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# Falcons, Berkley drown local teams

By TOM BAER

Farmington High's swimming team against Southfield High last Thursday was a close one until the tankers reached the fifth event — diving.

Beginning with diving, which was won by Farmington's Rick Rassin with a pool-record 239.55 points, coach Jack Merritt's Falcons recorded six straight first places, and won the season debut, 56-77.

Farmington, which has an excellent chance to win the Inter Lakes League championship this season, won eight of the 11 events. Falcon standouts Jim Pogue and Terry Inch each won two individual events. Pogue won the 100-yard butterfly (1:57.0) and the 100-yard backstroke (1:01.2). Inch took the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.2) and the 500-yard freestyle (5:09.4).

Farmington's Dave Zelazek won the 100 free (53.3), and teammate Brian Gore topped the 100 breaststroke (1:04.1). Farmington's 500 medley relay (Pogue, Gore, Blair Bowman and Matt Ratliff) won 1:49.8.

Coach Bob Harding's Southfield crew, which was ahead by two points (32-30) going into the diving event, can expect good times from sophomore Todd Avery this season. Avery won the 200 individual medley in 2:12.7 and then anchored the Blue Jays' 400 free

relay (with Mark Borovoy, Mark Fecteau, Peter Heinrich), which won in 3:42.1. Borovoy also won the 50 free in :24.1.

IN ANOTHER area swimming meet last week, Southfield-Lathrup opened its dual-meet season with a 100-72 loss to non-league Berkley High in Berkley's pool.

Berkley took first in seven of the 11 events. Sophomore Matt Martin took first in the 200 freestyle (1:50.3) and the 500 freestyle (4:56.7). Teammate Frank Wloch won the 200 IM (2:16.1) and the 100 breaststroke (1:11.0).

Lathrup's Bill Dunn won two events, the 50 freestyle (23.0) and the 100 freestyle (50.4). Mark Dowling gave Lathrup a first in diving, scoring 222.15 points, and teammate Jon Roberts won the 100 butterfly in :36.5.

Berkley's team depth was the key to its victory, according to Lathrup coach Pete Biglin. "We just don't have any depth, and I can see that it's going to kill us all season," he said.

In another meet, Livonia Bentley won every event and defeated Farmington Harrison, 97-75, last Thursday at Harrison.

Harrison's John Rudel finished second in two individual events, the 200 free (1:56.9) and the 500 free (6:18.3).

Teammate Jay Emerson landed second in the 100 backstroke (1:00.4), and Harrison's 400 free relay (Rudel, Steve Ortnier, Karl Heiss and Bruce Bierwirth) took second in 3:45.4.

Bentley's Mark Winter won the 200 free (1:56.1) and the 500 free (5:11.5). Upcoming meets include Oak Park at Southfield on Tuesday (Dec. 20), beginning at 7:30 p.m.

**FARMINGTON vs. SOUTHFIELD 77**  
100-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — Farmington High (Jim Pogue, Blair Bowman, Brian Gore, Matt Ratliff) 1:49.8; Southfield High (Frank Wloch, Mark Dowling, John Roberts, Terry Inch) 2:16.1.  
200-YARD FREESTYLE — Terry Inch (F) 1:50.3; Jon Adams (S), Don Schechter (S), Peter Heinrich (S).  
500-YARD FREESTYLE — Todd Avery (F) 5:09.4; Rick Rassin (F), Rick Taylor (S), Bob Carruthers (F).  
100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Todd Avery (F) 1:57.0; Rick Rassin (F), Rick Taylor (S), Bob Carruthers (F).  
50-YARD BUTTERFLY — Jim Pogue (F) 57.0; Blair Bowman (F), Rick Taylor (S), Mark Albright (S).  
100-YARD FREESTYLE — Dave Zelazek (F) 53.3; Mark Borovoy (S), Matt Ratliff (F), Jim Vander (S).  
200-YARD FREESTYLE — Terry Inch (F) 2:16.1; Jon Adams (S), Don Schechter (S), Peter Heinrich (S).  
100-YARD BACKSTROKE — Jim Pogue (F) 1:01.2; Todd Avery (S), Bob Carruthers (F), Greg Oster (F).  
100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — Brian Gore (F) 1:04.1; Ward Beattie (F), Neil Berkovich (S), Brian Cross (F).  
100-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — Southfield High (Mark Winter, Mark Fecteau, Peter Heinrich, Todd Avery) 3:45.4; Farmington High, Southfield High.  
BENTLEY vs. LATHRUP 72

100-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — Berkley (Marion, Wloch, Williams, Tarrant) 1:44.2; Berkley, Southfield (Avery, Rassin, Taylor, Ratliff).  
100-YARD FREESTYLE — Matt Martin (S)



## O&E to start boys' swim listings

Listings of outstanding swimming and diving performances by high school boys in the area, compiled by Dale Rahn of Athens High School, will appear each week in the Observer & Eccentric sports sections.

Catches with times to report should call Rahn at Athens (525-1200, school; 524-1898, pool) any weekday between 7:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

## In The Pocket

By W.W. EDGAR

The Classic League at Wonderland Lanes, long known as one of the strongest circuits in the western suburbs, is now setting a pace that could make it one of the strongest in the country.

This scoring strength was evidenced last Tuesday night when, for the third successive week, four members of the top broke the 700 barrier. This time, the sharpshooters were Fred Ringrose with 790 that came because of a middle game of 278; Bill Walker who had a 734 with steady games of 232, 246 and 256; John Wodarski, who posted a 707 and was tied at that figure by Dean Shiffman, who had a middle 266.

Setting the pace was a tonic for Ringrose, who had been in a slump for the first half of the season.

While the individuals were scattering the pins all over the place, Jim Shelp's Ryder Rangers team finished

a new high of 3235 for the season. This came on games of 1044, 1100 and 1091.

The high scoring wasn't confined to the adults. In the YBA Junior League, Frank Zanzetta, a 15-year-old, fashioned a 628 and Jim Kowalski, 16-years-old, opened with a 242 for a 643.

MARGE KROPACEK, the Plymouth housewife, had an unusual time of it last week. On Monday afternoon, she paced the women's section of the Bowling Proprietors' Traveling league at Garden Lanes with a 580 series.

On Wednesday evening in the Ladies Major at Crown Lanes she missed a Dutch 200 for the second time in the past month.

Her failure came in the final frame, when she needed a strike but missed the head pin.

The top scorers in the proprietors league among the men were Bob Jawor with 693, and Harry Topashan with a 680.

## DCD nips Liggett

"TOTALLY FRUSTRATING" was about all Coach Roberta Righter could say about her team's Private Schools League girls basketball game Thursday night.

Righter's Country Day squad lost its final game of the season, 35-34, to Grosse Pointe Liggett.

The Yellow Jackets, who finished the dismal season with a 1-6 record,

had as much as a five-point lead in the fourth quarter but couldn't hold on.

Liggett capitalized on some late Country Day errors for easy fast-break baskets late in the game, and that was most discouraging to Coach Righter. Overall, however, Righter said her team played very well, but, as it turned out, ended up with just another loss.

THE LADIES MAJOR, one of the area's top loops, had a big night at Crown Lanes on Wednesday.

When the final pin had fallen, Jan Pavelli was high with a 724 that set a new mark for the league this season. At that figure, she was 20 pins better than Mary Mohacsi's 704 that had been high for weeks.

Mary, incidentally, missed breaking the 700 barrier again, by a single pin when she posted a 699 for third place for the night. Gerry Ritter and Kay Cappola were deadlocked at 288 for high game.

TWO NEW MEMBERS were admitted to the Split Conversion Club at Mayflower Lanes during the week. Nancy Clack was admitted because she topped the 4-10 and Bea Manus joined her when she spilled the 6-7-10.

Lucy Lynch is at the top of the honor roll with a 610 series and Carol Gold has a 266 for high game.

DAN RATHWELL, an 11-year-old lad had the spectators on edge in the Youth League at Merri-Bowl when he put together games of 148, 215, and 125 for a 488. He has an average of 118.

MAUREEN WILEY gave her mates in the Great Scot league at Woodland Lanes something to think about.

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