

Harrison drops key WSL game

Livonia Churchill wrapped up its fifth Western Sixth League conference title in six years with a 59-50 victory over Farmington Harrison at Harrison last Friday night. Had Harrison won the game, the two teams would have tied for first place with one league game remaining.

The victory lifted Churchill to 10-8 overall and 7-1 in the league. The loss dropped the Harrison Hawks to 10-6 overall and to 6-2 in the WSL.

The game was undecided in the first three quarters as the lead bounced from Harrison ahead at the end of the first quarter (16-13), to Churchill after the second (27-26), and back to Harrison (40-39) at the end of the third quarter.

Churchill coach Pat Montagan's team grabbed the lead in the final quarter when it shot 67 per cent from the field to Harrison's 38 per cent. Churchill added 20 points in the fourth quarter; Harrison only managed to add 10.

Churchill's overall shooting percentage from the field was 52 per cent (26

of 50). Harrison coach Bob Sutter's team only made 22 of 59 from the field for 37 per cent.

Churchill also outshot Harrison at the free throw line with 47 per cent to the Hawk's 20 per cent and out rebounded the losers 38-32.

Harrison's Paul Butkunas took game honors with 23 points, sinking 22 from the field. Teammate Paul Valaj added seven. Churchill's Tom Bay and John Jameson scored 20 points and 18 respectively.

Harrison travels to Farmington Tuesday (Feb. 22). The nonleague game begins at 8 p.m.

Churchill plays next at Walled Lake Western on Friday (Feb. 23). The MSL game starts at 8 p.m.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL (59) - HARRISON (50)	
LIVONIA CHURCHILL (59): Larry Davis 3, 6, 6; Dave Spies 1, 12; John Jameson 8, 22, 14; Tom Bay 25, 60, 20; Paul Emery 3, 23, 8; Ron Nutter 1, 12, 1; Totals: 26, 715, 39	
FARMINGTON HARRISON (50): Paul Valaj 1, 6, 7; Larry Papp 2, 6, 4; Paul Butkunas 11, 13, 22; Bryant Gilbert 1, 6, 2; Greg Mearns 3, 6, 6; Bert Barsch 1, 6, 2; John Caba 3, 6, 4; Totals: 31, 210, 30; Points: Harrison 50, Churchill 59	
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 10 16 12 29 -59	HARRISON 16 19 14 10 -50

Raiders triumph

Leading virtually all the way, North Farmington Friday night defeated Garden City East, 65-53, to remain in solid contention for the Northwest Suburban League basketball championship.

Mark Bentley, a forward, scored 21 points for the winners. Mike Garcia added 17 and Mark Thompson 12. East's Dan Loacano popped in 22 to lead all shooters.

"North played an extremely good ball game tonight," said East coach Billy Joe Young. The Raiders hit at a rate of 55 per cent from the field to 40 per cent for East and Young said that was the big difference.

"We had the shots but we didn't hit them," the Panthers' coach said. "Shooting is all important. If you don't hit the hoop you won't score points."

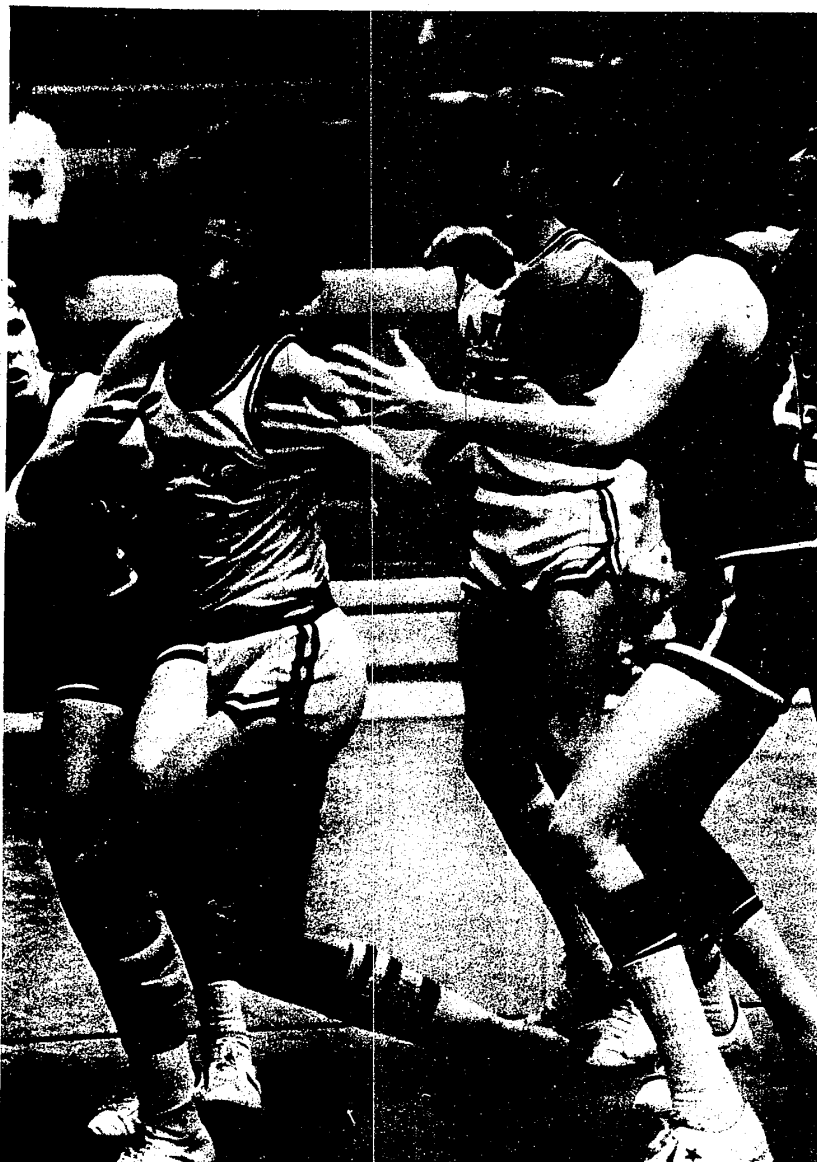
Young said the Panthers' fate was

all but sealed when their two biggest starters—Dave McCall and Phil Emery—fouled out in the fourth quarter. East was in striking range at the time, but subsequently fell out of contention.

The Raiders also won the JV game, 63-53.

North Farmington next swings into action tomorrow night, hosting Waterford Kettering, while East hosts Westland John Glenn the same evening.

NORTH FARMINGTON-CC EAST	
Mark Farnagosa 18; Robbie Henderson 1, 6, 2; Brian Kaplan 1, 6, 2; Mike Garcia 3, 12, 17; Mark Thompson 3, 23, 17; Mike Zimba 1, 5, 1; Mark Bentley 7, 32, 21; Harold Beardsley 2, 6, 4; Mike Thompson 0, 6, 2; Mark Buhl 0, 6, 2; Totals: 27, 615, 42	
Garden City East (51): Bob Davis 2, 2, 6; Joe Emery 1, 2, 2; Steve Topolan 8, 6, 1; Jim Darian 3, 2, 5; Mark Barkman 1, 6, 2; Dan Loacano 16, 22, 22; Dave McCall 1, 13, 7; Greg McGowan 1, 6, 2; Phil Emery 2, 6, 4; Totals: 22, 19, 23	
Total Points: North Farmington 65, East 53; Fouled out: McCall, P. Emery and Beardsley	
N. Farmington 16 19 17 13 -65	CC East 15 14 14 11 -53



Harrison cagers John Cable (32) and Bert Barsch (30) battle for a rebound against Churchill. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Farmington tops Lakeland, 63-51

Farmington High sprinted to a 29-18 halftime lead and went on to take a 63-51 victory over Milford Lakeland in an Inter Lakes League basketball game last Friday on Farmington's court.

The win upped Farmington's overall record to 10-7 and its league mark to 4-4.

Farmington coach Bruce Brown's team dominated throughout the game. The closest Lakeland over got to the

Falcons was when the first quarter ended at 9-6.

Four Farmington players scored in the double figures. Rick Milhizer connected for 15 points and Joe Soronen hit for 14. Bob Finnell and Rick McKibben added 12 and 10 respectively. Finnell, Milhizer and Soronen also each grabbed 14 rebounds to help Farmington dominate the boards.

Mark Brodie scored 15 points for Lakeland to the Milhizer for game

honors. Teammate Bob Kimsal added 11 points.

"Our defense was really strong and the offense moved the ball really well," said Brown. "And Randy Meyer, who came in for the second half, assisted like mad."

Farmington hosts Harrison next on Tuesday (Feb. 22). The nonleague game begins at 6 p.m.

FARMINGTON-LAKELAND	
FARMINGTON (63): Bob Finnell 4, 14, 11; Rick Milhizer 5, 15, 12; Joe Soronen 7, 10, 14; Dan Kimsal 4, 14, 11; Rick McKibben 4, 22, 10; Dave Koenig 8, 11, 1; Totals: 29, 623, 42	
MILFORD LAKELAND (51): Matt Brodie 8, 23, 10; Craig Brody 4, 8, 4; Bob Duff 1, 5, 7; Bob Kimsal 2, 12, 11; Jerry Mearns 1, 6, 4; Dave Vancomber 2, 6, 4; Steve Barkow 0, 2, 1; Totals: 25, 11-31, 31; Total Fouls: Farmington 19, Lakeland 15	
FARMINGTON 16 19 17 11 -63	LAKELAND 12 11 19 7 -51

Lakers win in OT

It took the Lakers an overtime period to get the lead, but they went on to beat Milford 64-63, at West Bloomfield Feb. 18.

Kevin Kowalski hit a shot from the free-throw line with one second left in regulation to tie up the score at 63-61. From there on in, it was all West Bloomfield as they scored the only five points in the overtime victory.

Dave Guidot hit on a lay-up in the overtime for the go-head points. Then Raul Fajardo hit the front end on a one-and-one, making the score 66-63.

Guidot picked up a crucial rebound after the one-and-one and Kowalski was fouled on the ensuing offensive play. He missed his shots at the free-throw line but Guidot grabbed the rebound. Mike Gass hit a jumper from the free-throw line at the buzzer for the final score.

"It was a total team effort," said Laker coach Al Dicken. "We were down by three with 30 seconds left and Brian Lowman blocked a key shot. "Lowman played one of his best ball games," said Dicken. "He blocked that shot and he shot well, hitting on seven of nine from the field. "Also we had key ball playing from Tom D'Agostino," said Dicken. "He was three for four from the field and he did a nice job bringing the ball up

the court and got us into our offense."

WEST BLOOMFIELD would've blown the game out of the court if it wasn't for the free throw shooting on both teams. Milford hit on 25 of 37 free throw attempts, while West Bloomfield managed only eight of 19 at the free-throw line.

"If we shot some free throws we would've put them away," said Dicken. "We didn't have a good game at the line. Milford was making all their free throws until their last ones. They missed the crucial ones."

Guidot was the big man on the boards for West Bloomfield hauling down 14 rebounds. West Bloomfield as a team pulled down 34 rebounds. Kowalski was high scorer for the Lakers with 17 points, followed by Lowman with 14. The high scorer for the night was Dan McMillion, hitting 20 points for Milford.

The game seared throughout the first quarter until Milford took the lead in the second quarter. West Bloomfield trailed by one to five points throughout the game until the end. Milford led by one at halftime, 34-33.

The Lakers are 3-4 in the Greater Oakland Athletic League, and 6-12 overall. They have two games remaining on their schedule. Feb. 22 they're at Southfield-Lathrup and Feb. 25 they entertain Rochester.

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