

Free throw dooms Harrison

With no time remaining on the clock Plymouth Canton forward Brian Stemberger walked calmly to the foul line and sank two free throws to ice a thrilling 61-59 victory for the Chiefs over Farmington Harrison Friday night.

The game was marked by two technical fouls charged to the Canton Five, but at the end the Plymouth team managed to overcome an 11 point deficit and win the Western Six league game.

Stemberger led the Chief scoring with 15 points, the final two coming after he stole the ball with four seconds left in the game and the score tied 56-58. Joe Wald and Ron Lack scored 12 points each for the winners.

The Harrison Hawks were led in the scoring column by six-foot-four junior Mark Brozek with 21 points. Center Bob Mason added 19 and Mike Styles 11.

The Hawks nearly blew the Chiefs off the floor in the first quarter coming out in a full court press that caused the Plymouth team to make a half-dozen turnover. With Mason and

Brozek hitting the nets for 21 points, the Harrison quintet pulled away to a 32-13 first quarter lead.

Plymouth coach E. Cavell made some lineup changes and his team settled down and trailed by just four points, 36-31, at the half.

In the third quarter Stemberger, and then coach Cavell drew technical fouls for disrupting the referees calls, but Plymouth's tough 2-1-2 defense held Farmington to just 10 points and the quarter ended with the score deadlocked 45-45.

In the final quarter the lead changed hands several times before the Hawks pulled ahead 59-55 with less than two minutes remaining to be played. Chief forward Tom Close narrowed the margin 59-57 converting a free throw and Ron Lack followed up his own rebound to tie the count 59-59 with 34 seconds left in regulation time. That set the stage for the steal by Stemberger and the game winning free throw.

Farmington outshot the Chiefs from the floor, hitting on 39 percent of their attempts to Canton's 50 percent.

Plymouth outrebounded the Hawks 24 to 28.

Winning coach "Coney" Cavell credited his team with sticking to the game after a disastrous first quarter of play. Plymouth switched from a zone to a tough man-to-man defense and successfully kept the Hawks big men from penetrating the key. Offensively Canton then got rolling and began cutting away at Harrison's lead.

Plymouth got good all around scoring with eight players breaking into the scoring column. At the foul line the shooting left much to be desired as Canton was able to convert on only 11 of 22 charity tosses and Farmington hitting on 15 of 38. Farmington Harrison is now 7-4 for the season.

Plymouth with nine juniors dominating the team and with ten players standing at six-feet-four or taller should be a definite threat to future league action.

PLYMOUTH CANTON (61): Close 2, 1-4, 3; Mason 1, 0-2, 2; Wald 6, 0-2, 1; Edwards 2, 1-2, 1; Thomas 2, 2-4, 0; Lack 6, 0-4, 1; Stemberger 4, 7-10, 2; Osburn 2, 0-4, 2. Totals: 25, 11-22, 61.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (59): Otto 4, 1-4, 1; Lopez 1, 0-4, 2; Mason 4, 1-4, 1; Styles 5, 1-2, 1; Brozek 5, 5-7, 2; Stemberger 1, 0-1, 2; Wick 6, 1-2, 1; Stetlich 1, 0-1, 2. Totals: 22, 15-38, 59.

PLYM. CANTON..... 22 19 14 14-41
FARM. HARRISON..... 22 12 10 14-39

Falcons nip Pontiac Northern

The high-flying Farmington Falcons hung on to nip the Huskies from Pontiac Northern, 61-60, behind Burt Herzog's eight point last quarter heroics.

Herzog, who finished the night with 10 points, led Farmington to a 21 point final quarter. The Falcons had trailed in the third quarter by as much as 13 points.

Dave Taylor and Bryon Stelous were high scorers for the Farmington cagers with 18 and 14 points respectively.

FOR THE PONTIAC school the duo of Threlkeld and Green combined for 32 points, but it wasn't enough to catch the Falcons. Northern lost three players on fouls and Farmington picked up 23 points on the charity line that proved to be the difference in the ballgame.

The Falcons shot a respectable 47 per cent from the floor with the Huskies hitting slightly over 40 per cent. In

rebounds the taller Pontiac team held a wide 38-28 margin on the boards. But Farmington's slow-down brand of basketball coupled with its stalwart 1-2 defense proved the winning formula.

In the reserve basketball game played before the varsity contest, Pontiac Northern ran over Farmington's JV, 67-39.

Farmington's next game is at Waterford Friday against Waterford High.

FARMINGTON (61): Taylor 5-6-10-18; Thomas 4-6-11; Stelous 5-4-5-16; Herzog 4-2-6-10; Milhizer 1-4-6-6; Schult 0-4-4-4. Totals: 19-23-36-61.

PONTIAC NORTHERN (60): Lewis 3-4-4-4; Threlkeld 6-4-5-16; Henderson 2-2-4-4; Hayward 2-4-4-4; Green 2-4-1-1; Cosby 1-4-4-2; Payne 0-2-3-2; Armster 3-4-4-4. Totals: 25-41-60-60.

FARMINGTON..... 16 11 13 21-61
PONTIAC NORTHERN..... 20 18 8 14-40

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Lathrup beats Groves, 77-57

The difference between Southfield Lathrup's basketball team and that of Birmingham Groves was as obvious as day and night Friday.

Or hot and cold for that matter.

The Chargers shot a blistering 55 per cent compared to only 32 per cent for Groves and took a 77-57 decision.

Groves hung tough for one quarter, trailing by only three at the start of the second stanza, but it was all Lathrup from there on in. The Chargers tough 2-1-2 defense caused 21 turnovers as Lathrup built a 25 point lead after one minute of the fourth quarter and threw in the subs.

Tom O'Rourke was the big man for the Chargers, tossing in 19 points to lead all scorers. John Harding and Ron Silverstein added 14 each.

Lathrup held a slim 24-23 margin in the rebounding department.

John Harrison's 14 points was tops for the Falcons.

Lathrup's reserve team also came away victorious, edging Groves 60-38.

LATHRUP (77): Harding 7, 0-4, 1; O'Rourke 7, 5-4, 19; Silverstein 7, 0-4, 14; Hawthorne 4, 2-2, 18; Johnston 2, 0-4, 6; Frackleton 1, 2-3, 3; Hart 1, 0-4, 2; Bacimbi 2, 0-4, 4; Wiescek 0, 1-2, 1; Wilson 1, 2-2, 4; Harwood 1, 0-4, 2. Totals 32, 11-14, 77.

GROVES (57): Harrison 6, 2-2, 16; Zigmund 3, 0-4, 12; Petrasch 1, 0-4, 2; Segel 1, 0-1, 0; Petruski 0, 0-4, 0; Dickerson 1, 0-1, 2; Bialista 2, 0-4, 11; Finger 3, 4-4, 19; Bauer 2, 1-2, 5; Misavage 0, 2-2, 2. Totals 21, 15-22, 57.

LATHRUP..... 15 24 18 20 - 77
GROVES..... 12 14 11 20 - 57

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