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"You don't get stressed when you watch that. It doesn't make any difference if you lay someone's egg wrong."

Teachman's angst stemmed from a poor first quarter, for he and his team a disturbing trend the Hawks have exhibited this season, in which North raced to an 18-5 lead.

DeJoesovic connected for three three-point baskets as the Raiders hit seven of 14 shots in the opening period while the Hawks were 1-of-9 from the floor.

Harrison also found itself in early foul trouble as junior center Nick Hall and Burt picked up two quick fouls each trying to guard Medunjanin.

Teachman noted the Raiders outscored their opponents 82-38 in the first quarter of five previous games.

"Now you can make that 100-43," he said. "We'd be better off starting the second quarter and saying 'We'll give you a 10-point lead.'"

"We cannot afford to play these lousy first quarters. Obviously, the question I'll have to mull over is 'Do I start the wrong guys?'"

Medunjanin, who finished with a game-high 14 points, worked especially hard for his six in the first half and also had some big assists when he otherwise might have scored.

Brian Shulman scored North's first eight points of the second quarter to give the Raiders a 20-7 lead. He made consecutive threes, then stole the ball and made a layup.

"Shulman probably was the difference in the game in my opinion," Teachman said, adding the Hawks didn't expect him to score like that. "When we went to the defense that would help us with Adrian (Bridges) and Emir, the triangle and two, he stepped up and hit two (threes)."

DeJoesovic finished with 12 points, Shulman 10, Bridges five and Matt Kelmigian four.

Burt was the only Harrison player in double figures with 12 points. Nelson and Zach Burton scored six apiece, Pesci and Ricky Bryant five each, Lemar Wilson and Hall four apiece.

The Raiders finished the first half with a 30-15 lead after shooting nearly 50 percent (17-of-25) from the floor while the Hawks made only four of 26

shots (15 percent).

North was on the verge of turning the game into a rout when it upped its lead to 41-21 on Medunjanin's third layup of the third quarter with 3:50 remaining.

But the Raiders went scoreless for the next 7:05 as the Hawks turned up their defensive pressure, turned North's spread offense against it and found their own offense at the same time.

"We thought we had already won the game," Medunjanin said. "We were ahead by 20 and thought it was over."

"We kept telling the kids Harrison is too athletic to lie down. They play too hard and they're too good to give up," Negoshian said. "Harrison made a great run at us."

Harrison scored the last eight points of the third quarter and the first nine of the fourth for a 17-0 run that put it within three points of North, 41-38.

Kelmigian's free throws broke the long North drought at 4:44 and Bridges' throws made it 45-39. But the Hawks scored the next six points to tie. Bryant's steal and jam, with Ohio State assistant football coach Chuck Stobart looking on, was followed by Pesci's tying layup with 27 seconds remaining after Nelson won a scramble for a loose ball at midcourt.

Looking at his shot chart, Teachman noted the Hawks didn't have a shot in the paint in the first quarter, but the third and fourth were "like the Senate impeachment hearings — everybody crowded into the same little room."

Harrison was 12-of-25 from the floor in the second half; North was 6-of-12 and just 1-of-3 in the fourth.

"Comeback basketball is hard," Teachman said. "You spend more energy than they do fighting the comeback. Then (the North lead) went out to six, and now we have to come back again."

"The funny thing is, after all our resources, we got beat on a penetration situation."

"It was an amazing effort to come back. If it had succeeded, we would've won a ballgame, but we'd still have to deal with the first quarter."

North improved its record to 7-1 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.



Low post action: North Farmington junior center Emir Medunjanin attempts to drive around Harrison's Nick Hall to the basket during basketball action Tuesday.

Harrison slipped to 2-2 and 5-2. "This is just one game in a whole bunch we still have to play," Negoshian said.

"To me this game is over," Medunjanin said. "We're just looking forward to the next game Friday at Farmington."

Trojans notch OT win over Warriors

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BASKETBALL

Livonia Clarenceville pulled out an Old West style victory from Lutheran High School Westland — it used a horse and a pistol.

The horse was sophomore center Scott Wion, whom the Trojans rode for 25 points, and the pistol was Joe Kough, who had a hot-shooting second quarter Tuesday night to help spark Clarenceville to its 69-65 overtime victory over Lutheran Westland.

"This was a big win for us," rookie coach Bill Dyer of Clarenceville said. "They've won a lot of close games, which we haven't."

"Our kids showed a lot of character. We play with a lot of heart."

Each team rode the waves of momentum to keep the issue in doubt right to the end.

"Clarenceville played scrappy and hard," coach Dan Ramthun of Lutheran Westland said after the Metro Conference game. "We didn't play up to our game. But give them the credit for that."

The Warriors were ahead 57-52 with 3:09 left, 59-54 with 2:11 to play and 61-56 with 1:37 to go before Mike Muscat swished a three-pointer to make the margin workable.

Sophomore Brent Habitz made a free throw with 1:04 left to put Lutheran Westland up 62-59 but Wion made a putback and was fouled with 22 seconds to play. He made the free throw to tie the score and force overtime.

Wion's layup with 3:03 left countered a Charlie Hoeft basket 18 seconds into the extra period. Hoeft's free throw at 2:41 gave the Warriors a 65-64 lead but Scott Carr hit a fast break layup off a turnover to give the Trojans the lead for good with 2:11 to go.

Tim Riedl made two free throws with 11 seconds showing on the clock to make it 68-65 and Lutheran Westland was unable to get off a clean shot after that.

The Warriors started out like they were going to run away with it, scoring nine unanswered points to take a 18-8 lead on the way to an 18-11 first period advantage.

But the Trojans harried the Warriors into seven straight turnovers early in the second quarter in a 19-4 run that gave them a 30-22 lead. Kough made a layup, a trey and a three-point play in the surge to get eight of his 10 points in the game.

"Joe Kough gave us a big lift in the second quarter," Dyer said. "He was the difference in the game. He made steals, layups and good passes."

"Turnovers are the key for us. When we don't have turnovers, we can win games."

Clarenceville is now 2-5 for the season, 1-2 in the Metro. Lutheran Westland is 3-3 overall, 2-2 in the Metro.

Tom Habitz led Lutheran Westland with 21 points, Hoeft had 17 and Ryan Ollinger and Brent Habitz nine each.

Scott Carr had 16 points for Clarenceville, 14 in the first half, to back Wion and Kough.

The Trojans held off a late second quarter rush to hold a 37-34 lead at the half. They had problems when the Warriors opened the third quarter with a zone but took the ball out to mid-court and eased to a 49-47 lead after three periods.

Wion had 11 rebounds; Scott Hall had six offensive boards. Clarenceville lobbed the ball in to Wion for easy layups when he was fouled, not forcing the ball in when he was doubled and getting him the ball for drop-steps when his defender was behind him.

Wion had 10 of the Trojans' 12 points in the third period and seven in the fourth, much of which he played with four fouls.

"He can score underneath," Dyer said. "We just had to get him the ball."

Spartans can relate to Patriots' troubles

If anybody knows what Dan Robinson and Livonia Franklin are going through, it's Tim Stevenson and Livonia Stevenson.

Stevenson handed Franklin, 69-62, Tuesday night to keep the Patriots winless in seven tries this season.

The Spartans can empathize, though, because last year they were the team that was winless at this point. In fact, Stevenson went the whole season without winning a game. It is 4-3 following the non-league game between league opponents.

Dave Stando played his best game of the season, scoring 13 points and tying junior John Van Buren for high-point honors with Stevenson. Junior Mike Lennard had 11, Brett Koch nine, Ryan Tobin eight, Keshay

McChristian seven and Marty Kennedy six.

Dustin Kuras scored 19 points for Franklin, including 11-for-15 free throw shooting, and also had nine rebounds.

SOUTH LYON 66, FARMINGTON 57: Senior guard Gary Neighbors scored a game-high 27 points Tuesday to lead the visiting Lions to their win over the Falcons.

Matt Nelson added 14 for South Lyon (9-2), which made 15 of 18 free throws.

Junior forward Justin Milus scored 15 points, sophomore guard Matt Miket 13 and sophomore forward Jeremy Mates 10 for Farmington (3-5), which was 8-of-14 at the line.

The Lions led 23-19 after one quarter, but the Falcons trimmed the margin to one at halftime, 33-32.

South Lyon led 46-45 going into the decisive fourth period in which outscored Farmington 18-12.

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