

# Farmington loses to Salem, 64-42

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Farmington girls basketball coach John Verdura is trying to build a sound foundation but his frustration mounts by watching games slip through his players' fingers.

The Falcons played perhaps their best game of the season Thursday but still lost to visiting Plymouth Salem, 64-42. The more fundamentally sound team came out on top, according to Verdura.

"We're having trouble doing the fundamentals correctly," Verdura said. "We're not passing the ball and we're not catching the ball. On the other hand, Salem is a good fundamental team offensively and defensively."

"They could be the best team as far as execution that we have. There's no substitution for catching or passing the ball."

Salem improved to 5-6 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, while Farmington slipped to 3-8 overall and 0-5 in the WLAA. The Falcons have lost seven of their last eight games and things don't get any easier as they travel Tuesday to play WLAA leader Plymouth Canton.

The Rocks used pressure defense and strong guard play to take control of the game early. Salem forced numerous turnovers and the beneficiaries were the Rocks' guards.

Guard Lisa Craven (15 points) and Kelly Lukasek (9 points) scored all of their points in the first half. Craven caught on fire and nailed three triples.

After taking a 15-7 lead at the end of the first quarter, Salem took what looked like a safe 39-18 lead into halftime.

"We got our defense going early and made them turn it over," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "Lisa's outside shooting sparked

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us offensively in the first half. Kelly, our other guard, also played well early."

After sitting for much of the first half in foul trouble and scoring only two points, junior Andrea Salyer got Farmington going in the third quarter. Salyer helped account for all of Farmington's third quarter points by scoring 12 and dishing out two assists to help the Falcons close the gap to 48-34 entering the fourth.

Salyer finished with 16 points. The Falcons also received 12 points off the bench from freshman guard Amanda Porter.

"This was Andrea's best game as a basketball player," Verdura said. "She was able to get other people involved. To be successful, we have to get more than just Andrea and Amanda scoring and tonight there were signs of a couple other people starting to contribute."

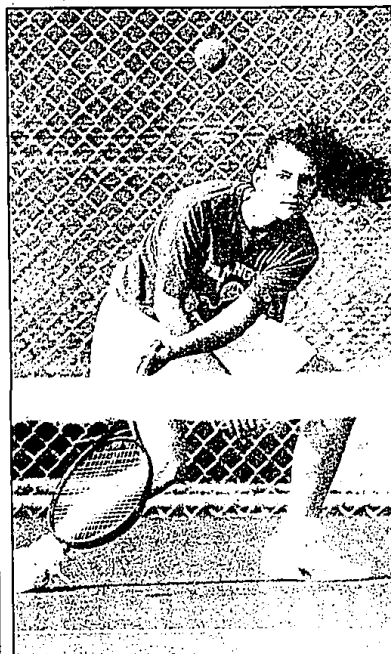
Two baskets by sophomore forward Kim Washnack cut the Salem lead to 50-38 with 6:22 left but the Rocks were able to regain the momentum as Karen Gundry, Liz Erickson and Shelly Sills scored four points each in a 12-2 Salem run.

"John's kids did a nice job coming back, but I also think our team did a good job of reacting to their comeback and holding them off," Thomann said.

"We played as hard as we could against them early but still fell behind by 10, and we're not the type of team that can make up deficits like that," Verdura said. "We showed signs of improvement tonight and played well, even though you can't tell by looking at the scoreboard."

The Rocks were able to overcome a dismal second-half shooting performance (9-for-36 from the field) by dominating the boards.

## Regional bound:



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**Return volley:** Farmington's Beth Wilson, 12-0 on No. 2 singles, returns a shot in a match last week. The Falcons play in Saturday's Southfield Class A regional. "There's no reason why we can't go to state (finish in the top two at regional)," coach Brenda Payne said. "We'll fight for first place with Farmington Mercy."

## BASKETBALL

# Perkins' 16 points leads Harrison rout

The Farmington Hills Harrison girls basketball team jumped to a 32-13 halftime lead Thursday and went on to defeat host Livonia Churchill, 56-32, in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division game.

The Hawks, who broke a two-game losing streak, are 7-4 overall and 3-2 in the WLAA. Churchill fell to 2-6 overall, 0-4 in the WLAA.

Senior center Carey Perkins led Harrison with 16 points and Jenny Myslinski contributed 13 points off the bench. Sophomore Erika Greene grabbed 10 rebounds.

Mary Daly led Churchill with eight points.

Harrison converted 17-of-31 free throws compared to Churchill's 3-4.

"Churchill scrapped until the end and never quit," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "We had to fight the entire way. It's nice that the girls kept working hard."

W.L. Central 64, N. Farmington 61: On Thursday, host Walled Lake Central outscored North Farmington 21-9 in the third quarter and held on for the WLAA Lakes Division victory.

The Vikings improved to 7-4 overall, 4-1 in the Lakes. North is 6-5 overall, 2-3 in the Lakes.

North tied the score 61-61 with

1:30 left but Central got three straight offensive rebounds and converted a three-point play in the last minute to take the last lead. Alisha Gordon's desperation three-point shot with five seconds left for North was no good.

Shannon McCoy scored 22 points to lead North. Gordon contributed 11 points. Allison Stein had nine and Danielle Laborde and Carrie May added eight each.

North wasted a 33-24 halftime lead and led by 11 in the third quarter before Central rallied.

Jaci Bielewicz had a game-high 24 for Central. Jessica Regentin scored 18 and Heather Miller added 10. Bielewicz, Regentin and Miller combined for all of

Central's third-quarter scoring.

Regina 64, Mercy 40: Senior forward Tamika Bates scored all 16 of her game-high points in the paint Thursday to lead Harper Woods Regina past host Farmington Hills Mercy.

The loss makes the Marlins winless in four Catholic League Central Division games and 3-8 overall. Regina is 6-4 overall and 1-3 in the Central Division.

Regina trailed 13-12 after one quarter but outscored Mercy 16-6 in the second quarter for a 28-19 halftime lead. Regina enjoyed a 42-14 rebounding advantage.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Oct. 15  
W.L. Central at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.  
Taylor Kennedy at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.  
Redford Union at Southgate, 7:30 p.m.  
Red. Thurston at Taylor Center, 7:30 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Bellevue, 7:30 p.m.  
Hamtramck at Clawsonville, 7:30 p.m.  
Borgess at S. Gale Aquinas, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 16  
Liv. Churchill at Farm. Hamson, 12:30 p.m.  
Ply. Canton at Liv. Franklin, 1 p.m.  
Westland Green at N. Farmington, 1 p.m.  
Garden City at Redford Union, 1 p.m.  
Redford CC at U.D. Jesuit, 2 p.m.  
St. Agatha vs. C.L. St. Clement at Riv. Park Field, 7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Tuesday, Oct. 12  
Westland Green at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Liv. Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Ply. Canton, 7 p.m.  
Ply. Salem at Farm. Hamson, 7 p.m.  
Liv. Stevenson at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Red. Thurston at Ga. Carlson, 7 p.m.  
Trenton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.  
Clawsonville at Lutheran North, 7 p.m.  
Kingswood at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.  
Birm. Mahan at Farm. Mercy, 7 p.m.  
A.P. Calver at Bishop Borgess, 7 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.  
Ply. Christian vs. B.H. Roeper at Lower Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14  
Ply. Canton at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Liv. Franklin at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Westland Green, 7 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Monroe, 7 p.m.  
Taylor Center at Red. Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Clawsonville at Lutheran North, 7 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at G.P. Uggott, 7 p.m.  
Birm. Mahan at Farm. Mercy, 7 p.m.  
Farm. Hamson at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Bishop Borgess at S. Gale Aquinas, 7 p.m.  
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.  
Ply. Christian vs. B.H. Roeper at Lower Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15  
Huron Valley vs. Oakland Christian at Marshall Junior High, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16  
Alpena at Liv. Ladywood, 4:30 p.m.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
Monday, Oct. 11  
Bellevue at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Liv. Churchill at Farm. Hamson, 5:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Liv. Franklin, 5:30 p.m.  
W.L. Western at N. Farmington, 5:30 p.m.  
Ply. Canton at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Taylor Center, 7 p.m.  
Redford CC at Chippewa Valley, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 12  
Monroe at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. North, 4:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Bethesda, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 13  
Trenton at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Red. Thurston at Redford Union, 4 p.m.  
Ply. Salem at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Liv. Franklin at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Ply. Canton, 7 p.m.  
Farm. Hamson at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14  
Redford CC vs. Ann Arbor Huron at Redford's Bell Creek Pk., 4 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. East, 4:30 p.m.  
Ypsilanti at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 15  
Taylor Center at Garden City, 4 p.m.  
Inter City at Luth. Westland, 4:30 p.m.  
B.H. Roeper at Huron Valley, 4:30 p.m.  
G.P. South at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Now, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 16  
Redford CC at Warren DeLaSalle, 1 p.m.

**MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Wednesday, Oct. 13  
Macomb CC at Schoharie, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 16  
Schoharie at Columbus St., 1 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER**  
Wednesday, Oct. 13  
Schoharie at Oakland Union, 4 p.m.

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL**  
Tuesday, Oct. 12  
Schoharie at Honey Fort CC, 8 p.m.  
Macomb at Univ. of Windsor, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 14  
Schoharie at Macomb CC, 4 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, Oct. 15-16  
Macomb at Texas Wesleyan Univ., TBA  
TBA — times to be announced.

## TENNIS

**FARMINGTON B FRANKLIN**  
Thursday at Livonia Franklin

No. 1 singles: Sarah Brub (Farmington) defeated Kim Tait, 6-0, 6-2.  
No. 2: Beth Wilson (Farmington) def. Shawn Poch, 6-0, 6-2.  
No. 3: Laura McWilliam (Farmington) def. Michele Nolen, 6-2, 6-0.  
No. 4: Kori Spoo (Farmington) def. Sara Winkowski, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Devon Woodruff-Leslie Britt (Farmington) def. Sarah Lawrence-Karen Freeman, 6-0, 6-0.  
No. 2: Lauren Tucker-Krissy Mahon (Farmington) def. Denise Igusa-Kathryn Wood, 6-0, 6-1.  
No. 3: Jennifer Morton-Ann White (Farmington) def. Amy Brenner-Anne Mur, 6-0, 2-6, 6-1.  
No. 4: Kelly Cornwell-Amy Kiefer (Farmington) def. Heather Sotter-Amy Ferguson, 6-3, 6-3.

Records: Farmington finished the regular season at 12-2-1 overall.

**BIRMINGHAM COUNTRY DAY 4 BIRMINGHAM HILLS MERCY 3**  
Thursday at Country Day

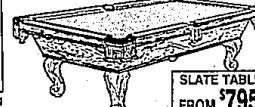
No. 1 singles: Vicki Nedomansky (Country Day) defeated Kristen Huska, 6-2, 6-3.  
No. 2: Anna Keszler (Country Day) def. Amy Mokka, 6-2, 6-2.  
No. 3: Suma Sutamuray (Country Day) def. Anna Huska, 6-7, 6-4, 7-6.  
No. 4: Susan Miss (Mercy) def. Alia Singar, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Jackie Rajaboth-Kate Emery (Mercy) def. Amanda Singar-Andrea Bologna, 7-5, 6-4.  
No. 2: Monisha Shetty-Corinne Bredelore (Country Day) def. Tina Mahey-Julie Zimmerman, 6-7, 7-5, 6-3.  
No. 3: Michelle Uller-Dana Sachone (Mercy) def. Gelene Rivera-Rachelle Rivers, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4.

Mercy's dual meet record: 9-2 overall.  
Next match: 4 p.m. Tuesday vs. Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart at Oakland Community College.

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