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Burgess hurt; Patriots stun Hawk cagers

Mark Donohue's basket with nine seconds left lifted Livonia Franklin to a 60-58 upset victory over Farmington Harrison in a boys basketball game Tuesday at Harrison.

The win improved Franklin to 6-5 overall, 3-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. Harrison, meanwhile, fell to 10-7, 5-4 in the Western Division.

Harrison played more than three quarters without leading scorer Chad Burgess, who left the game with a sprained ankle after scoring two points. Marcus Mack led the Hawks with 16 points and teammate Bryan Wauldron contributed 11.

Donohue, who led the Patriots with 16 points, stole an outlet pass in Harrison's end and put it a layup for the winning points. Harrison had the last possession, but was unable to get off a shot.

John Shea added 14 points for Franklin and Craig Overatits and Roy Hall added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Harrison made 25 field goals but only converted five-of-10 free throws. Franklin made just 19 field goals but was 16-of-21 at the line.

"This is a good victory for our program and I hope we use it to build on," Franklin coach Rod Hanna said. "With this victory, hopefully they'll start believing in themselves more and be more consistent."

In a Western Division game last Friday, visiting Franklin was tripped by Walled Lake Western, 52-50.

Overatits missed a shot at the buzzer that would have sent the game into overtime. Donohue finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds and Hall had 10 points.

FARMINGTON 67, JOHN GLENN 55: Jason Brown poured in 21 points and grabbed nine rebounds to pace the Falcons' homecourt win against Westland John Glenn Tuesday.

Farmington (2-10 overall, 2-3 in the Lakes Division) led 33-22 at the half, then withstood a Rocket comeback which saw them close to within 45-39 after three periods. A 22-16 final quarter clinched it for the Falcons.

Brian Brown added 15 points and Mike Williams, playing his third game after moving back from Texas, contributed eight points and nine rebounds. Bobby Lawrence finished with 18 points (three three-pointers) and Greg Anderson had 14 for Glenn (5-7 overall, 3-3 in the Lakes).

STEVENSON 70, N. FARMINGTON 58: North Farmington's miscues and four double-figure Livonia Stevenson scorers added up to a one-sided game Tuesday at North.

The Raiders (6-6 overall, 4-2 in the Lakes Division) committed 19 turnovers — 11 in the first half, when Stevenson (6-10 overall) took command. The Spartans led 16-10 after one quarter and 38-21 at the half. North closed to within 50-42 after three periods, but Stevenson pulled away with a 29-16 fourth-quarter surge.

Ron Beaman's 18 points was best for the Spartans. Chris Nazelli had 17, Steve Kosikowski 14 and Rick Laven 11. Matt Hoffman dumped in 19 for the Raiders. Bill Chwalko added 11 and nine rebounds.

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BILL BREJLER/staff photographer

Eve Clear tips the ball back to the Plymouth Salem side during Monday's volleyball match. The sophomore hitter led the Raiders, who won the match in two games, with nine kills.

North defense fights off Rocks for Lakes win

By Dan O'Meara
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The volleyball sailed back and forth nearly 15 times before Donna O'Brien's kill ended the lengthy volley with a point for North Farmington.

Plays like that one early in Monday's match had coaches Betty Smith and Sandy Lubieniecki praising their respective defenses afterward.

But it was Lubieniecki's Raiders who were a little better at stopping the opponent as they defeated Smith's Plymouth Salem team 15-10, 15-13.

"We've had a lot of compliments on our defense," Lubieniecki said. "That's what Betty said: 'Boy, do your kids play defense.'"

The Raiders, 2-0 in the Lakes Division and 9-2 overall, needed a defensive stand to nail down their victory.

THE ROCKS, 1-1 and 6-2, chopped away at a big North lead and got within 14-12 on three straight points. The Raiders stopped the run of points when the officials ruled Salem's Maria Wordhouse had hit out of bounds.

But the ruling was reversed after it was decided a North player had touched the ball. Now it was a one-point game.

The Raiders prevented Salem from tying with a hard spike by O'Brien, who then served for the winning point, which produced an ironic ending.

The officials again ruled an attack by Wordhouse went out of play without contact by a North player, but those close to the play thought the

volleyball

ball was definitely in play this time.

"It's too bad we can't tie, because the two teams out here played a tremendous ballgame," Smith said. "I can't remember any tremendous hitters they had, but everything they hit went over the net."

"And they dug up everything we hit. They played great defense, and my kids did the same thing."

SMITH LAUDED the back-row play of Candl Woltas and Jo Wiklund, who had eight digs in the second game.

"It wasn't (Woltas') best game setting, but she did a great job on defense," Smith said. "They hit the ball deep, and (Wiklund) was always there."

Kelly Coulson, a 5-foot-6 senior, played a key role for North, replacing injured middle hitter Vikki Seamon. Coulson usually plays just the back row, but she played the whole court Monday and contributed three kills in each game.

Sophomore Eve Clear led the Raiders with nine kills, including six in the first game. O'Brien finished with seven and Courtney Knapp six.

"For not being tall, we get up there and swing at the ball," Lubieniecki said.

Salem led 6-2 in the first game, but the Raiders rallied to lead 7-6 on Pam Gressler's service rotation and with the help of O'Brien's attacks.

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Falcons reach new high en route to meet victory

Farmington gymnastics coach Mary Beth Schornhorst believes her team is capable of being ranked among Observersland's best.

On Monday, the Falcons backed up the coach's claim, defeating Plymouth Salem 130.95 to 122.55. Farmington's point total Monday broke a school record set a week earlier at the Farmington city meet.

"I'm ecstatic," Schornhorst said. "We've been working real hard for it. We finally have the depth we've been missing and finally stayed on the beam."

Not only did the Falcons stay on the beam, they captured the top two places in the event.

Amber Arbutkole won the beam with a score of 8.85, finishing just ahead of freshman teammate Christine Oates (8.55). Salem's Autumn Bunch, who finished with an all-around score of 33.2, was third on the beam (8.7).

Farmington had its best success on the bars, placing a girl in the top three positions. Oates, who won the

gymnastics

all-around with 34.2 points, grabbed first on the bars (8.85). Debbie Ford won the floor exercise (8.5) and Julie Lawton came in third (8.25). The Falcons managed to score more than 30 points on the bars as a team.

"We finally have some depth," Schornhorst said. "We used to have one or two good scores and the rest really dropped down. It's more even now. In the past, we might have had 26 or 27 on the bars."

Bunch helped carry Salem to the respectable finish, as she claimed first place on the vault, scoring 8.7. Teammate Dana Holda placed second (8.3) and Ford was third (8.1).

Oates won the day's final event, the floor exercise (8.8), solidifying her standing as the best all-around performer. Teammate Jennifer Reed took second place with 8.8, and

Bunch finished third at 8.45.

NORTHVILLE 124.50, CVILLE 121.45: Wendy Beach was the standout for Northville, winning two events and leading the Mustangs to the narrow win.

Beach won the vault (8.85) and the bars (8.45), en route to the all-around title with 33.25 points.

Clarenceville, which slipped to 5-3 overall, got two firsts from Lisa Granfeldt on the beam (8.3) and floor exercise (8.5). She was second behind Beach in the all-around, accumulating 31.90 points.

Colleen Wood also had a fine day for Clarenceville, placing second on the vault (8.25) and beam (8.20) and sixth on floor (7.8).

In addition, Clarenceville's Roberta Wiggle was third on vault (8.15), Jennifer Kalpio and Christy Nagorka tied for fourth on beam (7.3). Kalpio took fourth on floor (8.0) and Nagorka placed fourth on bars (7.2). Kalpio also was third in the all-around with a 28.05 total.

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CC regains old stature

By Brad Emons
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The Redford Catholic Central High wrestling team is back.

The defending state Class A champion Shamrocks, who had slipped third in the state Class A rankings, made it clear Saturday in their 25th annual invitational tournament that they're still the team to beat.

The meet, which attracted 18 teams, including the top four rated in Class A, saw the Shamrocks send six to the finals and one other to the consolation finals en route to a team-high 173 points.

Number one Temperance-Bedford, which has had the best of CC in recent tournaments and dual meets, slipped to third with 187. Birmingham Brother Rice was a close second with 169. (See statistical summary.)

It was CC's third straight invitational crown and it put a smile on coach Mike Rodriguez's face.

"I'm not astonished with our

wrestling

team strength, but in an invitational like this I was amazed because we were behind all day long," said the CC coach, who has guided the Shamrocks to seven state crowns. "I thought we'd be lucky to be in the top three (teams) and five of our guys didn't score, but we had six guys in the finals."

"And there I saw Bedford with a host of guys in the consolation and we had nobody in the wrestle-backs (consolation rounds). I could see it coming all over again."

CC, HOWEVER, scored well in eight weight divisions, led by champions Jay Helm (145 pounds) and Chris Rodriguez (150) to claim the team title.

Helm avenged an earlier loss this season to Arnet Turner of Mount Clemens by scoring an impressive 14-5 victory.

Rodriguez, meanwhile, won in a bizarre manner.

After avenging a loss to Bedford's Brian Wingate in the semifinals, a pin in 2:50, the CC senior met the highly volatile Gino Chouinard of Lansing Sexton in the finals.

And Chouinard erupted like a volcano before the match was even 15 seconds old, throwing an elbow at his opponent and then getting disqualified for tackling the referee, who tried to calm things down.

The other finals involving CC wrestlers were not quite as dramatic, but there were some good matches.

In the heavyweight division, CC's Lee Krueger, last year's state champion at 198 pounds, lost a 3-2 overtime decision to Bedford's Roman Rimmer.

It was the third time the two had met. A late reversal move helped give the Bedford grappler a 2-1 season edge over Krueger.

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