40-28 victory over visiting Royal Oak Dondoro.

Farmington, which hadn't won since beating Harrison in the season opener, is 1-1 in the Oakland Activities Association's Division IV and 2-6 overall. Dondoro is the same.

"We were a team struggling to find our identity (at the start of the season), because we had a very limited group coming back with any type of varsity experience," Farmington coach Steve Norgrove said.

"Though we usually start three seniors, three of our starting five didn't even play last year. We just struggled to find our identity. We went back to basics."

BASKETBALL

"Losing by one at Seaholm (Tuesday) showed them how hard work pays off. We found our identity and rolled with that."

"The guys are starting to believe in what we're trying to do, and they showed a lot of poise and patience tonight."

The Falcons led 24-19 at halftime and won the game with a 12-5 advantage in the third period, which boosted their lead to 36-24.

Marcus Holman scored 11 points to lead Farmington, and Joe Green, Jeff McCullough and Tim DePaulis tossed in seven apiece.

Chris Walker netted 12 and Andrew Silenke 10 points for the Oaks, who were 7-of-16 at the line. The Falcons were 14-of-24. Farmington made eight of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter to clinch the win.

"Marcus Holman really stepped up tonight," Norgrove said. "We put in a few new sets that were geared to get him the

ball, and we rode him tonight. He was just very tenacious tonight on the boards."

"Our team has started to realize we must defend in order to win. If we can hold teams to under 40 points, we're going to win."

Raiders extend streak

North Farmington won its fourth consecutive game Friday, 53-41, over host Birmingham Seaholm in an OAA Division III encounter.

Senior guard Marcus McComb got to the gym just in time to help the Raiders win. North is 2-0 in the division and 4-4 overall.

While on a school field trip, McComb was stuck in an elevator at the auto show for more than two hours in the afternoon.

On his way home, he was stuck again in freeway traffic for an extended period of time due to an accident.

When he finally got to Seaholm, he scored 16 points and had eight rebounds, seven assists and four steals.

Junior Gary Kennedy also

scored 16 points and had six assists. Darrin Rawls contributed seven points and 14 rebounds. Robert White eight and five, respectively.

"I thought (White) and AJ Kasputis did a great job off the bench," North coach Tom Negoshian said. (Center) Sean (Mackler) was in some foul trouble, and the bench came through for us."

Kyle Wood scored 11 points and Charlie Billingsley eight for the Maples, who made five of 11 free throws. The Raiders, who led 28-19 at halftime and 43-30 after three quarters, were 11-of-13 at the line.

Captains defeat Hawks

Junior guard Justin Switzer pumped in a game-high 26 points to lead visiting Waterford Kettering to a 69-45 win over Farmington Harrison Friday.

Scott Barkowink added 15 points for the Captains, who jumped out to a 19-3 lead after one quarter and had a safe lead throughout the game.

Kettering was up 35-17 at half-time and 52-30 after three

periods.

Junior guard Brandon Giles had 10 points and six assists to lead the Hawks. Junior guard Dan Williams added seven points, senior guard Andy Wingert six and senior guard Eric Zatklin five. Junior forward Reggie Anderson had four rebounds and Giles three.

Kettering was 14-of-23 shooting free throws, and Switzer alone was 8-of-12. Harrison made 12 of 25 free throws.

The Captains are 1-1 in the OAA Division III and 4-4 overall. The Hawks are 0-2 and 1-7.

Pilots ground Shamrocks

The Novak brothers combined for 61 of Warren DeLaSalle's 79 points as the visiting Pilots stopped Redford-Detroit Catholic Central, 79-75.

Joe Novak led the way with 39 points and John Novak had 22 to lead the Pilots, who were 26-of-31 from the free-throw line.

Jared Henderson led CC with 22 points while Dan Waterstradt added 19.

OUTDOOR CALENDAR ACTIVITIES

FISH BUDDIES FISHING CLUB

The Fish Buddies Fishing Club meets the third Tuesday of each month in Rochester. Meetings are open to all anglers, boaters and non-boaters. Call Harold Lelder at (248) 656-0556 for more information.

OAKLAND COUNTY SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION

The Oakland County Sportfishing Association meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month at the Drayton Plains Nature Center, 2125 Denby, Drayton Plains. Call (248) 693-4389 or visit the club's web site at <http://spotfishing.com> for more information.

DOWNRIVER BASS ASSOCIATION

The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain (4100 Pardee Road) in Taylor. For more information, call Ron Fodor at (734) 676-2863 or send an e-mail to river-rat122@home.com.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843 or send him an e-mail at judej@aol.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON
Orthodontics
by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.
ADULT PATIENTS

Yes, the majority of patients who undergo orthodontic treatment are youngsters, but their parents are catching up. In fact, at least 20 percent of orthodontic patients in North America are 18 years old and older. And about 75% of this number are women. This is largely a recent phenomenon. In fact, the American Association of Orthodontists did not even keep track of its adult patients until a little over two decades ago. Now, they expect their number to keep rising, owing to the fact that more adults are coming to realize the health benefits that come from orthodontic treatment. These include better chewing


ability, relief from TMJ pain, and improved oral hygiene. Of course, an attractive smile also counts.

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SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m.

Council Present: Bates, Barnett, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McIlroe and Oliverio.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Assistant to the City Manager Adenowaska, Directors Biase, Countegnan, Loxley and Reech, City Attorney Joppich and Planning Consultant DeBrienc.

CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Recognized the City's Outstanding Employees for 2002 and Police Officer and Firefighter of the Year.
- Acknowledged the passing of Sidney Alexander and his years of contributions to the City on various Boards, Commissions and Committees.
- Presented Proclamations in honor of:
 - Retiring 47th District Court Judge, Frederick Harris
 - Retiring Farmington City Manager, Frank Lauff
 - Jayvees Week - January 19-25, 2003.
- Received presentation on Developmental Assets.

APPROVED:

- Landscape plan for the Kirkway Ravines residential development.
- Resolution in support of city funding from the Oakland County Environmental Infrastructure Fund.
- Resolution authorizing Refunding of the Oakland County Pebble Creek and Caddell Drain Bonds.
- Contract for dirt and debris hauling to Jackie's Transport in the amount of \$67,250.00.
- City Council Regular and Study Session meeting minutes of December 9th and 16th, 2002.
- Entering into executive session immediately following the regular meeting to discuss land acquisition.

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