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Farmington (2-5) was staying close in the third quarter. Tony Juncal made a three-point play with 2:51 remaining and to hold Groves to a 30-28 lead.

But the visitors began to pull away as they outscored Farmington 6-2 to end the period.

"We come down the floor, initiate the offense and have a breakdown," Mikal said. "We're not able to regroup and go again."

"The kids start improvising on their own, and we end up taking bad shots. Then a four-point

lead (for the other team) becomes a 10- or 12-point lead."

The issue was all but decided when Easter, Hayden and Josh Flennig sank consecutive three-point shots to begin the fourth quarter and balloon the Groves advantage to 17 points.

"That buried the stake a little deeper," Mikal said.

"That really got the momentum going in our direction," Sharpe said.

Groves made five of its first six shots in the fourth quarter

and pushed its lead to a high of 20 points, 52-32.

"We haven't been shooting very well the last few games, and maybe that's going to turn around," Sharpe said. "We need it to if we're going to be competitive in our league."

"But we're on the road and just happy to walk out with the W."

Groves made 20 of 48 shots overall and 12 of 17 free throws. Farmington was 14-of-54 from the field and 9-of-18 at the line.

"This loss hurt because I think, potentially, we're the better team," Mikal said. "Tonight, we didn't play like that, obviously. They kept their composure and were the better team tonight."

"The season is only one third of the way over, so we have a lot of games to play yet. That's why we practice, to get things turned around; we'll keep working on it."

REDFOOT CO. ST. GALLAGHER 88: Catholic Central senior guard Marc McDonald, still suffering from an injured thumb, broke out of a shooting slump with a game-high 32 points, including eight three-point shots. Tuesday night against visiting Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

Nick Moore added 14 points and 11 assists. Chris Young contributed 12 points for the Shamrocks, 5-2 overall.

Senior guard Harlin Thomas had 14 points for Gallagher, wireless in seven games. Julius Curry added 12.

The Shamrocks led 21-14 after one quarter and 37-29 at halftime. CC outscored Gallagher 25-16 in the fourth.

North executes plan in victory over Mott

A simple thing like a victory can sometimes be the result of just one — simple thing.

North Farmington applied that formula successfully Monday and came out of Waterford Mott with a 56-44 non-conference basketball victory.

"We did a better job of doing the simple things, like passing the ball and catching it," Raiders coach Brian Swinehart said. "We did a better job of shooting, too. We had seven threes, and Brad (Rivers) had three of them."

Scott Gold led North with 18 points. Rivers ended with 13, and Julian Cochran scored 12 as the Raiders upped their record to 2-6.

Rivers also had eight rebounds, with Gold getting six and also recording three assists. Cochran had six assists.

The Raiders jumped to a 16-9, first-period lead over the Corsairs, who had 15 points from Wayne Langdon and 10 from Brent Courter, and were up 34-19 at the half.

"Their team had been scoring in the high 50s and low 60s," Swinehart said. "Our press made them slow down, got them into a slow game they didn't like to play."

Mott came back in the third

quarter, trimming four points off the lead, but North swapped points through the fourth to drop the Corsairs to 4-4.

"They cut it to 11 but couldn't get any closer," Swinehart said. "We're not used to playing with a lead, but we did a nice job of taking care of the ball, milking time off the clock and getting out with a win, which was the most important thing."

"It was a good all-around game, a nice win. It was nice to get that one. We've been struggling for a little bit."

CLARENCEVILLE 77, CRESTWOOD 63: Sophomore guard Albert Delosovic scored a game-high 28 points Saturday as host Livonia Clarenceville won its fourth straight to even its record at 4-4 overall with the non-league win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Delosovic just missed a triple-double as he added nine assists and nine rebounds. He shot 4-of-8 from the three-point arc, 4-of-9 from two-point range and 8-of-11 from the free-throw line.

Senior center Jason Merritt contributed 12 points and 12 rebounds, while junior forward Justin Villanueva added 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Donohue Fulton, a senior guard, chipped in 11 points and three assists.

Joe Niemczewski led Crestwood (1-5) with 24 points (11-of-18 shooting) and eight rebounds. Rich Ellstrom added 16 points and 15 rebounds.

Hawks

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team, found the range early and were ahead 12-5 with 4:27 left in the opening quarter. But from that point until halftime, the Rocks outscored them 29-9 to open up a 34-21 lead at the break.

The biggest Salem run during that stretch was 14-0, extending from the last 4:13 of the opening quarter into the first minute of the second. Seven of those points belonged to diminutive guard Andy Power, who's listed at 5-foot-7, 135 pounds.

Power proved to be Harrison's greatest nemesis, riddling the Hawks for a game-high 26 points. "Andy's a very good point guard," said Salem coach Bob Brodie. "He still makes a few mistakes, but he's getting better and better."

"I think a lot of teams still don't know how good he is."

Power won't be a secret for long, not with games like this one. He finished the first half with 14 points, making life miserable for the Hawks, who slogged through the second quarter converting just 3-of-16 shots.

If Salem got complacent due to their first-half performance, it wasn't because they weren't earned. "I told the kids at half time (Harrison) would make a run at us," said Brodie.

Harrison switched to a half-court pressure defense, and Salem started making mistakes. After committing just five turnovers in the first half, the Rocks made nine in the third quarter.

Fortunately for them, the Hawks still weren't shooting real well (8-for-19 from the floor in the period), but they still managed to narrow the gap to 48-41 entering the final quarter.

"That's when Salem's spread

offense — designed, according to Brodie, to find easy baskets against Harrison's pressure — got tentative.

"They played a nice pressure defense on us," admitted Brodie, "and we tried to stick a finger in the dike instead of going for the knockout."

"I think we were playing not to lose instead of attacking."

With 1:02 left in the final quarter, Bhavin Patel was at the line trying to add to Salem's pitiful total of just five points in the period. Patel made one of two free throws, but Harrison was already rolling.

A three-pointer by Jerrard Johnson had made it a one-point game 21 seconds earlier. With 43.5 seconds left, a careless Harrison turnover allowed Salem to increase its lead to four (56-52) on a pretty inbound pass from Nate Gray to Patel with 30 seconds remaining.

Andres Lopez then fouled Harrison's Matt Derocher — while he was attempting a triple. Derocher made all three free throws and it was a one-point game again, 56-55.

Lopez atoned for his foul by hitting two free throws with 10.5 seconds left. But Snow (11 points) got open behind the circle and launched a three. It went through to tie it at 58, forcing overtime.

All the momentum seemed to be with Harrison. But it was the Rocks who were determined not to fold in OT.

Patel (12 points) got a lay-up to put Salem ahead, then a steal by Jeff McKian resulted in a lay-up for him and a four-point Rock cushion.

The Hawks never caught up, although Derocher, who led them with 20 points, helped keep them close, adding a basket and a three-pointer.

But another McKian bucket (13 points), followed by a Power steal and the resultant free throw with 41 seconds left, built Salem's lead to four (67-63).

The Hawks were out of range and out of time.

Aaron Iaconelli nailed a triple from the corner, giving him 11 points for the game, but it came as the clock ran out.

With two losses in their first three WLAA games, the Hawks now face an imposing peak that must be scaled if they are to battle for the title.

And Salem? Well, let's just say further challenges await.

Raiders defeat conference foe

North Farmington defeated host Walled Lake Western in three straight games Monday to win a Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball match.

The Raiders swept the Warriors, 15-10, 16-10, 15-3.

Dianna Gustkey served seven aces out of 19 serves and was 19-of-19 on defensive digs. Tricia Traczky was 21-of-24 on spike attempts. Her bright spots were

we hustled on defense and were very aggressive," North coach Kevin Patrick said. "We didn't let much hit the floor tonight."

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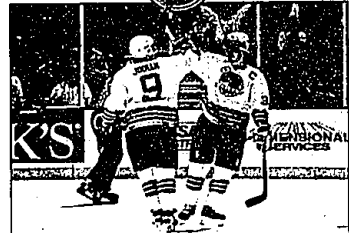
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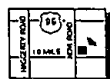


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