

Surviving wrestlers gird for regional

By TOM BAER

Farmington High's Dave Denny has been staying on top of things these days. And a lot of those "things" have been opposing wrestlers.

Denny, a senior 112-pounder on Farmington's wrestling team, has won 32 of his 34 matches this season. Some 27 of his victories have come on pins.

"He's aggressive and he's a pinner — he has a lot of first-period pins," said Farmington coach Don Dettler, who'll accompany Dave and three other Falcon matmen to the state Class A regional Saturday at Ann Arbor Huron High.

The Farmington four advanced to regional competition by finishing in the top three in their respective weight classes in the district tournament last Saturday at Huron.

The other FHS survivors are Mark Denny, Dave's

younger brother, Bill Anglin and Jim Steiner.

North Farmington, which also wrestled in the Huron district, will be represented in the regional by Junior Paul Cotter and senior Steve Magyar.

Farmington Harrison, a Class B school, will have two wrestlers, seniors Bob Cushing and Ken Kopko, in the regional at Dearborn Heights Robichaud Saturday.

If these wrestlers finish in the top two in their weight classes, they'll advance to the state finals Feb. 27-28. This year the finals in all four classes will be held in the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

FARMINGTON'S DAVE Denny won the 112-pound district title with a 10-4 decision over Walter Young of Belleville. Brother Mark won the 132-pound crown, pining Belleville's Kerry O'Keefe in

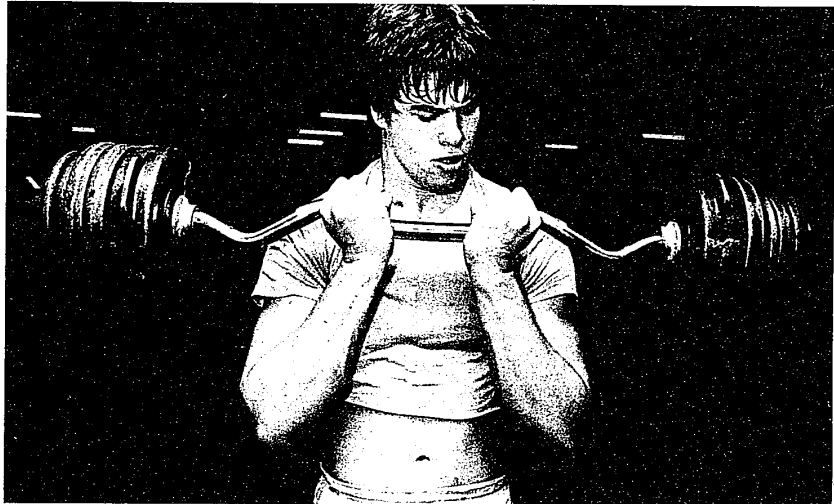
5:23. Mark, now 21-7, pinned three opponents in the regional.

Steiner, a senior, owns a 28-6 record after the districts. He placed second in the 167-pound class, losing to Steve Szolagi of Plymouth Salem, 1-0, in the finals. Steiner and Szolagi split during the regular season and will probably meet again in the regional.

Anglin, a junior, finished second at 126 pounds, finally falling to James Kohn of Jackson High by a score of 6-0. Anglin, now 14-8, decisioned a tough opponent in Belleville's Fred Vera earlier in the district.

"Anglin and Mark Denny were big surprises," Dettler said. "They were really hot during the district. They wrestled real well."

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Ken Kopko, who survived the Class B wrestling districts, handles some weighty matters in Harrison's training room.



Harrison's Bob Cushing struggles with a teammate during a recent practice. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

Harrison completes city basketball sweep



Four starters scored in double figures last Tuesday as Farmington Harrison completed its local basketball mastery by beating Farmington High, 72-60.

Harrison had beaten North Farmington by a point earlier this season.

Steve Hollarz, a 6-foot-4 junior, scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Harrison. Goran Vazovski and Dale Sklar each had 17 points for the winners, and Steve Shanborn added 11.

Farmington's Jerry Liphardt and Pete Mantyla led all scorers with 20 and 19 points, respectively.

Fouls — 22 of them — were Farmington's downfall. Harrison made good of 22 of 30 free throws, and Farmington dropped in 10 of 11. Each team sank 25 field goals.

Farmington led by a point (35-34) at halftime, but Harrison came back to score 15 third-quarter points to the Falcons' 11. The winners dominated the fourth quarter, 23-14.

Harrison, now 11-5 overall, is home to Plymouth Canton at 8 p.m. on Thursday. Farmington, now 9-9, travels to Pontiac Northern on Friday.

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Tom Lloyd pumped in 29 points last Tuesday to pace Watford Kettering's 65-61 win over non-league North Farmington. The loss was North's 12th in 16 starts this season.

Tom Rennard and Bill Gravias each scored 16 points for North Farmington, and Mark Bowditch added 14. North led by two (14-12) after the opening quarter, but Kettering (10-7) came back to knot it at 27 at halftime.

Redford Thurston comes to North Farmington for an 8 p.m. game on Friday.

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Dave Austin and Mark Garrett scored 13 and 12 points, respectively, last Tuesday, but their Farmington Lutheran High Northwest basketball team tumbled, 84-52, in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference game. Northwest is 0-7 in the conference and 1-14 overall.

Joe Tysick scored 26 points for the Pontiac squad, which is tied for the league lead with Grosse Pointe Liggett with a 6-2 record.

Northwest plays next on Friday at Southfield Christian. Game time is 8 p.m.

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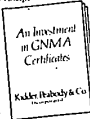
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