Harrison tops North

Upshaw paces Hawks

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Reggie Upshaw came off the bench to score 23 points and lead Farmington Harrison to a 57-54 win over North Farmington Friday at North.

Neither team had more than a three-point lead after the first quarter. With less than three minutes left in the contest, North's Rex Baker banked in a short shot off a rebound to give the Raiders a 53-51 lead.

But Harrison rallied, as D.J. Hochstein pumped in a short jumper to knot the score, then junior guard Goran Vasovski and Upshaw followed with baskets to put Harrison in command with 49 seconds left, 57-54. Mark Bowditch hit one of two free throws in the final seconds for North's final point.

Upshaw proved to be the difference in the foul-filled game. Both coaches were forced to go to their benches early, as Harrison was called for nine fouls in the first quarter and North for six.

The biggest blow for North, however, came when center Brian Bowditch was called for his third foul at the 3:51 mark of the opening quarter. Bowditch was in and out of the game after that and finally fouled out with 7:03 remaining in the contest. He scored only five points.

"We only got six minutes of play out of our best kid," North coach Ken Dean said concerning Bowditch's early trouble. "That had to be the difference. You take 6-6 (Bowditch's height) off the floor and we don't have much height."

HARRISON HAD its share of foul problems as well. Forward Brian Burgess fouled out with 5:32 remaining in the game, and forward Mike Cleary followed Burgess to the bench with 3:24 left. But the Hawks got a strong showing from its supporting cast, most notably Upshaw.

The 6-foot-1½ junior swingman entered the game at the seven-minute mark of the second quarter and scored 11 points in the rest of the period to rally the Hawks to a 30-26 halftime edge.

Upshaw added 12 points in the final half, six in each quarter, along with 13 rebounds, two blocked shots, two steals and three assists to spark Harrison. His dominating presence was a surprise to both coaches.

"He (Upshaw) never played organized ball before this," Hawk coach Mike Teachman said when asked why he kept Upshaw on the bench for the first quarter.

"He didn't do things exactly like they were planned, but his talent made up for it."

Harrison jumped to a 10-2 lead early in the first quarter, but North rallied to go ahead 11-10 on a pair of free throws by Pete Gosselin with 24 seconds left. Harrison's Steve Shanbom gave Harrison the lead after one quarter with two foul shots, 12-11.

The rest of the game belonged to Upshaw and North's Baker. Baker netted 13 first half points and kept the Raiders alive with 20 points in the contest. He was the only player to score in double figures for North. Upshaw was the lone player in double figures for Harrison.

Harrison travels to Oak Park while North hosts Walled Lake Central Tuesday.

HARRISON 57 — NORTH 54

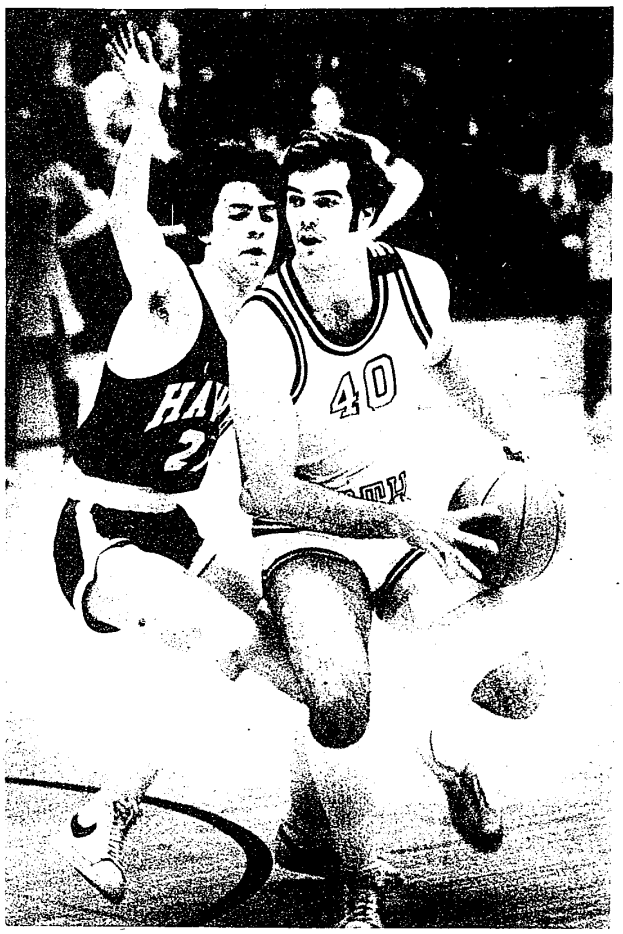
FARMINGTON HARRISON (57) — D.J. Hochstein 1, 1-2, 3; Mike Tetreault 2, 2-4, 6; Mike Cleary 2, 0-1, 4; Goran Vasovski 2, 3-5, 7; Brian Burgess 2, 2-3, 6; Steve Shanbom 0, 4-4, 4; Ted Kalligros 0, 4-4, 4; Reggie Upshaw 10, 3-4, 23; Bruce Yeager 0, 0-1, 0. TOTALS — 19, 19-28, 57.

NORTH FARMINGTON (54) — Brian Bowditch 2, 2-2, 6; Mark Bowditch 3, 2-4, 8; Pete Gosselin 0, 2-6, 2; Rich Nutter 2, 0-1, 4; Rex Baker 8, 4-8, 20; Tom Rennard 3, 1-3, 7; Jim Franchi 0, 1-2, 1; Matt Ruud 1, 4-4, 6. TOTALS — 19, 16-30, 54.

TOTAL FOULS — Harrison 25, North 22. FOULED OUT: Bowditch (NF), Cleary (FH), Burgess (FH).

HARRISON	12	18	9	18	—57
N. FARMINGTON	11	15	14	14	—54

Harrison's Reggie Upshaw (13) scored 23 points and pulled down 13 rebounds.



Rich Nutter of North Farmington drives on Harrison's Goran Vasovski. (Staff photos by Randall Borst)

Farmington drops opener

Livonia Bentley had balanced scoring and a height advantage last Friday in its 61-57 victory over Farmington High in the boys' basketball opener for both squads.

Kurt Thorderson and Ed Boris combined for 41 points for the winners. Thorderson, a 6-foot-4 forward, led both teams with 24 points on 10 field goals and four of five free throws. Boris added 17 on seven field goals and three free throws. Craig Evans chipped in with nine.

Ron Sarcevich led Farmington with 16 points. Jerry Liphardt scored 12, and teammate Jeff McGrath added 11 and grabbed nine rebounds.

Farmington trailed by just one point (31-30) at halftime but came back to take a three-point (45-42) advantage after the third quarter. Bentley outscored Farmington 16-9, in the final quarter.

"Bentley is a little taller and it began to show in the fourth quarter," said Farmington coach Rich Roy.

Farmington won the reserve game, 63-59, as Paul Kobel scored 15 points.

Farmington plays next on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at home against Northville High. Game time is 8 p.m.

BENTLEY 61 — FARMINGTON 57

LIVONIA BENTLEY (61) — Kurt Thorderson 10, 4-5, 24; Ed Boris 7, 3-4, 17; Craig Evans 3, 3-5, 9; Bob Ellis 1, 1-2, 3; John Kilger 4, 0-2, 8. TOTALS: 25, 11-19, 61.

FARMINGTON HIGH (57) — Ron Sarcevich 8, 0-0, 16; Jeff McGrath 5, 1-2, 11; Jerry Liphardt 5, 2-2, 12; Bill Lehman 3, 0-3, 6; John Dunn 2, 0-0, 4; Steve Rutkowski 1, 0-0, 2; Doug Parker 3, 0-0, 6. TOTALS: 27, 3-7, 57.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 12, Bentley 12. FOULED OUT: None.

BENTLEY	9	22	14	16	—61
FARMINGTON	8	22	18	9	—57

C.J.'s Side

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Hey Santa, take note

Dear Santa,

Geez, it hardly seems like another year has passed, huh Santa ol' boy? But it has, so get ready, my Christmas list is on its way.

You may notice that this isn't as long as last year's list. The reason for the cutback was simple: two typed pages wouldn't be quite as overwhelming as last year's 18-page transcript.

Did you notice, Santa? After 20 years of sending lists to you, there's been a change in me. I mean, I actually cut down on my list so that it wouldn't be so tiresome for you. What the heck, I figured there are other people in the world you have to take care of, too.

Also, this year I included with my list some requests for other people. I've had occasion to work with these folks for the past couple of years and some need help more than others, Santa. But I'll leave it to your judgment as to who deserves what.

LARRY BAKER, Our Lady of Mercy basketball coach — Perhaps some less exciting basketball for this guy, Santa. He's still pretty young, but the gray hairs can't be far off, the way his teams keep getting involved in those thrillers.

STEVE EMERT, new Walled Lake Central boys' basketball coach — More exciting basketball. That's what he needs. He's taking over a Central team that was 1-20 last year, and he could use the help. It doesn't have to be wins, just make them exciting losses.

DEBBY WOCHNA, North Farmington girls' basketball coach — A win, plain and simple. For the second straight year, North's girls failed to win a game. The closest they came was about 30 points. You may have to consult with the Big Man on this one, Santa, 'cause it might take a miracle.

RICH ROY, Farmington boys' basketball coach — How about Tim Andree? He would have gone to Farmington four years ago, but instead he opted for Birmingham Brother Rice. A player of his caliber comes around once in a lifetime, and was robbed of his chance to coach him.

JOHN HERRINGTON, Farmington Harrison football coach — Two points. That's all he would have needed to have an undefeated season this year and go to the state playoffs.

GEORGE HOUTTEKIER, North Farmington football star — George really doesn't need too much, Santa. Every newspaper in the Detroit area named him to their All-State team — every paper but ours. For some reason, the coaches voted him to the second squad. Explain it to his dad, will ya, Santa?

RON HOLLAND, North Farmington football coach — Another decade like the one that's about to expire. Ron didn't do too badly in this one. State champs in 1970, state runners-up in '78 and always in the Northwest Suburban League title hunt. The only coach to win O&E Coach of the Year honors for two different sports, and in the same year — football and track in 1978.

HAL BEARDSLEY, Farmington football coach — Something different in the next decade. Hal took Farmington to its first Inter Lakes League championship in 17 years in 1975, but in the last two seasons his teams have won only three games.

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