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North jolts Glenn, Falcons take city

It seemed like a game neither team deserved to lose. Sooner or later one had to, although the decision in this contest certainly came late.

Steve Bamback hit a basket and a pair of free throws in the third overtime to help North Farmington jolt Northwest Suburban League (NSL) leader Westland John Glenn, 62-57 Friday at North.

The win keeps North in the thick of the NSL race at 4-2, a point not lost on Raiders coach Tom Negoshian.

"It means we have a shot at the league (title)," he said. "We got off to a great start (against Glenn) and rebounded with them. Rebounding was our big fear."

"We could have folded like we did earlier in the year, but we didn't."

Indeed, it looked like North might shoot the Rockets off into the ozone in the opening quarter. The Raiders raced to a 22-8 lead after one period and held a commanding 31-20 edge at the half.

But Glenn bounced back, outscoring North 12-3 in the third period and 17-10 in the last. Craig Thornton hit the big basket for the Rockets, sinking a jumper at the fourth-quarter buzzer to knot it at 49-44.

One free throw apiece by Glenn's Mike Baydarian and North's Rick Penna was all the scoring in the first overtime. In the second, the Raiders' Rick Anderson hit two free throws and

Bamback hit a pair that tied it at 53, forcing a third extra period.

Todd Stein and Baydarian had buckets for Glenn in the second OT.

In the final overtime, North jumped out in front quickly with Bamback and Scott Draper scoring for a 57-53 advantage. Glenn narrowed it to 57-56 before Bamback put the finishing touches on the upset with a pair of free throws.

Bob Chawlik, who fouled out in the first OT, topped the Raiders with 15 points and 15 rebounds. Bamback had 12 points, six in the extra periods, and Anderson had 12 points and 11 rebounds. Draper had 11 points and 11 rebounds and Penna had 10 points.

Jeff Hawley's 12 points was best for Glenn. Mario Grazulis and Baydarian had 10 apiece.

North is 6-7 overall. Glenn is 4-1 in the NSL and 6-6 overall.

FARMINGTON 46, HARRISON 45: The lead bounced back and forth like a ping pong ball before Farmington's Tim Caruthers took command down the stretch to make Farmington the city champions with a win Friday at Farmington Harrison.

Harrison had a three-point advantage, 45-42, with 1:30 to play when Caruthers connected to bring Farmington to within one. After a Hawk miss, the Falcons worked the ball inside to Caruthers for a final shot. He was fouled

with three seconds left, and he hit both for the win.

Dave Quarles' 35-foot desperation shot at the buzzer bounced off the rim for the Hawks. Ironically, Harrison had scored in the final seconds at the end of both the first half (on Geoff Bissell's 20-foot jumper) and after three quarters (on John Miller's layup).

"Both teams played really hard," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman. "And both teams played really good defense. There were only 10 turnovers by both teams in the game."

Caruthers led all scorers with 20 points, six in the final quarter and a perfect six-for-six from the free throw line. Farmington hit all 10 of its free throws to seven of 13 for the Hawks.

Scott Hayash hit for 10 points for the Falcons, including six in the last period. Quarles netted 12 for Harrison, with Miller adding 10.

Farmington led by a point after one quarter (12-11) and at the half (26-25), but Harrison forged ahead at the end of three quarters (36-34). Neither team led by more than four throughout the contest.

The setback dropped Harrison to 3-8 overall and 1-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA). Farmington, which defeated North Farmington Tuesday, is now 3-9 overall and 1-7 in the WLAA.



Pam Modson is the best gymnast at Farmington Mercy. In fact, she's the only Farmington Mercy gymnast.

A 1-woman team

Mercy's Modson goes it alone

By Chris McCosky
staff writer

LAST YEAR Plymouth Salem listed among its few gymnastics victories a win over Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy. Farmington Harrison did the same.

Pam Modson just laughed. Modson is Mercy's gymnastics team.

If you could get a copy of Mercy's gymnastics team roster, it would read like this:

Coach: John Cunningham
Players: Pam Modson

So don't blame Modson for laughing when teams boast of beating Mercy.

It is kind of funny — in a ridiculous sort of way.

CUNNINGHAM HAS been the gymnastics coach at Plymouth Canton for five years. His years at Canton have been tremendously successful.

He has been Pam Modson's coach since she was seven. His years with Modson have also been very successful.

He began coaching gymnastics through the Plymouth parks and recreation department in 1968. He also coached at the Michigan Academy for Gymnastics and other United States Gymnastics Federation (USGF)-sponsored centers.

It was in Plymouth that Cunningham first began coaching Modson and another young and promising gym-

nast, Linda Beale.

Beale is Cunningham's ace at Canton. Modson and Beale are close friends and fierce competitors — always have been.

Modson was a state vaulting champ at age nine. Beale and Modson qualified for the USGF state championships when they were 14 and 15 year olds. Cunningham was their coach the whole time.

But, when it became time to move into high school, there was a split. Cunningham decided he'd move from "club" coaching into high school coaching. Beale went with him. Modson, who would have gone to Plymouth Salem, opted to go to Mercy, a private school.

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Falcon matmen pin Chiefs

Everyone kept saying, "Watch out for Farmington. They've got some tough wrestlers. They can hurt you."

Yet, the Falcons weren't winning many meets. Going into Thursday's meet against league-leading Canton, the Falcons were just 2-5 on the season. They finally gave credence to all the warnings.

The Falcons jolted previously undefeated Canton, 37-36, in front of a charged-up Parents' Night crowd at Farmington High. Canton is ranked No. 3 in Observerland.

"We really flexed our muscle," said Falcon coach Barry Walsh after the win. "I don't know if it was the added emotion from the Parents' Night or what, but we started hot and carried it right through."

THE FALCONS' victory is even more startling considering they voided

three weight classes. The Chiefs earned unexpected victories at 112 pounds and 119-pounds and at heavyweight.

After the first four matches, Canton led 18-4.

Farmington's Dave Hovey (15-4), one of the area's best little weights, decided Jeff Condit (19-11) 9-0 to begin the meet.

Canton responded with a pin at 105. Dave Dunford felled Paul Moon in 2:49. Then Heath Smith (112) and Todd Gault (119), two of Canton's most formidable wrestlers, won without contest.

The Falcons came back with two straight pins. Darrell Tharnish nailed Johnny Allmand in 3:25 at 126, and Rob Anglin stuck Roy Echeburri, a last-minute replacement for Jim Parks who was ill, in 1:26.

Tim Collins got a pin back for Canton at 138. Collins, the winningest wrestler in Canton history, got Jeff Jankowski

to fall in 1:05.

Then Canton got a bad break. At 145, Farmington's Dave Cunningham was awarded a default over Larry Janiga. The match was tied at 2-2 when Janiga (17-9-1) got a cut above his eye. The injury was sufficient to stop the match.

Canton's Scott Tusker came back at 155 to pin Scott Martineau (1-43), but it was all Farmington after that.

AT 167, Ab Hazen (24-1) stuck Weln Yeung in 3:10. John Augustin did the same to Ernie Krumm at 185, only he did it in just 50 seconds.

And when Big Dan Farilo blanked Keith Keskes 6-0 at 188, it didn't matter that the Falcons voided heavy-weight. The meet was theirs.

The Falcons will travel to Detroit Country Day tomorrow for meets against DCD and Windsor Canton (6-1 in the Western Lakes, 6-3 overall) travels to Northville Thursday.

North back in NSL race

North Farmington got itself back into the Northwest Suburban League volleyball race with two impressive victories last week.

On Monday, the Raiders defeated Redford Union, 15-12, 15-11, then came back Wednesday to pummeled a talented Livonia Franklin team, 15-4, 15-9.

The victories boost North's NSL record to 3-1, one game behind undefeated league-leader Redford Thurston. The Raiders, rated No. 1 in Observerland, are 13-3 overall.

Strong serving by juniors Donna Kojarevich and Brooks Landback propelled the Raiders past RU. Kojarevich was successful on all 11 of her serves and Landback went 13 for 13 with four aces.

North was at its best against Franklin. The Raiders blunted them with hard serves and pounding spikes in game one. Franklin never fully recovered.

"This was one of the smoothest 'team' matches we've played this year," said North coach Sandy Lubienicki. "Franklin is a very good team. Our girls were very impressed with them after watching warm-ups. But, we had one of our best practices on Tuesday and everything we worked on, the kids did well on Wednesday."

Patti Kozicki was the catalyst of the Raiders' formidable offense. She set up North's heavy hitters throughout the match. So prolific were Kozicki's sets, four teammates had 10 or more spike attempts.

"We never gave them an easy ball," said Lubienicki. "We hit hard all night. It made it very difficult on Franklin."

Mary Kozicki, Patti's sister, was successful (14-18, 27-28) spikes. Kojarevich hit on 11 of 12 serves and Landback hit on 11 of 12 serves.

North got more good news last week. Potential all-star Amy Austin had the cast removed from her injured ankle Monday and has been working out with the team. She was expected to be back in the line-up Saturday in the Wayne Memorial Invitational.

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Jennifer Hughes and her Harrison teammates had a topsy-turvy week: They played well and lost, and played poorly and won.

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