

HOOPS

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deficit after one quarter to lead at halftime, 21-19, and the end of three periods, 37-29.

The Falcons outscored the Vikings in the fourth, 17-5. Hazel Park didn't have a field goal in the final eight minutes and scored its last five points at the free throw line.

"Once again it was defense," Norgrove said. "We pride ourselves on good solid defense, and we're a tough team to beat because we're so strong defensively."

"We're athletic; we get in the passing lanes, and we have a very good weakside rotation in our defense. Teams really struggle to score, and it shows in the second half. They really wear down."

Georgio Holt scored 14 points to lead the Falcons, who were 5-of-9 at the line. Matt Okopny and Marcus Holman added seven points apiece, Danny Preston and Jeff McCullough six each.

Hazel Park had one player in double figures — T.J. Crawford with 17 points. The Vikings made nine of 11 free throws.

After losing six in a row following a season-opening win, the Falcons are starting to come around and develop into the team Norgrove envisioned. "They're really come together as a team," he said. "They're not worried about individuality. They're only worried about their wins and their losses."

"Right now the players are proud to wear Farmington on their chests, and we take that into every game. (Opponents aren't) going to beat one or two guys on our team; they have to beat all of them."

Big win for Raiders

North Farmington increased its lead in the OAA's Division III to two games Tuesday night when it won at Oak Park, 53-52.

The Raiders, who won their seventh consecutive game, are 5-0 in the division and 7-4 overall. The Knights are 3-2 and 4-5.

"It was a great win for us," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "Oak Park is a very good team, very talented and very well coached. The kids hung in there and made some good plays."

"We've got another game to play Friday. That's what the kids all talked about again tonight."

The Raiders aren't about to get complacent and be content with a two-game lead in the division standings, he added.

"I don't think there are any laurels to rest on," Negoshian said. "We could very easily have lost tonight and to Kettering."

"We had a few things bounce our way. We're going to work hard and get in the gym again tomorrow."

North had quarter leads of 15-8, 30-23 and 44-40, but Oak Park managed to make it close at the end.

With the score tied at 52, the Knights missed a shot and were called for an over-the-back foul with one and a half seconds remaining.

Gary Kennedy hit the second of two free throws to give the Raiders their winning margin.

Oak Park had one final chance, tossing a length-of-the-court pass, which was caught by one of the Knights, who put the ball off the side of the backboard as time ran out.

Sean Mackler scored 16 points and had six rebounds to lead North. Marcus McComb and Kennedy tossed in 13 points each.

McComb also had seven rebounds and five steals, Kennedy five rebounds and four assists.

Robert White, Matt Leach, Matt Clark, Darrin Rawls and Al Knaputis also played well and contributed to the victory, according to Negoshian.

The Raiders, who missed seven free throws in the fourth quarter, were 11-of-23 at the line. The Knights made four of eight free throws.

Lahser lassos Harrison

Nick Fritz helped to give host Bloomfield Hills Lahser the lead and eventually a 58-50 victory over Farmington Harrison Tuesday. Fritz, who finished with a game-high 17 points, hit five three-point shots, including four in a row in the all-important second quarter.

The Knights erased a 15-12, first-quarter deficit by outscoring the Hawks in the second,

22-12. Lahser was ahead going into the fourth, 48-40.

Anthony Williams and Steve Hill contributed 15 points apiece for the Knights, who are 3-2 in the OAA Division III and 9-2 overall.

Harrison's high scorers were Brandon Giles with 15 points and Stefan Burbridge with 12. Andy Wingert and Dan Williams added nine each.

Scott Campbell and Burbridge pulled down five rebounds apiece for the Hawks (0-5, 1-10). Eric Zatkun had five assists, Giles and DeAnte

Thompkins three each; Wingert and Giles had three steals.

Each team made seven free throws. Lahser attempted 16 and Harrison 13.

Garrant leads Trojans

Livonia Clarenceville's Glenn Garrant was late for the bus and missed the first five minutes of Tuesday's 62-59 boys basketball win at Hamtramck.

But the 6-foot-7 senior made up for lost time, scoring a career-high 30 points and along with 18 rebounds and

nine blocks as Clarenceville improved to 8-4 overall and 4-1 in the Metro Conference.

Garrant, averaging 24.6 points per game, helped the Trojans overcome a 38-36 half-time deficit. He overcame foul trouble after going to the bench with his fourth foul with five minutes to go.

Clarenceville won despite hitting only 10 of 31 free throws, including three of 12 in the final period.

Pete Shaw added eight points for the Trojans, while Andrew Shaw and transfer Jason

Robinson had six apiece.

Nick Dockery, a 6-foot-4 swingman, led Hamtramck (2-7, 2-1) with 30 points. The Cosmos were only 9-of-19 from the foul line.

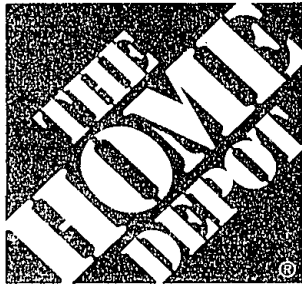
"We played sloppy; we seem to play down to some teams' levels," Clarenceville coach Kevin Murphy said.

REDFORD CC 64, UD-JESUIT 58: Catholic Central took the lead in the first quarter and hung on down the stretch to stop Catholic League Central Division co-leader University of Detroit-Jesuit Friday,

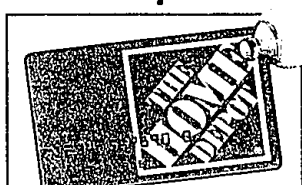
knocking the Cubs from first place.

CC held a 17-13 led in the first, but U-D (10-4, 4-2) trimmed it to 27-24 at half. The Shamrocks padded the lead to 47-40 after the third, but the Cubs could only cut into it by a point in the fourth. It didn't hurt the Shamrocks, going 12-of-13 from the line in the fourth quarter.

Dave Herberholz led the Shamrocks (6-6, 3-3 Central) with 24 points, while Jim Cash added 18. Robert Williams-Hinton led the Cubs with 29.



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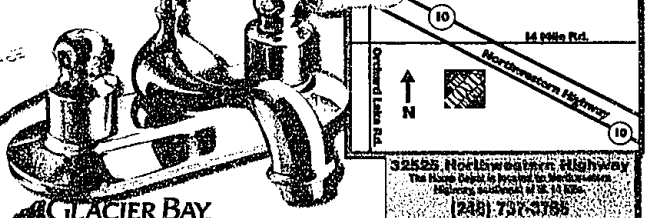


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