

Strong 2nd half carries Southfield past North

North Farmington slowed things down enough to play close to prep pace. Southfield for the first half of their non-league game Tuesday.

But the unbeaten Blue Jays (9-0) got going in the second half to take a 59-46 victory.

Southfield, which has been blowing out its opponents by big margins lately, led by three (15-12) after the opening quarter and by just one (28-27) at halftime.

Junior Mike McCaskill led Southfield with 16 points and six rebounds. Teammates Ralph Walker and Mike Priest contributed 14 and 10, respectively. Tom Rennard had 16 for North Farmington, and Kevin Shaw added nine.

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BERKLEY 58 LATHRUP 57

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MANOOGIAN 58 ROEPPER 39

Mike Toorolan provided 18 points in Southfield Manogian's 58-39 victory over Bloomfield Hills Roeper. The win was Manogian's fifth in nine starts this season.

Vatan Karabajakan scored 18 points for the Southfield squad, and Arthur Konaqui had 12. Manogian led by nine (26-17) at halftime.

Manogian plays next on Tuesday, Jan. 25, at home against Troy Zion Christian. Game time is 5 p.m.

FARMINGTON 54 W.L. WESTERN 48

Paul Kobel's 21 points powered Farmington's come-from-behind 54-48 victory over non-league Walled Lake Western Tuesday. The win lifted Farmington to 4-5.

Mark Orlando and Ken Faulkner each scored 10 points for Farmington, which trailed by eight (30-22) at halftime. Deke Woodmore scored 12 points and then scored 20 third-quarter points to Western's eight to come back.

Jim Inafrete scored 16 points for Western, now 4-5. Farmington has a rare Friday off before traveling to Livonia Churchill for a Tuesday night game.

AVONDALE 67 FITZGERALD 65

Mike Fisher and Hank Woodmore each hit two free throws in the final 30 seconds Tuesday night to give Auburn Heights Avondale a 67-65 victory over previously undefeated Warren Fitzgerald.

By virtue of Avondale's win, both team's records stand at 9-1. After a 12-12 standoff in the first quarter, the Yellowjackets took a 33-23 lead by halftime. However, Fitzgerald came back with a 23-17 advantage in the third quarter, and 19-17 in the fourth, only to fall two points short.

Ken Lamb led Avondale with 17 points, while Fisher and Woodmore were right behind with 16 and 14 points, respectively.

Deke Woodmore scored 12 points and pulled down 13 rebounds for the buzzing Yellowjackets.

Steve Kopicki, brother of University of Detroit Titan standout Joe Kopicki, scored 31 points in a losing effort for Fitzgerald. Mike Louchar added 14.

Friday, Avondale will open the North Oakland Athletic Conference season when it travels to Bloomfield Hills to battle Cranbrook. The Cranes are 4-5 overall.

CLARKSTON 62 ADAMS 53

Rochester Adams had a strong second half offensive surge, but fell short in a non-league loss to Clarkston, 62-53. Clarkston held a 25-17 halftime lead, and despite Adams' 38 second-half point total, scored 37 itself to post the nine-point win.

The Highlanders fell to 2-7 overall, while Clarkston evened its record at 4-4.

Terry Allen led Adams with 18 points, and Jeff Bullard scored 14. Mike McCormick paced Clarkston with 19 points, and Ray Kubani added 12.

Friday, the Highlanders host Royal Oak Dondoro.

BROTHER RICE 59 BISHOP BORGESS 50

Senior guard Dennis Kozak scored a career high 26 points Tuesday night to lead Birmingham Brother Rice to a 59-50 victory over Redford Bishop Borgess.

The Warriors, now 8-3 overall, led 34-31 at the half, but outscored the Spartans, 15-4 in the third quarter to take command.

Paul Jokisch added 13 points for Rice, and John Shasky scored 12 and pulled down 17 rebounds. Greg Schwartz dished off nine assists.

The Warriors hit 24 of 54 field goals for 44 percent, while the Spartans connected on 21 of 55 for 38 percent.

Friday, Rice travels to Detroit De LaSalle.

CRANBROOK 58 HARPER WOODS 25

Cranbrook jumped out to a 13-2 first-quarter lead, and never looked back Tuesday night as the Cranes posted a 58-25 victory over Harper Woods.

North girls win tourney

North Farmington's volleyball team defeated Farmington High, 15-4, 15-3 in the finals Saturday to win the 10-team Bloomfield Hills Lahser Invitational.

The Raiders got past Lahser in the semifinals, and Farmington beat Bloomfield Hills Andover to get into the finals.

"I felt sorry for Farmington," North Farmington coach Sandy Lubienicki said. "We just had one of those great days. We could do no wrong."

North Farmington was led by the strong serving of Mary Kosicki and Betsy Lee, and the spiking of Amy Minzloff and Michele Lister.

In another tournament, Royal Oak Kimball, an underdog going into the Rochester Volleyball Invitational, defeated Westland John Glenn in straight matches to win top honors in the 16-team tournament Saturday.

Kimball, which finished second to Fraser in last year's tourney, wasn't even considered to take home the top prize, according to Rochester coach Jan Bowden.

"Everybody was talking John Glenn," Bowden said. "Kimball was the underdog, but their kids held out better and had a better showing."

Kimball emerged from pool play with a 6-0 record. Lamphere and John Glenn also won their respective brackets with 6-0 records, while Groves came out of pool play with a 5-1 mark.

The runner ups in the pool were: Southfield-Lathrup (4-2), L'Anse Creuse North (4-2), Waterford Mott (4-2), and

Bloomfield Hills Kingswood (3-3). In the quarterfinals, Kimball defeated Kingswood, Lamphere edged Mott, Groves defeated L'Anse Creuse North, and John Glenn clipped Lathrup. In the semis, it was Kimball over Groves and East John Glenn, 15-7, 15-11 in the finals.

In other pool play, Rochester finished at 3-3, Adams was 2-4, and Troy, Avondale and Sacred Heart were 0-6.

In other action, Andover improved its record to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in the Southeastern Michigan Association Monday with a victory over Hazel Park.

Andover defeated Hazel Park, 15-2, 15-9. Margie Hungerman and Patty Thompson led the charge in the first game, while Cindy Reid and Thompson headed the attack in the second.

Birmingham Marian fell to 2-4 Monday after it lost to Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, 16-14, 15-12.

Katie Rourke and Colleen Conway led Marian's serving attack. In the two games, Conway recorded 11 points.

Saturday, Marian will join seven other teams in Royal Oak Shrine's tournament at 10 a.m.

Birmingham Seaholm had to go to three games, but still came away with a victory over Troy.

Seaholm improved its overall record to 2-4 with the 7-15, 15-11, 15-4 victory. The hitting of Anne Schans and the serving from Katie Baldwin keyed the Seaholm win.

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