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Arctic-cold Falcons fall

Some nights, the ball falls, other nights it doesn't.

Farmington's girls basketball team suffered through the latter Tuesday night in a 34-21 non-league loss to Ferndale.

"The other night offense wasn't the problem; tonight we couldn't put the ball in the basket to save our lives," said Farmington coach Diana Fair. "The ball must have went in and out 50 times."

To make matters worse, Farmington was soundly outrebounded.

"They were getting three and four shots a clock, and we would maybe get one," Fair said.

Becky Philip, who scored 31 points

in the season-opener at Redford Union,

led the Falcons with six Tuesday.

She pulled in 11 rebounds.

Karen Jenkins had five points and

nine rebounds.

Farmington falls to 0-2.

WATERFORD MOTT 39, N.

FARMINGTON 29: Greg Capling is

still waiting.

Waiting for his first victory as

girls basketball

head coach of the North Farmington girls basketball team. And he's getting impatient.

"We didn't do too much right tonight," Capling said. "I'm kind of disappointed, but we'll come back."

A shot broke open an 18-14 game with a 14-3 spurt in the third quarter.

"They pressed us, and we turned the ball over quite a bit. We lost our poise," said Capling. "We had some easy shots early in the game that we missed, and it kind of escalated from there. We finally got it going in the fourth quarter, but it was too late."

Suzi Butcher had eight points and eight rebounds and Mo'Brien added eight points for the Raiders (0-2). Kim Koenig scored 10 for Mott.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Becky Philip has led Farmington's scorers in both games this season, but the contrast between the two is blatant. Philip scored 31 in a tough overtime loss to RU last week. She scored six Tuesday in a loss against Ferndale as none of the Farmington shooters could find the range.

Mercy tourney goes international

This is the year the Farmington Hills Mercy Hoops Classic goes international.

Mercy basketball coach Larry Baker has invited Sarnia St. Patrick's, Ontario Canada's 1985 Provincial champion, along with Waterford-Kettering (22-1 last season) and Utica Eisenhower (11-9).

St. Pat's, 18-5, 4-0 last season, will open the tournament at 6:15 Thursday night. Mercy will play Eisenhower at 8 p.m. The consolation and championship games will be played Saturday night at 6 p.m. and 7:45 p.m., respectively.

Last year's Mercy Hoops Classic attracted more than 40 college scouts. That's the same as expected this season. Here's who they'll be coming to see:

• Leslie Bade, Michelle Harrington and Jamie Klinger from Eisenhower. All three girls are expected to elevate the Uticans back into statewide prominence in the next two seasons. Bade and Klinger, both 5-11, give Eisenhower great inside play, while Harrington is the team's perimeter sharpshooter.

Mercy High School is a 111 Mile Read at Middlebelt.

— Chris McCosky

Scramble is on

Largest field ever in O&E tourney

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

The stage is set, the starring roles are now being determined, and the cast might well resemble that of "Cocaine Hill" movie.

Well, OK. There won't be "a cast of thousands" competing in the Observer & Eccentric-Whisper Willows Men's Golf Tournament this weekend, but it will be the largest field ever.

The entry scroll bulged with 204 names Monday, with another 30 on a waiting list hoping for cancellations. Which left tournament director Gary Whitener, the golf pro at Whispering Willows, with one rather obvious comment:

"We're ever packed."

Last year, 188 played for the men's 36-hole title. A change in format to a shotgun start has made room for additional entries.

TEE OFF TIMES will be easier, anyway. Players will start at either 8 a.m. or 1 p.m.

The list of hopefuls is extensive, but it won't include defending O&E champion Gerry Thomas of Livonia, who is currently competing in the women's 36-hole. That makes a clean sweep of 1985 O&E champion last year's women's winner, Geraldine Repasky, also started coaching this year and was ineligible.

But there are plenty of other top names. Like John Van Vleck of Farmington Hills, a three-time champ who last won in 1983, and Nunzio Marino of Westland, who took the 1984 O&E title.

In fact, the field is so large that the division between flights is rather tight. Championship flight, for in-

golf

stance, includes those with eight handicaps and below. First flight includes 9-14 handicaps, second flight is 15-21 and third flight is 22 and over.

Gift certificates and plaques will be awarded to low gross and low net scorers in each flight.

But what can the golfers expect from Whispering Willows' par-71, 6,265 yards? Here's a short hole-by-hole synopsis:

No. 1 (475 yards, par 5) — This hole's a spoiler. It's a definite birdie chance, wide open and fair. The biggest problem it represents is that it could generate overconfidence. That feeling would be disastrous.

No. 2 (400 yards, par 4) — Without question the toughest hole on the course. A straight drive is necessary on this dogleg left; trees line both sides of a narrow fairway. The second shot must clear a pond, with the green 30 yards beyond that. Could be trouble for a lot of players.

No. 3 (443 yards, par 4) — Slight dogleg right, but generally not too tough. Fairly wide and fair. The biggest problem it represents is that it could generate overconfidence. That feeling would be disastrous.

No. 4 (348 yards, par 4) — Plays longer than it looks. A dogleg left; trees line the fairway. The green is elevated high above the tee and slopes down. At times the pin cannot be seen from the tee.

No. 5 (206 yards, par 3) — Difficult little hole. Green is elevated high above the tee and slopes down. At times the pin cannot be seen from the tee.

No. 6 (385 yards, par 4) — Another hole that seems to play longer. Dogleg left, but generally an open fairway. Trees on the right are the biggest problem. Corner can be cut.

No. 7 (153 yards, par 3) — Shortest hole on the course, with an elevated tee. Large green, but pin placement often takes a toll.

No. 8 (374 yards, par 4) — Straight tee shot that carries over the hill will be of most value here. Fence on left side is only real trouble.

No. 9 (300 yards, par 4) — A deceptively tough hole. A good drive will leave about 130 yards to a green that is elevated high above the fairway. The green is on a downward slope. A drive that carries thirty yards further puts you in the water. Green is well bunkered, and trees can be a problem on both sides of the fairway.

No. 10 (475 yards, par 5) — This hole is much like No. 1, with a slight bend to the right. Poses no real trouble.

No. 11 (358 yards, par 4) — A short par 4, but straight tee shot is essential through opening in trees, which surround the fairway. Really crank a drive and you could find yourself with a downhill lie for your second shot.

No. 12 (317 yards, par 4) — Another shorty that is wide open. It bends right, but play it to that side and it will easily be birdied.

No. 13 (305 yards, par 4) — Another shorty that is wide open. It bends right, but play it to that side and it will easily be birdied.

No. 14 (370 yards, par 4) — Fence on left, open to the right. A few bunkers and pin placement might make it difficult.

No. 15 (210 yards, par 3) — A good lie shot will keep you out of trouble, which surrounds this hole. Dense trees line both sides of the fairway, and if the pin is placed at the front of the green, it could be tough.

No. 16 (494 yards, par 4) — Longest hole on the course. Trees on right of the fairway, but they end after about 200 yards. Fence is on the left, but fairway is wide but rolling.

No. 17 (156 yards, par 3) — The easiest of the holes. The green is elevated, which makes it a good target for long drives and long shots. Send traps on both sides of the green could be troublesome.

No. 18 (408 yards, par 4) — Not a difficult hole. Fairway is open, with biggest problem the fence on the left. Again, traps around the green could be a problem, but big hitters should have no real trouble.

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