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Surging Hawk cagers make bid for WSL title

By BRAD EMONS

A valid contender emerged in the Western Six League basketball race Friday night.

Farmington Harrison signaled a warning to its fellow members after posting a 60-59 victory at Plymouth Canton. The Hawks are 3-1 in league play and 5-3 overall. Canton, the defending champ, fell to 2-2 and 4-5 overall.

January has been a good month for the Hawks, who have yet to lose in four starts. It was also Harrison's third consecutive road win.

"It's the first time we've been a contender this late," said Harrison's fourth-year coach, Mike Teachman. "We've never won here since they built this gym."

The Hawks acted like they owned the place in the first three quarters. They pretty much controlled things until Canton made a furious rally in the final three minutes.

The visitors squandered a 10-point lead, but held on in the final two minutes despite missing five straight free throws.

A basket by Sean Houle with 28 seconds to go cut the Hawks' advantage to 60-57. But after three missed Hawk free throws, Dave Malek hit a long jumper from the corner as the horn sounded to cut the final margin to one point.

"Canton is a good team," said Teachman. "We didn't put it away too well, but this a good win for us."

Harrison neutralized Canton with a sagging zone defense. Its effectiveness

was felt in the first half when the Hawks raced out to a 25-12 lead midway through the second quarter on a short jumper by Steve Shanbom.

GORAN VASOVSKI was also instrumental in Harrison's nine-point half-time lead. The 6-foot senior guard spearheaded the fast break and tallied 15 of his team-high 20 points before intermission.

The Hawks beat Canton on the transition to score some important hoops. "The key was I thought our big guys controlled the boards, and our depth also," said Teachman. "We had a nice little teamwork going on the break."

Shanbom, a 6-4 senior, hauled down 13 rebounds. Teammate Steve Hollatz, a 6-5 junior, added 16 points and eight boards.

Houle, a senior center, scored 14 of his game-high 21 points in the second half. Malek added 16 with some timely long-range shooting.

"Harrison made believers out of me," said Canton coach Craig Bell. "We didn't deal very well with their zone."

"I don't know what our shooting percentage was, but it had to be pretty horrible in the first half. And when we did miss, we didn't get any second or third shots."

Bell said his team was also "a little nonchalant on defense."

"This league may be won with three losses," said the Canton coach. "I think we still have a shot at the championship. It's important for our team to still believe in that."

Bell also complimented the play of Shanbom and Hollatz.

"Their two inside players were excellent," he said. "They did a nice job on their zone defense."

STATISTICS SHOWED that the Hawks allowed only seven offensive rebounds for the game. The Hawks also handled the basketball with more finesse.

"When you turn the ball over," said Bell, "you have one less chance to score."

"We made some key turnovers."

FHS tumbles

Chris Howze and Kim Earl combined for 38 points last Friday as unbeaten Pontiac Northern (8-0) downed Farmington High, 64-51, in Inter Lakes League basketball. Farmington is 4-5 overall and 1-3 in the ILL.

Howze, a 6-foot-1 junior forward, scored 22 points and pulled down 13 rebounds. Jerry Liphart scored 17 points for Farmington, and Paul Kobel and Kevin Nichols each added 11.

Farmington will entertain Birmingham Seaholm at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

Andy Ramos led with 18 points, Tim Fredericks had 13, Bob Simon 12 and Rich Rudd 10.

Tom Rennard led North with 21 points on 10 field goals and one of two free throws, and Matt Ruud added 11. Thurston held a 33-26 halftime lead.

North, now 2-5 overall and 1-3 in the Northwest Suburban, will host Southfield High at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

OAK, CHRISTIAN 74
LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 46

Dave Austin scored 20 points last Friday, but his Farmington Lutheran Northwest team lost to Pontiac Oakland Christian, 74-46, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game in Pontiac. Northwest is 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the conference.

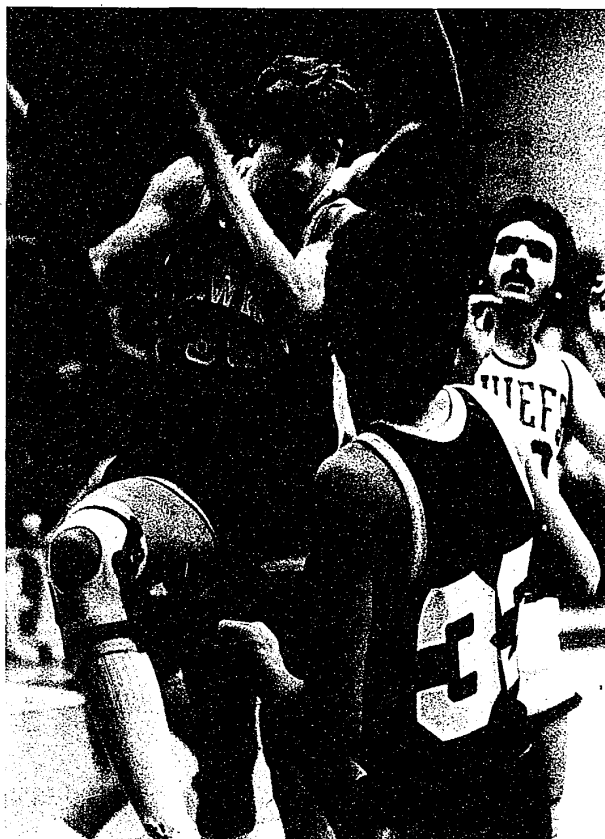
Joe Tysick and Tim Martin scored 19 and 18 points, respectively, for Oakland Christian, which led by 17 points (37-20) at intermission.

Northwest will host Southfield Christian on Friday. Game time will be 7 p.m.

REDFORD THURSTON 69 NO. FARMINGTON 65

Redford Thurston's 69-65 win over North Farmington last Friday showed the importance of making free throws. North sank 26 field goals to Thurston's 24, but the visiting Raiders were 13 of 24 from the line and the winners sank 21 of 25.

Thurston, now 7-2 overall and 3-1 in the Northwest Suburban League, had four players finish in double figures.



Harrison's Steve Hollatz (35) hauls down a rebound as teammate Steve Shanbom looks on. Harrison defeated Plymouth Canton on Friday, 60-59. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

N. Farmington gymnasts swing past Canton

Kathy Temple, North Farmington's outstanding gymnast, finished first in all four events last Thursday to pace her team's 97.9-91.67 win over Plymouth Canton in a Northwest Suburban League meet in the Raiders gym.

Temple, the defending state champion in the uneven parallel bars, won that event against Canton with a score of 8.5. She also won vaulting (9.0), floor exercise (9.1) and tied for first on balance beam with teammate Dona Kehrle (8.35).

Kehrle placed second in floor exercise (8.45), and teammate Alyene Wolf was runner-up in vaulting (8.25). Sharon Shiffon of North Farmington captured third place in floor (8.2).

Canton's best finish came from Laura Michalik, who landed second on bars (8.05) and third in vaulting (8.0) and beam (7.6). Canton's Laurie Beale finished third on bars (7.8).

On Jan. 24, a Saturday, North (3-0) hosts state-power East Lansing at 1 p.m. in other girls' gymnastics action last week. Farmington upped its record to 2-2 with a 74-68 win over Westland John Glenn.

Farmington sophomore Jo Smith won three events, bars (8.2), floor ex (8.3) and beam (7.2). Two Falcon gymnasts, Patricia Beredish and Tina Bona, tied for third on the beam with a score of 6.2, and Beredish took third in floor ex with a 6.8.

Farmington, coached by Marta Scharrenberg, is inactive until Jan. 26 when it travels to Farmington Harrison.

Harrison (0-2) was missing four girls because of the flu and one more because of a sprained ankle for its meet against Birmingham Groves.

"We weren't even going to go," said Harrison

coach Tammy Thompson. "But then we decided to give our freshmen and sophomores a chance to show what they could do."

Groves won the meet, 89.75-82.15, behind the four-firsts performance of Beth Clause. She won vaulting (8.05), bars (8.85), beam (8.60) and floor ex (8.70).

Harrison senior Derene Keenan finished second on beam (6.9), and teammate Kirsti Biersa, a sophomore, took second in floor ex (6.4). Harrison freshman Martha McCaughey, performing in her first meet ever, finished eighth on the beam (4.45).

Harrison hosts Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

SWIMMING

Steve Manderfield won two freestyle events last Thursday as North Farmington outswam Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 89-83. North has a 3-3 overall record.

Steve went 1:57.8 in the 200-yard freestyle and 51.6 in the 100-yard freestyle. He also swam a leg on the 400-yard freestyle relay (with Brian Manderfield, Gerry Highly and Carl Gunderson), which won in 3:38.7.

Brian Manderfield won the 500 freestyle (5:20.7), Jim Gasser took the 100 breaststroke (1:03.9) and John McCann won diving (166.60 points).

Lahser's Mike Kowalski won the 200 individual medley (2:09.1) and the 100 butterfly (59.1).

Earlier last week, Steve Manderfield won the same two events to help North slip past Dearborn Edsel Ford, 87-84. He won the 200 free (1:54.5) and the 100 free (53.0).

North travels to Garden City East for a Northwest Suburban League meet on Jan. 29. The meet begins at 4:30 p.m.

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North's Dona Kehrle finished in a first-place tie on the balance beam against Plymouth Canton. (Staff photo by Randy Bort)

Systems tops No Names '5'

Gary Spade scored 24 points, and Willie Townsend added 17 to pace Systems Unlimited's 77-41 victory over the No Names in a recent Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department Men's Basketball League contest. The win put Systems at 1-0 this season.

Terry Griffin and Joe Clinton scored 22 and 15 points, respectively, for the No Names.

In another league game, Steak & Ale downed Paul Imman & Associates, 64-53. Leon Carter led the winners with 17 points, and Steve Turner followed with 12. Mike McCoy tossed in 17 for Paul Imman.

Jamie Bird and Mike Wilson combined for 32 points as Skyline Diamonds stopped Hewlett Packard, 54-37. Mike Needham led Packard with 16, and Jim Repler and Jim Moran each had six.

Dunleavy's Pub & Grub got 18 points from Bob Davis and 14 more from Don Blouin in its 65-55 win over Honey Tree. Larry Baker and Mike King led Honey Tree with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

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