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Falcons' effort pleases coach despite defeat

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Plymouth Canton coach Dave Van Wagoner was glad his team won the basketball game, and Farmington coach Denny Mikel was sorry his team had to be the loser.

That much was to be expected after the host Chiefs fought off a scrappy Farmington squad and pulled away to a 68-50 victory Friday in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

But Mikel, trying to get the Farmington program on the right track in his first season, was pleased with the effort his charges gave.

Van Wagoner, hoping to have his team in contention for the WLAA title, was not at all pleased with the effort put forth by his players.

"That was the most lethargic, lackadaisical performance of any team I've had in my eight years of varsity coaching," Van Wagoner said. "This team didn't have any leadership tonight, no intensity and no enthusiasm — and yet we still won the game."

THE VICTORY improved Canton to 2-0 in the league and 4-3 overall. The Falcons are 0-2 and 2-4.

Farmington, despite playing the whole second half without one of its top scorers, guard Brian Farr, who suffered an ankle injury just before halftime, gave the Chiefs a challenge and were only four points down (50-45) with 4½ minutes remaining.

"We're disappointed with the outcome but not with the kids' effort," Mikel said. "If we had played that way against Walled Lake Western, we probably would have won the game. For the kids to bounce back

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and have a game like this is a good sign.

"We continue to be positive with the kids and tell them we're still in the game until it's over. I think we're making progress with that. For three quarters, we gave Canton all it could handle, and that's a good Canton team."

Senior forward Hal Heard continues to be an impressive player for Canton, and he led the Chiefs again Friday with 25 points, which included 9-of-11 free-throw shooting.

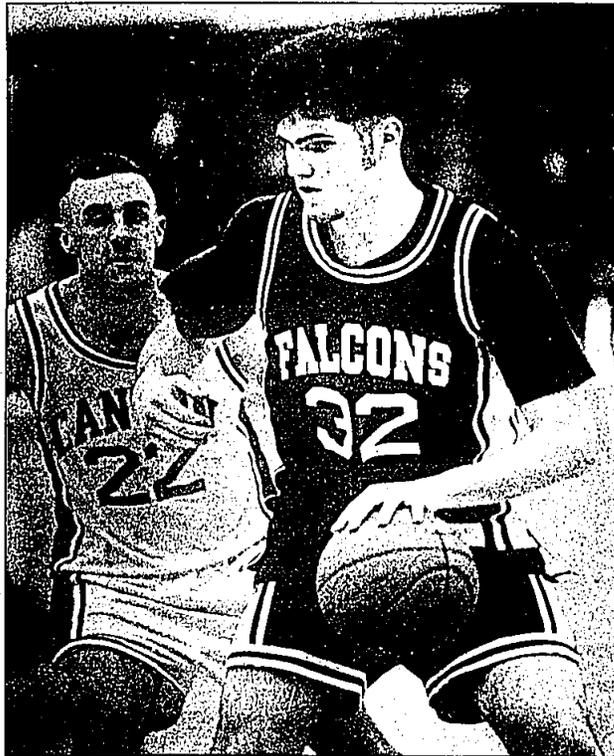
Derrick McDonald added 15 points for Canton, Mike Stafford and 6-foot-7 center Tony Coshatt 10 each. Farmington was led by Steve Gallagher with 19 points and Brian Fitzpatrick with 12.

THE FALCONS not only lost Farr, who had seven points in the first half, but also starting forward Matt Fitzpatrick after he was hit in the mouth with an elbow from Coshatt in the third quarter.

After holding the Chiefs to a 28-25 halftime lead, Farmington fell behind by nine in the third quarter, 45-36. Canton hit six of 11 shots, including one three-pointer each from Stafford, Jon Paupore and McDonald. Heard scored eight in that period.

"You can only hold a team like Canton down so long and eventually they get hot — and I think that's what happened tonight," Mikel said.

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BILL DRESLER/staff photographer

Steve Gallagher scored 19 points to lead Farmington, which stayed with Canton until the late fourth quarter but lost 68-50.

Pats clamp down on North for WLAA win

By Ray Sellock
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Judging by Friday's effort against North Farmington, it should come as no surprise that Livonia Franklin is coming off its best week of practice all season.

Franklin wanted to contain the Raiders' guard-oriented offense, and that's exactly what it did, winning 63-37 in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball game.

"We came out slow in our last game," senior guard Keith Roberts said, "and I think that gave us incentive to work hard in practice this week. I think that hard work carried over to tonight's game."

"We knew that the North guards could shoot the basketball, and we game-planned to stop that this week."

Roberts led Franklin with a game-high 26 points. Senior forward Joe Jarvis and Russ Kobayr each added 10.

DEAN PENNALA scored 18 points in a losing cause for North. Brad Pawlowski and Todd Anderson scored 13 and 12, respectively. The Patriots improve to 3-2 overall and 1-1 in the conference. North is 2-4, 1-1.

Franklin used a full-court press and numerous looks on defense to limit the Raiders offensively.

"North Farmington is an excellent shooting team," Franklin coach Rod Hanna said.

"They even have kids on the junior varsity that can shoot it. We just wanted to limit their three-point ability."

"The full-court pressure we used is no secret because we've been using it for years. I was just real happy with the defensive effort of our team. They all played hard."

Never was the Patriots' tenacious defense more evident than in the first quarter when they built a 10-point lead at 14-4 at one point.

NORTH COACH Tom Negoshian said the aggressiveness and physical nature of Franklin took its toll.

"When the other team plays like that, you lose track of what you want to do," Negoshian said. "And I think that happened a little tonight."

Negoshian let his frustration show midway through the first quarter when he was whistled for a technical foul.

"The technical was just something to get my team into the game," Negoshian said. "When I got called for it, we were struggling."

Negoshian's technique must have worked because North scored five quick points on a layup by Pawlowski and a three-pointer by Jon Sturtz. Franklin led 14-9 after one quarter.

The Patriots capitalized on free throws in the second quarter, making 10 of 11 to hold a 32-25 halftime advantage.

FRANKLIN TRIED to put the Raiders away in the second half and almost did. But eight third-quarter points from Pawlowski helped keep North within striking distance after three, 47-35.

Ex-Hawk glimpses stardom

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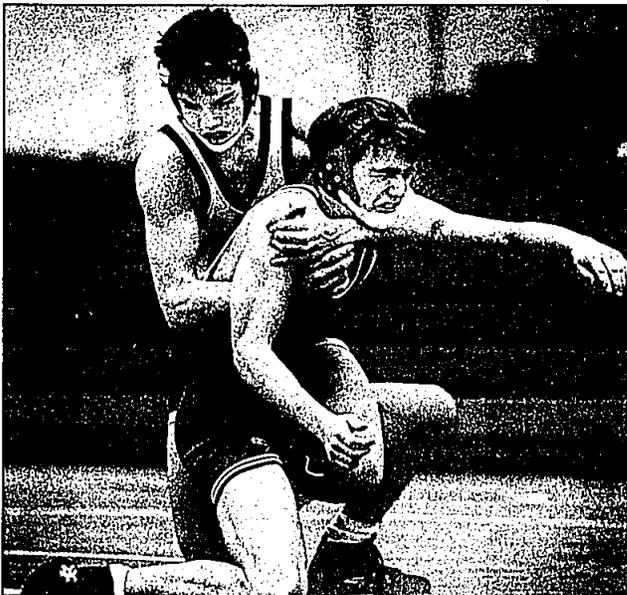
On the same night 10 inches of snow fell on southeastern Michigan, Kori Davidson was back in Tempe, Ariz., where the temperature was a comfortable 75 degrees last week.

And Davidson, a Harrison High graduate and freshman at Arizona State University, has been having as much good fortune with her tennis game as she has with the weather. Davidson had just returned to ASU following a successful tournament run Jan. 7-11 in the Milwaukee Collegiate Tennis Classic, being the only underclassman to reach the semifinals.

In her first four matches, Davidson defeated a college senior, including No. 5-seeded Karen Gallego of William & Mary (6-2, 5-7, 6-2) and No. 2-seeded Jackie Moe of Texas (6-3, 6-4) in the fourth and third rounds, respectively.

Having impressed coaches and opponents with her hard-hitting style, Davidson was by then considered a favorite to win the tournament despite her youthfulness, but she lost to Indiana University senior and sixth-seeded Stephanie Reese in the semifinals (6-3, 3-6, 4-6).

RESEE EVENTUALLY won the Please turn to Page 2



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

James Willer of Harrison has the upper hand in his 125-pound match with Mark Armstrong

Thursday, but the Canton wrestler eventually won a decision.

Farmington rally overcomes Vikes in Lakes contest

Farmington won the last six bouts Thursday and rallied from an 18-point deficit to defeat Walled Lake Central 39-24 in a Western Lakes Activities Association wrestling contest.

The Falcons are 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the WLAA and 7-1-1 overall.

Farmington trailed 24-6 following the 140-pound bout, but the Falcons got four pins, a technical fall and a major decision at the remaining six weights to outscore Central 33-6.

Jason Holliday (145) pinned Mike Bouchard in 2:59, Mike Fallo (160) pinned Ty Gary in 16 seconds, Ryan Adams (171) pinned Tom McBride in 1:26 and Matt Siskosky pinned Aaron Frazer 39 seconds into the heavyweight contest.

Also contributing to the winning rally were Dave Monge (152) with a 12-3 victory over Dale McCaren and Rob Cavagnol (189) with a 16-0, technical fall over Brent Blott.

The Vikings won five of the first seven bouts to build a 24-6 advantage. Farmington's wins during that span came from Jon Duff (125) and Matt Smith (130) with a pair of minor decisions over Ralph Hale and Barry Brown, respectively. Duff won 7-4 and Smith 5-2.

Central's Lee Southard (103) edged

Hawks humble Salem

Paul Gilvudis — all six feet, eight inches of him — stood tall Friday night.

The senior center broke loose for 28 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, powering Farmington Hills Harrison to a 61-57, overtime victory over visiting Plymouth Salem in a Western Lakes Activities Association basketball encounter.

Harrison outscored the Rocks 6-2 in the three-minute extra session to run its overall record to 4-2. The Hawks are 1-1 in the WLAA. Salem, now 4-3 overall, is also 1-1 in the conference.

"Paul took the game over," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "Some of his points came on put-backs, but we still haven't realized he's our go-to guy."

"TONIGHT HE got himself more involved. It was his best game ever." Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team was outbounded 47-30, echoed Teachman's sentiments.

"He (Gilvudis) was hot," he said. "The key was good was on the offensive glass, where he just killed us on the boards."

They (Harrison) missed some shots, but he kept it (the ball) alive. We tried to block him out, but we didn't do a very good job."

The Rocks, bolstered by a Harrison technical foul resulting in four straight free throws from senior center Mike Abraham (14 points), made an eight-point run to gain a 48-41, second-half lead.

But Harrison stepped up the defense to get right back in it, pulling even at 48-41 as the two teams played virtually even the rest of the way.

Salem's 6-6 sophomore center James Head tipped in a shot with just under 10 seconds left to play and sent the game into overtime at 55-51.

HE CAME OFF the bench to lead Salem with 18 points and 12 rebounds. Junior guard Mike Stone added 11.

Andy Fitzpatrick, a 6-4 senior, contributed 11 points and 13 rebounds for the Hawks. Senior Duante Anderson added 10 points.

Harrison won despite making only 12 of 33 free throws, including two of six in OT. Gilvudis, however, made six of seven.

"We wanted to get to the free-throw line but didn't capitalize," Teachman said.

Salem, meanwhile, went 11-of-12 from the stripe, including 8-of-8 by Abraham.

"Offensively, again we shot the ball too quickly at times from the perimeter, and there were times when we got caught in the wrong combination defenses," Brodie said.

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John Economy 7-6, Jay Davenport (112) pinned Chris Darnell in 1:10, Chris Diehl (119) pinned John Lane in 5:41, Frank Lovio (135) defeated Steve Lemieux 7-4 and Doug Hare (140) pinned Mike Frough in 4:28.

The Falcons wrestled against Farmington Hills Harrison and Livonia Churchill Tuesday at Power Middle School.

BOB CHICKA'S PIN in the heavyweight bout enabled North Farmington to tie host Livonia Farmington 36-36 in a WLAA Lakes Division wrestling match Thursday.

The contest had been tied four times previously, the last at 30-30 after Tom Dedivanaj of Stevenson pinned Jeff Light in 3:09 of the 171-pound bout.

The Spartans went in front 36-30 when North voided the 183 division, but Chicka forced a draw when he pinned Eric Hine in 3:48.

North led 15-8 after David Cassidy (112) pinned Nate Stauffer in 3:08. Please turn to Page 2