

# Raiders defeat Seaholm in OT

North Farmington center Todd Pawlowski nailed a 10-footer with nine seconds remaining in the second overtime Tuesday to give the Raiders a 59-57 win over visiting Birmingham Seaholm in boys basketball.

It was Dean Pennala's 17-footer with seven seconds left in regulation time that sent the game into overtime.

"I hope these are the type of games you grow from," North coach Tom Negoshian said, adding it was the Raiders' second double-OT game of the season.

Senior guard Brian Lee came off the bench to provide the offensive spark for North and scored 19 points, including 11 of his team's 13 in the fourth quarter. He also knocked down a crucial three-pointer in overtime.

"Brian really did a nice job for us," Negoshian said. "His big fourth quarter helped us."

The Raiders (3-4) trailed 23-22 at halftime but led 34-30 after three quarters.

Seaholm's downfall came at the charity stripe where it made just 10 of 20 free throws. North was 10-of-15.

Guard Matt McAskin tallied a game-high 24 points in a losing cause for the Maples (4-4). Senior guard Jon Sturtz contributed 11 points for North.

FARMINGTON HILLS Harrison outscored visiting Waterford Mott 17-2 in the first quarter Tuesday and never looked back, rolling over the winless Corsairs 76-49 in a non-league game.

The Hawks, 5-2 overall, led 42-16 at halftime and 59-35 after three quarters. Mott fell to 0-8.

Dave Gilroy paced Harrison offensively, scoring 15 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Dan Hight and Rich Ruffini added 12 and 11 points, respectively. Mott had two players with seven points.

"We did a very nice job," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We were able to give a lot of guys minutes."

FARMINGTON WAS outscored 42-18 in the second half Tuesday and lost to visiting Lake Orion 63-40 in a non-league basketball game.

The Falcons led 22-21 at halftime but couldn't muster any offense in the third quarter as the Dragons outscored Farmington 26-9.

"Lake Orion came right out in the second half and hit a couple of three-pointers and, before we knew it, we were 10 points down and the half was only two minutes old," Farmington coach Denny Nikel said.

"That third quarter blew the game wide open."

Farmington (2-5) converted just five of 17 free throws. Lake Orion was 13-of-23.

Senior forward Steve Gallagher tallied a game-high 20 points for the Falcons. Todd Webber paced the Dragons (4-3) with 14 points and Don Reed added 11.

# Eagles fail to extend lucky streak

What it came down to was, well, St. Mary's College ran out of miracles.

The Eagles had never lost an overtime basketball game in Glen Donahue's five-year tenure as coach — until Saturday. Then again, they were fortunate to get to OT on Saturday.

First, St. Mary's had to battle back from a 20-point deficit midway through the second half to tie host Northwood Institute and force overtime. Then the Eagles fell behind again, trailing by eight with 1:29 left, meaning they had to claw their way back once more.

Which they did in a 30-second span. St. Mary's actually had a chance to go ahead in the final minute of OT, but couldn't manage it. The Eagles ended up on the short end of a 96-92 decision, ending their nine-game win streak.

The defeat left them at 15-5 overall, 2-1 in the NIAA District 23, good for second place. Siena Heights is first at 3-1 (12-7 overall). Northwood evened its district record at 3-3; the Northmen are 4-13 overall.

POOR SHOOTING plagued St. Mary's throughout the game. In the first half, the Eagles converted just 11-of-35 floor shots (31.4 percent), which is why they trailed 42-16. Only their free throw shooting — 12-of-15 in the first half (80 percent) to Northwood's 6-of-11 (54.5 percent) — kept them close.

Midway through the second half, it didn't seem like anything could save St. Mary's. But over the last 10:26, the Eagles pressured Northwood into 20 turnovers and outscored the Northmen 29-9. With :38 left, Brian Smith scored his only basket of the game — a three-pointer that tied it at 81-81.

In OT, however, the Northmen got off to a fast start, with Brian Briggs

scoring two baskets and Mike Peck one to give them an 87-81 lead with 2:20 left. After Jeff Szczepanski and Jimmy Bolden each sank a free throw, Northwood scored four more on two free throws apiece from Briggs and Erick Tinsley.

THAT MADE it 91-83 with 1:39 remaining. But the Eagles weren't through. Bolden converted a three-point play and, after another Tinsley free throw, Jeff Suspek scored to make it 92-88 with 1:16 to go. After a Robert Thomas free throw, Bolden went to work again, nailing another

three-point play to narrow the gap to 93-91 — and 1:08 still on the clock.

St. Mary's then forced a turnover, but never got off a shot. Instead, Thomas stole the ball back and scored on a layup, pushing the Northmen's lead back up to four. The Eagles never got closer, although they had chances. Brian Koscielski missed two free throws and Bolden made 1-of-2 in the final :38.

Bolden finished with 32 points, six steals and three assists for St. Mary's. Suspek scored 18. Howard got 14 and Koscielski netted 10 and grabbed 11 rebounds. Szczepanski to-

taled eight points and 12 boards.

But the Eagles made just 30-of-87 shots (34.5 percent), while Northwood was 33-of-67 (49.2 percent). In addition, St. Mary's was a dismal 4-of-25 from three-point range (16 percent); Northwood was 6-of-12 (50 percent).

Steve Ryan's 20 points and 16 rebounds topped Northwood. Peck scored 18. Briggs had 17 and Byron Hayes collected 14.

St. Mary's hosts Concordia College at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Dombrowski Fieldhouse.

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# Usual hoop powers struggling

It's been a topsy-turvy type of season in Eastern Conference men's basketball. The teams usually at the top are struggling, and the teams that usually struggle are doing quite well.

Mott CC, Macomb CC and Oakland CC were all under .500 in conference play after Saturday. And Henry Ford CC was the reigning power at 7-1 after holding off OCC Saturday for an 89-83 victory at Henry Ford.

"We did not cash in at key times and they did," explained OCC coach Lynn Reed. "That's what did us in."

Execution is generated by experience, and that is one thing Henry Ford has more of than the Raiders. Still, with 20 left OCC was within 83-83 and had the ball. But Kevin Woodmore's 15-footer bounced out, forcing the Raiders to foul. They did, and the Hawks' Pat Osborne buried two free throws to ice the win. Teammate Glen Szeeman added a dunk at the buzzer for emphasis.

OCC FELL to 3-4 in the conference and 8-10 overall, which, Reed said, is "disappointing, but we haven't been

beaten badly by anyone. We've been in the ball game with everyone."

Staying close is some reason for hope. If the Raiders had made a few more free throws against Henry Ford (16-of-28, 57 percent), the outcome may have been different. The Hawks were 23-of-35 from the line (66 percent).

Dale Craft's 27 points led OCC. He also had nine rebounds. Rashe Revere added 22 points and eight boards, and Khari Maxwell contributed 12 points and 10 rebounds. Woodmore finished with nine points, four steals and three assists.

Henry Ford, now 13-4 overall, got 27 points from Chad Shilliday, 15 from both Szeeman and Heath Myers, 13 from Osborne and 12 from Jeff Riggs.

OCC plays at Macomb CC at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. "Hopefully, we can start winning some of these," said Reed. "I can't remember when I've lost so many close games."



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