

# Spartans beat Harrison, 63-39

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SPRAY WATERS

Farmington Harrison coach Pete Mantyla knew the consequences of letting Livonia Stevenson's Mo Drabicki play her game, but still couldn't find a way to stop the senior point guard Tuesday.

Drabicki, who put on an exhibition on both ends of the court, helped host Stevenson rally in the second half to pull away for a 63-39 win and keep the state-ranked Spartans undefeated in nine games and 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Drabicki scored a game-high 20 points (15 in the second half) in addition to her 10 assists and seven steals. It was the senior's defense that helped Stevenson rebound from a 20-17 halftime deficit to win in surprisingly easy fashion.

When the third quarter began, the Spartans extended their defense and caused numerous Harrison turnovers leading to easy buckets, several by Drabicki.

"Every mistake you make, Mo will punish you," Mantyla said. "I have seen that for the past three years. With her in the game, you can never relax. If you slow down your transition, she will create a steal and it's a layup. The whole first half we handled her, but then we got tired and sloppy with our passes. She gets her hands on everything and then it's a layup show."

Stevenson dominated the third quarter by outscoring the Hawks 22-4. It was reminiscent of Thursday's victory over Plymouth Salem, when Stevenson used a 13-0 spurt to pull away for the win.

"We extended our defense and played a more conservative half-court defense," Stevenson coach Wayne Henry said. "In the first half we were guarding against the three-point shot, but there was no shot. So in the second half we tried to stop their drives, offensive

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rebounds and entry passes more." Sophomore center Stacey Nichols and Ann Maria Aquino added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for Stevenson. Erin LaCrosse scored 13 second-half points to lead Harrison (6-4 overall and 2-2 in the WLA).

After a dismal first-half shooting display (seven for 24 from the floor), the Spartans nailed 20 of 32 field goal attempts (62 percent) over the final two quarters.

Harrison made a comeback attempt at the start of the fourth quarter to cut the Stevenson lead to 41-30. But the Spartans went on a 10-0 run sparked by three steals and full-court driving layups by Drabicki.

Mantyla blamed the loss on his coaching and admits the Hawks have a lot of work to do following Harrison's last two defeats to the league's elite — Stevenson and Plymouth Canton.

"In my opinion, we can play a lot better than we have been playing," Mantyla said. "We have to get mentally tougher and I think I have to get tougher with the team across the board. I expect more from the girls and I expect more from myself."

"We've played the two toughest teams in the league and I thought we could play with them. We didn't and I blame myself."

Stevenson jumped out to a 13-5 first-quarter advantage, but the Hawks scored 15 of the next 19 points to gain a three-point half-time lead. Stevenson had to play much of the first half without Nichols, who was on the bench in foul trouble.

With Nichols sidelined, Harrison senior Cusey Perkins was able to get loose underneath to score seven points and help the Hawks maintain a 23-11 first-half advantage on the boards.



Ball control: Farmington's Chris Darnell (left) battles North Farmington's Fred Lumaj for the ball in Monday's Western Lakes Activities Association game.

## Noble's goal lifts Falcons

Sean Noble's goal off a penalty kick with 11 minutes remaining Monday lifted Farmington's boys soccer team past host North Farmington.

Noble was given the opportunity after the Falcons' Wojtek Radz was tackled with the ball in front of the North net.

"It was a real close game today," Farmington coach Luke Juncal said. "We've beaten them by five or six goals the past couple of years, but they are very competitive this year. They were ready for the game, but so were we."

The Falcons scored the only goal of the first half when senior forward Chris Meller headed the ball in off a crossing pass from Radz at the 22 minute mark.

But the Raiders struck twice early in the second half to take a 2-1 lead. Junior halfback Denis Rica and sophomore forward Chris Kemp scored the North goals. Fred Lumaj assisted on Rica's goal.

The game was tied with 16 min-

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utes left when sophomore forward Chris Meyer tapped in a cross from Ryan Ramirez.

Farmington, which outshot the Raiders 17-9, improved to 5-3 overall and 4-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

North is 4-7 overall and 2-5 in the WLA. Only two of the three referees showed, and the game was very aggressive on both sides, according to North coach Kris Galczyk.

Farmington lost a player with a red card and had to go with 10 players instead of 11 for the last 10 minutes.

"It was a very emotional and exciting game," North coach Kris Galczyk said. "Both teams were very comparable. However, many times the only way they could stop our forwards was using illegal methods by grabbing shirts. We tried to control midfield but could not finish."

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for Monday edition).

### MARTIN UPDATE

Michigan State women's soccer player Margaret Martin, a junior defender from Farmington High, recorded her first point of the season, assisting on Karen Winslow's first goal in Friday's 2-1 overtime win over Cincinnati.

Martin has started all 11 MSU games and has been one of the most consistent Spartans. MSU, 6-5 overall, hosts Buffalo on Friday and Louisville on Sunday.

### RUNNING NEWS

Terry Elsey recorded the best

time in Sunday's 10K Run Through the Hills, a Farmington Hills race which ended at Heritage Park. Elsey, competing in the men's 40-over, finished the course in 34 minutes, 26 seconds.

Wendy Schulman won the women's open in 49:50. Kevin Sheerwood took first place in the men's open (38:29) and Mike Lane was first in the men's 17-under (44:50).

The Fun Run winners were Mary Potts in the women's division and Kevin Sheerwood in the men's. Theresa Elsey was second for women and Chris Biecy took runner-up in the men's.

### NFBW FOOTBALL

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Vikings pony football team raised its record to 3-1 with a 20-2 victory over the Ann Arbor

Wildcats. The Vikings were led by quarterback Pat Judge and running backs Brent Rodgers, Brandon Rogers and Aaron Diamond. Leading the defense were Brian Hickman, David Hickman, Chris Petersen, Brian Johns and Grant Bahri.

### SOFTBALL TRYOUTS

The Highland Fast-pitch Travel team will hold tryouts for its 14-under and 16-under Outlaw girls teams Sunday at Milford High School. Registration is from 11:30 a.m. to noon with tryouts going from noon to 2:30 p.m. Players who turn 15 on or before Aug. 31, 1994 are ineligible for the 14-under team; players who turn 17 on or before Aug. 31, 1994 are ineligible for the 16-under team. For more information, call 887-2406, 673-8153 or 887-5295.

### VEGAS NIGHT BOXING

Twelve scheduled amateur bouts, including four to five members of the Livonia Boxing Club, will highlight a Vegas Night and Millionaire's Party, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 27 at Burton Manor in Livonia.

Tickets are \$5 at the door. Tickets are available at the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation office (City Hall); Alie Brothers (477-4434) or the LBC gym, 26200 Plymouth Road.

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