

Raiders cop 13th win



Mike Howley is about to pass to a North Farmington teammate in the North Farmington-Farmington basketball game last Tuesday. Howley, a 6-foot junior, contributed eight points as North Farmington defeated Farmington, 61-50. North has a 13-1 overall record. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

By TOM BAER

North Farmington, with three players scoring in double figures, hung a 61-50 loss on city-rival Farmington High last Tuesday night on Farmington's court.

The victory upped coach Ken Dean's North Farmington club to 13-1 overall this season. Farmington, under first-year coach Rich Roy, has a 4-11 overall mark.

North, which established a comfortable 19-7 lead after the first quarter and then coasted the rest of the way, got 12 points each from Harold Beardsley and Mark Thompson. Jeff Thomas added 11 points for the winners, and substitute Mike Howley had eight.

"North just had a little too much height for us," Roy said. "They came on with Beardsley (6-7), Thomas (6-5) and Mark Biehl (6-7). Our biggest player is Rick McKibben at about 6-4."

North shot 39.3 percent from the field, hitting on 24 of 61 shots. Farmington was a shade poorer from the field, making 20 of 59 shots for 33.8 percent. Thomas grabbed 12 rebounds to help the Raiders dominate the rebounding, 34-23.

Turnovers were a problem for both

teams. North committed 20 miscues, and Farmington had 18.

McKibben led Farmington with 20 points, coming on nine field goals and two of two free throws. Teammate Greg Kuhnlein added 13 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter.

North returns to Northwest Suburban League play on Friday with a 7:30 p.m. game at Westland John Glenn. Glenn handed North its only loss earlier this season.

Farmington entertains Walled Lake Central on Friday in the Inter Lakes League. Farmington Harrison, which was inactive last Tuesday, hosts Walled Lake Western in a Western Six League game on Friday.

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NORTH FARMINGTON (41) - Mike Thompson 9, 0-0; Robb Henderson 1, 1-1; Ron Nutter 2, 0-1; 4; Mark Thompson 4, 5-4; Mike Howley 3, 2-2; Tim Mather 2, 1-1; Mike Ziemba 0, 1-2; Jeff Thomas 5, 1-2; 11; Hal Beardsley 4, 4-5; 12; Mark Biehl 9, 2-3; 2 TOTALS: 51, 15-31, 41
FARMINGTON HIGH (38) - Jim Bobey 1, 0-2; 4; Joe Haska 0, 0-2; 1; Dave Koenig 1, 0-0; 4; Jerry Rott 1, 0-0; 2; Greg Kuhnlein 4, 1-2; 15; Rick McKibben 9, 2-3; 20; Alvin Ouder 1.5-4, 2 TOTALS: 20, 10-31, 38
TOTAL FOULS - North Farmington 28, Farmington 19. FOULED OUT: Jim Bobey (FHS), Greg Kuhnlein (FHS).
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North wins district

21 Farmington matmen qualify for regionals

By TOM BAER

A look at the Walled Lake Western district summary shows that wrestling is clearly one of the up sports in the Farmington high schools this season.

The teams from North Farmington, Farmington High and Farmington Harrison dominated last Saturday's Class A state district tourney at Western.

A total of 21 local matmen - eight from North Farmington, seven from Farmington and six from Harrison - wrestled well enough in the district to qualify for the Class A regional tournament next Saturday in the same Western gym.

Coach Jim O'Leary's North Farmington team won the district title with 157 1/2 points, three more than second-place Redford Thurston. Farmington finished third with 133 points, and Harrison was fourth with 119 1/2.

"All the Farmington high schools have done well this season," said Harrison coach Dick Cook. "But North has its best team ever. Jim has done a fantastic job over there."

O'Leary had regional qualifiers in Bob Petroff (135 pounds), John Cotter (141), Jim Cotter (148), Mark Schulte (194), Chris Rentz (158), Jim Suckkamp

(168), Mark Greenbury (heavyweight) and Ed Scully (115).

Petroff, Schulte and both Cotters won weight-class championships. Rentz and Suckkamp finished second in their respective classes. Greenbury took a third and Scully finished fourth.

"I THINK the Cotters, Petroff, Suckkamp and Schulte can make it through the regional and do well in the state finals," O'Leary said.

Jim Cotter, one of the team's few juniors, sports a 22-4 individual record after winning the 148-pound title with a 7-2 decision over Redford Union's Rich Pranzik. John Cotter is 22-0-1 after winning the 141 class with a 4-2 decision over Farmington's Jeff Fagan, who has a 27-9 record.

The 135 and 194 final matches turned out to be local matchups, too. At 135, North's Petroff (28-6 record) defeated Farmington's Lou Milani (28-10), 8-5. North's Schulte (23-5) decisioned Harrison's Rob Fawcett (24-7), 5-4, in the 194-pound final.

Farmington had three weight-class champions - seniors Ron Stern (101), Randy Allain (129) and junior Scott Hazen (heavyweight). Teammates Milani (135) and Fagan (141) placed second. Randy Stern, North's twin brother, finished third in 121, and John Murphy took fourth at 108.

Ron Stern (26-3 record) beat Thurston's Tom Aresault, 9-2, in the 101 finals. Allain decisioned Harrison's Jeff Bernia, 2-1. Allain is 23-8 this season, while Bernia has a 20-5 record. In the heavyweight final, Hazen (26-4) decisioned Thurston's Matt Barbour, 4-2.

"Both Sterns could go all the way to," said Farmington coach Barry Walsh. "And Allain has really come on for us. He's the best technician on our team. I expect Hazen to go to state, and Fagan also has a shot."

HARRISON HAD champions in seniors Kevin Suetterlin and Fred Blamer. Suetterlin, who has a 30-0 record in the 108-pound class, defeated Thurston's Tom Galdes on a referee's decision in overtime. Blackmer lifted his record to 31-2 with a 10-5 decision over Western's Randy Brown in the 181-pound final.

Harrison's Cook has high hopes for both Suetterlin and Blackmer.

"If Kevin is healthy, he'll win the state meet," Cook said. "I say so if he's healthy" because he was down with a touch of the flu during the district. We've had a lot of problems with that this season. We've had more flu and injuries this year than I've had in 12 years of coaching."

Other Harrison qualifiers are sophomore Phil Palajac (115 pounds), junior Bernia (129), junior John Curtis (136) and Fawcett (194).

The top four wrestlers in each weight class in the regional tournament will advance to the Class A state finals to be held Feb. 17-18 at Western Michigan University.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN DISTRICT

TEAM FINISH - 1. North Farmington, 157 1/2 points; 2. Redford Thurston, 133; 3. Farmington High, 131; 4. Farmington Harrison, 119 1/2; 5. West Bloomfield, 108; 6. Walled Lake Western and Millard High, 78 each; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 71 1/2; 8. Walled Lake Central, 71; 9. Redford Bishop Rogers, 68; 10. Redford Union, 66; 11. Milford Lakeside, 62; 12. (tie) Southfield High and Livonia Bentley, 58 each.

REGIONAL QUALIFIERS

161 POUNDS - Ron Stern (Farmington) decisioned Tom Aresault (Thurston), 9-2; Andy Wurst (Western) decisioned Cook (Milford), 10-4.

148 POUNDS - Kevin Suetterlin (Harrison) decisioned Tom Galdes (Thurston) on referee's decision in overtime; Nathaway (Milford) decisioned John Murphy (Farmington), 5-1.

135 POUNDS - Pat Williams (West Bloomfield) placed Phil Palajac (Harrison), 2-0; Jim Boyer (Thurston) placed Ed Scully (North Farmington), 3-2.

129 POUNDS - Mike Williams (West Bloomfield) decisioned Buddy Ash (Thurston), 8-3; Randy Stern (Farmington) decisioned Tim Gage (Central), 6-4.

121 POUNDS - Randy Allain (Farmington) decisioned Jeff Bernia (Harrison), 2-1; Jeff Pettito (West Bloomfield) decisioned Matt Barbour (Thurston), 1-1.

108 POUNDS - Bob Petroff (North Farmington) decisioned Lou Milani (Farmington), 8-5; Ed McCormick (Western) decisioned Eric Tenby (Livonia), 7-3.

101 POUNDS - John Cotter (North Farmington) decisioned Jeff Fagan (Farmington), 4-3; Pat Newton (Thurston) decisioned Pat Coughro (Livonia), 8-2.

100 POUNDS - Jim Cotter (North Farmington) decisioned Rich Pranzik (Redford Union), 7-2; Craig Schander (Thurston) decisioned Mike Bern (Milford), 4-3.

100 POUNDS - Fred Blamer (West Bloomfield) decisioned Chris Rentz (North Farmington), 4-3; Daryl Dodder (Thurston) decisioned John Curtis (Harrison), 1-0.

100 POUNDS - Rob Hazen (Western) decisioned Jim Suckkamp (North Farmington), 7-2; Dan Leblanc (Central) decisioned Rich Gander (Milford), 1-4.

100 POUNDS - Fred Blamer (Harrison) decisioned Randy Brown (Western), 10-3; Bob Catanga (Thurston) decisioned Chris Mark (Bishop), 1-4.

100 POUNDS - Mark Schulte (North Farmington) decisioned Rob Fawcett (Harrison), 4-4; David Groh (Livonia) placed Mary Gid (North Farmington), 7-0.

HEAVYWEIGHT - Scott Hazen (Farmington) decisioned Matt Barbour (Thurston), 4-3; Mark Greenbury (North Farmington) placed Green (Western), 4-0.



North's Mike Ziemba (40) shoots over teammate Tim Mather against Farmington High last Tuesday.

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North Farmington's Jim Suckkamp limbers up before a recent tournament match.