

### 3rd-straight for Southfield

# Blue Jays nip North

BY TOM BAER

Southfield High's Paul Wilkie, a 6-1 junior forward, didn't have what you'd call an exceptional shooting night against North Farmington Tuesday. He made two baskets and six free throws.

Still, Wilkie and the rest of the Southfield squad will remember his jumper from the corner with just 50 seconds left in the game. The ball dropped in. Southfield took the lead, 67-65, and then went on to win the non-league, 71-65.

"Wilkie is a good outside shooter," said Southfield coach Don Kaump, whose team is 6-4 overall. "The only problem is that we need him under the boards to rebound. We're really small. I mean we're like a bunch of midgets out there."

The game had its exciting moments up until the Wilkie bucket. Things went downhill from there. North lost the ball out of bounds with 28 seconds left. Then North's John Patek fouled Jon Vigi, who made one free throw.

Seconds later, North's Fielding Epstein picked up his fifth foul. Vigi went to the line and made the throw, but North coach Ken Dean protested that he had not had enough time to substitute for Epstein. The ref agreed, but apparently didn't like the way Dean made his point.

DEAN WAS given a technical. Vigi made both foul shots, and Jeff McCall swished the technical.

McCall, Southfield tallest man at 6-3, ended up sharing team scoring honors with Rick Wieland, a 5-9 guard. Both scored 14 points. Vigi, another "midget" at 5-11, added 12 points, seven coming in the last quarter.

North's Mike Garcia led the losers

with 18 points, including a 16-point spree in the third quarter. Matt Kurajan came off the bench to add 16 points. Patek provided 14 more.

Southfield led 37-33 at halftime and then built up a six-point margin (53-49) after three quarters. North made a determined comeback in the final quarter. Mike Morrow's basket tied it at 50-all, and the score was knotted six more times going down the stretch.

Southfield outrebounded North, 36-34. Wilkie grabbed eight rebounds and McCall snatched five.

North Farmington actually lost the game on the free throw line. The Raiders made 28 field goals to Southfield's 24. But the Blue Jays were 23 of 33 from the line. North was nine of 18.

#### Southfield-N. Farmington

Southfield (71): Rick Wieland 6, 23, 14, Jeff McCall 6, 23, 14, Paul Wilkie 2, 64, 10, Jon Vigi 2, 64, 12, Jeff Schuster 1, 0, 2, Geno Scarlotti 5, 39, 13, Gary Miles 1, 44, 6, Marvin Miles 6, 64, 9 Totals: 24, 23-33, 71

North Farmington (65): Dan Werner 1, 64, 2, Mike Garcia 9, 61, 18, Fielding Epstein 1, 34, 4, John Patek 6, 27, 14, Kevin McCann 1, 12, 3, Matt Kurajan 7, 22, 16, Mark Thompson 1, 22, 4 Totals: 28, 5-18, 65

Total Fouls: North Farmington 19, Southfield 12. Fouled Out: Mike Morrow and Fielding Epstein (North Farmington)

Southfield High 17 28 16 18 —71  
Farmington 15 18 16 16 —65



North coach Ken Dean huddles with his players



Southfield's Paul Wilkie (white uniform) goes for the bucket, while North's Matt Kurajan attempts a block. (Photo by Dan Hugson)



North's Mike Garcia (21) attempts to pass out of difficulty.

### Nonleague cage battle

# Hawks slip by Thurston

By DOUG FUNKE

In a contest which was nip and tuck all the way and a lot closer than the final score indicated, Farmington Harrison bested Redford Thurston Tuesday in nonleague basketball action 68-63.

The proceedings fluctuated to the advantage of each team at different stages of the game, as Thurston led 19-16 after the opening period, Harrison scrambled in front at the half 30-29, continued to hold a one-point margin after three quarters, and eventually won by five, although everything

was tied up at 62 with under a minute to play.

During the final 60 seconds, the Hawks connected for a foul shot and a field goal to go up 65-62. Thurston scored on the front end of a one-and-one situation to pull within two, missed the second free throw, then missed several tip-in opportunities which could have been the equalizing points.

Harrison finally obtained possession of the ball and with five seconds to play, Rob Skolnick was fouled by the Eagles in a desperate attempt to regain possession.

Thurston called two timeouts before the Hawk could shoot from the charity line in an attempt to unnerve Skolnick. However, when the marbles were on the line, the Harrison cager made good on his first free throw to seal the victory.

Skolnick missed his second attempt, but the ball was batted out to Harrison's Brian Gilbert, who canned a long shot at the buzzer for the final points of the game.

"Their kids (Harrison) did a nice job tonight," said Thurston coach Bill Orlowski after the contest. "They had nice balance."

Four Hawks hit the double-figure mark on the evening—Jeff Otto had 14 points and Mike Redford, Lou Vlas and Gilbert all ripped the cords for 10.

The Eagles' mentor also had some good things to say about his charges' play. "My kids were playing good defense, but they couldn't pick up that needed notch."

Thurston scorers were paced by Brian Barver with 20 points, Dave Beebe, 18, and Randy Rodriguez, 12.

Farmington Harrison (68): Brian Gilbert 4, 32, 10, Lou Vlas 4, 32, 10, Jeff Otto 7, 61, 7, Rob Skolnick 2, 64, 8, Mike Redford 4, 32, 16, Mike Bayle 2, 24, 6, Mark Brock 3, 64, 6, Larry Pump 1, 24, 4 Totals: 27, 14-21, 68

Redford Thurston (63): Gary Abrams 2, 34, 7, Dave Beebe 7, 47, 10, Brian Barber 8, 32, 25, Dennis Graft 6, 61, 6, Dave Masorani 1, 24, 4, Roy Pilgion 1, 61, 2, Randy Rodriguez 6, 64, 12 Totals: 28, 11-19, 63

Total Fouls: Farmington Harrison 15, Redford Thurston 13. Fouled Out: None. Farmington 19 16 12 14 —68 Thurston 19 10 22 12 —63

## Sports coming up

**Basketball**  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Royal Oak Kinkaid at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahar roads, 8 p.m.  
Friday (Jan. 23) North Farmington at West Bloomfield, 1923 Orchard Lake Road, 8 p.m.  
Friday (Jan. 23) Southfield-Lathrup at Utica Eisenhower, 6500 Twenty-Five Mile Road, 8 p.m.  
Friday (Jan. 23) Farmington Harrison at Waterford Hills, 1151 Scott Lake Road, 8 p.m.  
Friday (Jan. 23) Farmington High at Waterford Township, 1415 Crescent Lake Road, 8 p.m.

**Swimming**  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Birmingham Seaholm at Southfield High, Ten Mile and Lahar roads, 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Utica Eisenhower at Southfield-Lathrup, 1920 Twelve Mile Road, 7 p.m.  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Farmington High at Bloomfield Hills Andover, 630 Andover Road, 7:30 p.m.

**Wrestling**  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Birmingham Groves at Southfield-Lathrup, 1920 Twelve Mile Road, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Plymouth Canton at Farmington Harrison, 2885 Twelve Mile Road, 7 p.m.  
Thursday (Jan. 22) North Farmington at Livonia Franklin, 31000 Joy Road, 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Farmington High at Pontiac Northern, 1884 Arden, 6:30 p.m.  
Saturday (Jan. 23) North Farmington, Farmington High, Southfield High and Southfield-Lathrup in North Farmington Invitational, North Farmington High School, 2280 Thirteen Mile Road, 9 a.m.

**Hockey**  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Allen Park at Southfield-Lathrup, Beechwood Avenue, Beebe Road south of Nine Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.  
**Volleyball**  
Thursday (Jan. 22) Southfield High at Berkley High, 2225 Catalpa, 4:15 p.m.  
Friday (Jan. 22) Redford Union at North Farmington, 2985 Thirteen Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.

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