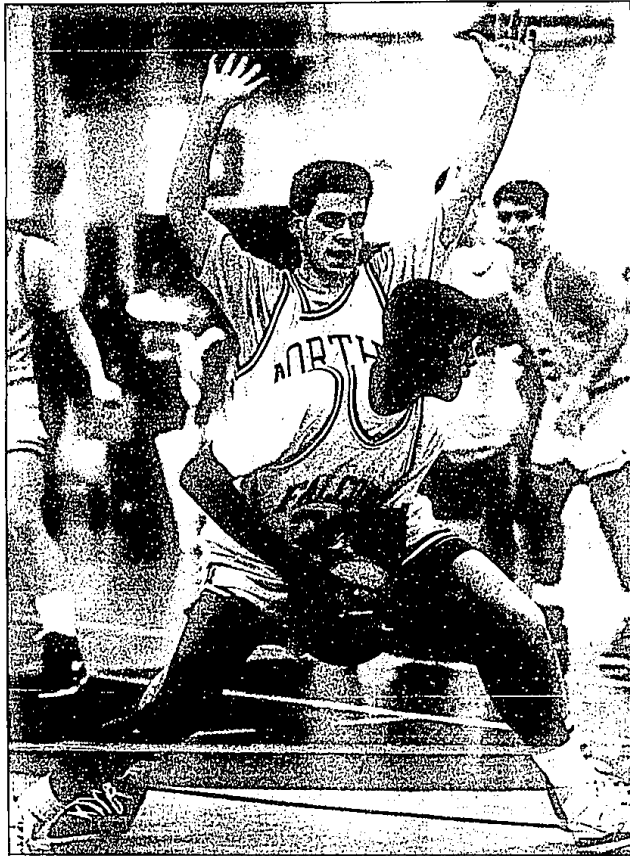




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# Raiders outmuscle Falcons, 67-57



Brian Browne of Farmington looks for an open teammate while being guarded by North's Matt Hoffman. Browne scored 16 points for the Raiders.

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Size eventually overruled spunk on the basketball court Friday night at Farmington High School.

North Farmington, apparently tired of being pushed around by the smaller Falcons, put its height advantage to good use in the second half of its 67-57 victory.

"The three big kids played well at the end, and that was the difference. We got the ball to some people in the box, and they started scoring," North coach Tom Negoshian said.

The big kids are Eric Carlson, Bill Chwalk and Eric Detter, but Carlson, the tallest one at 6-foot-6, was foremost among them this night.

Carlson racked up a game-high 19 points on seven field goals and 5-of-7 free throw shooting to lead the Raiders, 5-1 in the Lakes Division and 8-4 overall.

BUT DETTER and Chwalk pitched in at a crucial point in the late third quarter and early part of the fourth, scoring most of their eight and seven points, respectively, when it had the maximum impact.

"Carlson killed them inside. 'The big guys just played a helluva game,'" said North guard Matt Hoffman, who played a big role himself with 18 points and eight assists.

Farmington, trailing 27-26 at half-time, jumped in front with a pair of triples by Brian Browne and Chris Schmid, and Greg Bjedov's three layups helped the Falcons create their biggest lead of the game, 41-35, midway in the third period.

But that's when North turned it around.

The Raiders scored the next seven points in little more than a minute to regain the lead, 42-41, but they didn't stop there. North, leading 48-45, after three, posted the first eight points of its final quarter to complete a 21-4 run that put the Raiders on top 56-45 with 6 1/2 minutes remaining.

Hoffman, who sank two triples earlier, made two three-point plays during that stretch. Detter scored six points, Carlson four. Chwalk capped it with a layup and another three-point play for the Raiders.

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## Hawks take lead in Western race

Farmington Hills Harrison recorded a crucial Western Lakes Activities Association win at Northville, 68-59, behind the strength of Andy Smith's 27-point performance Friday.

With the win, the Hawks avenge their only Western Division loss and sit alone atop the division with a 5-1 slate. Harrison has won six straight games and is 9-3 overall. Northville falls to 8-4 and 4-2.

Smith canned 11 of his game-high total in the second quarter, vaulting the Hawks to a 35-26 halftime lead after the squads battled to a 15-15, first-quarter standoff.

Northville pulled to within eight after three quarters, 52-44, but Harrison nailed 10 of 15 free throws in the fourth quarter to fend off any comeback hopes by the Mustangs.

For the game, the Hawks were 16-of-24 from the free throw line.

Northville 11-of-15.

Guard Todd Herremans contributed 14 points for the Hawks, including two 3-pointers in Harrison's 21-point second quarter. Teammate Rob Karbowski finished with 11 points.

Northville was paced by senior forward Joe Kaley's 20 points. Jason Flading added 13 and Scott Meredith 11.

"They're just a solid team," Northville JV coach Larry Taylor said. "We didn't play smart in the second quarter. We turned the ball over too much. They were just quicker than we were."



RANDY BOST/Staff photographer

Farmington's Greg Bjedov (44) is sandwiched between North players Eric Detter (left) and Eric Carlson. Detter and Carlson were instrumental in the outcome.

# Strong 2nd-half defense rallies OCC

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The image that surrounds Oakland Community College's men's basketball team is offense. Statistics support it: OCC ranked fifth in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association's Division II poll, is first in the NJCAA II in scoring with a 102.7 points-per-game average.

But that's not what won Saturday's game with Henry Ford CC. The Raiders, sluggish at both ends of the floor in the first half, recovered in the second behind an impen-

etrable defense and routed the Hawks 80-59 at OCC.

The win kept the Raiders in the hunt for the Eastern Conference crown. Their 99-89 loss at Highland Park CC Wednesday and their win Saturday left them at 10-3. Mott CC was 10-2 going into Saturday's game with Macomb CC, which was 9-3.

OCC faces its greatest challenge of the conference season this week, with games at Mott Wednesday and at Macomb Saturday.

Ford provided a nice tuneup for the Raiders, although perhaps not the kind they are accustomed to. OCC uses a pressure defense

most of the time, something that creates easy offensive chances.

THAT WASN'T the case against Ford. The Hawks like a half-court offense; OCC adjusted to it in the second half and threw a variety of defenses at them. The result: In the first 16 minutes of the second half, Ford scored 13 points.

"We didn't execute, we didn't shoot well and we didn't play smart," was Ford coach Jim Armitage's description of his team's second half. "We didn't execute against their zone. We didn't wait long enough for a high-percentage shot."

That's a lot of wrongs for one half of basketball. Armitage's criticisms, though, were on target. In the first half, the Hawks controlled the tempo. They took a 16-14 lead on a Jeff Stehila basket with 12:20 left and continually gave OCC problems.

Only Mike Bailey kept the Raiders going; he had 13 first-half points, eight coming in the final 3:53 to give OCC a 37-34 lead at the break.

"THE SECOND half was a different story. 'They confused us early with their defense,'" said OCC coach Lynn Reed. The confusion factor changed sides at halftime. "I think,

sometimes when you press, there's a tendency to be behind at first, and you look disorganized. But it leads to disorganization on the other team."

OCC extended its zone, Reed said, usually employing a 1-3-1 or 2-3 defense. By the midpoint of the second half, it didn't matter what the defense was — Ford wasn't going to crack it.

The Raiders went from a 44-41 lead with 14:58 left to a 60-43 advantage at 9:35. It never got better until Reed cleared his bench with under five minutes left; by that time, OCC was up 71-47.

## Kahn leads North

Heather Kahn won all four events to pace North Farmington's gymnastics victory over visiting Westland John Glenn in a Lakes Division meet Wednesday.

The Raiders, who improved to 5-2 overall, scored 127.3 and Glenn 110.55.

Khan did best on vault, scoring 9.0. Her all-around total of 34.35 included scores of 8.75 on bars and 8.3 on balance beam and floor exercise.

North coach Jeff Dwyer said Kristin Szutarski and Jameelah Gater also performed well for the Raiders, who were minus Kym Heller, who was ill.

Szutarski captured second place on vault (8.55) and bars (8.4) and was third on beam (7.75). She didn't compete in floor exercise because of a sore back.

Gater was third best among vaulters (8.5), placed third on floor (8.05) and took fourth on beam (7.45). North's Cara Pool was fourth (7.6) on floor.

PLYMOUTH SALEM is having an outstanding gymnastics season, but the Rocks are working toward even better things in the weeks ahead.

Salem won its fourth straight dual meet against visiting Farmington Wednesday, boosting its record to 4-0.

The Rocks, who scored 132.35, can win the Lakes Division title when they meet the Raiders tonight at North. The Falcons scored 121.9.

Kim Miller set a Salem school record in the floor exercise, and she also was first on vault and on the balance beam.

Her score of 9.35 in floor erased the record of 9.30 set by Jackie Huff in 1987, and which Miller and Gonyea had tied. She scored 9.1 on vault and 8.15 on beam.

Farmington's Christine Oates placed third on bars (8.35), beam (7.9) and floor (8.7) and compiled a 28.85 all-around total.

Teammate Nicole Gerwatowski tied with Wong on bars (7.8) and was fifth on beam (7.5). Maya Sardy tied for sixth place on vault (7.7).



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Nicole Gerwatowski of Farmington performs her floor exercise routine in the gymnastics meet with Salem.

## Victory boosts North chances

North Farmington's hopes of winning the Lakes Division dual-meet swimming championship received a major boost Thursday when the Raiders defeated Livonia Stevenson 92-80 in the North pool.

The Spartans won six of 11 events, but North's depth proved to be the difference.

Chuck Chuba led the Raiders, 3-0 in the Lakes and 3-2 overall, with firsts in the 50 and 100 freestyles. He recorded times of 23.44 and 51.2, respectively. Chuba also combined with Jerry Jehle, Dan Knipper and Chris Knoche to win the freestyle relay in 3:33.56.

"I didn't know what to expect," North coach Sue Gendron said. "It was whoever wanted it, and our kids wanted it badly. They were very excited. Our depth really paid off, but Stevenson also swam very well."

North can wrap up the Lakes Division title with a win Thursday at Plymouth Salem. Stevenson, meanwhile, will host Westland John Glenn. Both meets start at 7 p.m.

Knoche also won the 200 freestyle (1:52.2) and John Julianio the diving

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with 229 1/2 points to boost North early in the meet.

Key second-place finishes by the Raiders included Knoche in the 500 freestyle (5:03.89), Knipper in the breaststroke (4:07.09) and Mike Dretles in the 1M (2:10.38) and backstroke (58.78).

Scott DeWolf and Aaron Rieder each figured in three firsts for the Spartans, now 5-3 overall and 2-1 in the Lakes.

DeWolf captured the 100 butterfly (56.24) and 500 freestyle (4:58.83), while Rieder took the 200 individual medley (2:05.68) and 100 backstroke (57.92).

The two also teamed up with Mike Goecke and Taki Caranicas to win the 400 freestyle relay in 1:48.29. Stevenson's other first was recorded by Alex Goecke in the 100 breaststroke (1:04.12).

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