

Farmington tops Lakeland

Raiders clobber East

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North Farmington's basketball team will have to settle for second place in the final standings of the Northwest Suburban League, but coach Ken Dem's Raiders didn't let the lack of a title bother them last Friday against Garden City East.

North, which has a 15-2 overall record with both losses coming at the hands of NSL-champ Westland John Glenn, closed out its league season with a 74-49 victory over East. The Raiders have a 5-2 NSL record.

North led by just a point (16-15) after the first quarter, and then upped the margin to six points (29-23) at half-time. North put it away by scoring 27 points to East's 14 in the third quarter.

Tim Mather, a 6-foot-3 senior guard, led North Farmington with 13 points, seven coming in the third quarter. Teammate Mark Thompson finished with 10 points, eight coming in the third stanza. Jeff Thomas added 14 points, and Mark Biehl had nine.

Mike Kostick scored 10 points for East, and Jim Dziekan had 10.

North finishes its regular season at home next Friday (Feb. 24) against

non-league Rochester High. Game time is 8 p.m.

"The kids really want to beat Rochester," said North assistant coach Tom Negoshian. "A win would give us the best basketball record in the history of the school."

FARMINGTON — LAKELAND

Farmington High can usually count on a big scoring night from Rick McKibben, and the 5-3 Falcon senior came through last Friday night at Milford Lakeland.

McKibben scored a game-high 24 points on nine field goals and six of seven free throws to pace Farmington's 65-52 victory over Lakeland in the Inter Lakes League. The win lifted Farmington to 7-11 overall and 5-4 in the ILL.

Greg Kuhnlein and Jerry Krist each scored eight points for Farmington, which held 32-21 halftime lead. Bob Dodd led Lakeland with 12 points.

Earlier last week, Farmington defeated Waterford Township, 65-47. McKibben and Jim Bobbey each scored 18 points, and Kuhnlein had 10. Farmington plays next on Tuesday (Feb. 21) at Waterford. The ILL game begins at 8 p.m.

CHURCHILL — HARRISON

Ray Progar and Craig Hanton provided 19 and 14 points respectively as Livonia Churchill defeated Farmington Harrison, 56-42, in a Western Six League game last Friday in Livonia. The loss dropped Harrison to 6-11 overall and 3-6 in the WSL.

Harrison coach Mike Teachman blamed "bad attitudes" on the part of his team members for the loss. "You can't win ballgames when people come to games with bad attitudes and are not ready to play," he said.

Al Shay scored 14 points for Harrison, and Ed MacDonald added 11. Harrison shot 50 per cent from the field, according to Teachman.

Harrison plays next on Wednesday (Feb. 22) at home against Waterford Mott. Tipoff time is 8 p.m.

N. FARMINGTON 74 — G.C. EAST 49

NORTH FARMINGTON (74) — Brian Kaplan 2, 0, 6; Mike Thompson 1, 0, 2; Bob Henderson 1, 0, 4; Ron Miller 2, 0, 4; Mark Thompson 5, 0, 10; Mike Howley 6, 1, 13; Tim Mather 6, 1, 13; Ken Fredericks 2, 0, 4; Jeff Cohen 1, 0, 2; Mike Zerbe 2, 1, 5; Jeff Thomas 6, 2, 14; Harold Becherer 1, 0, 2; Mark Biehl 4, 1, 13. TOTALS: 74, 61, 74.

GARDEN CITY EAST (49) — Jim Dickson 4, 5, 11; Tim Meyer 2, 2, 4; Joe Emery 3, 2, 8; Steve Miller 1, 0, 2; Mark Biehl 2, 2, 4; Mike Kostick 1, 0, 2. TOTALS: 49, 10, 49.

FARMINGTON 65 — LAKELAND 52

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MILFORD LAKELAND (52) — Bob Dodd 5, 2, 12; Todd Bailey 2, 1, 4; John Huddrich 1, 1, 2; Gary Gleason 4, 2, 10; Mary Day 2, 0, 4; Dave Varenkamp 1, 0, 2; Cliff Soren 1, 0, 2; Jerry Motters 1, 0, 2. TOTALS: 52, 10, 52.

TOTAL FOUR: North Farmington 15, Garden City East 12, FOULED OUT: None.

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North's Mark Biehl (54) goes high to reject a shot by East's Steve Topalian. (Staff photo by Harry Maute)



Harrison's Paul Butkunas leaps high to snare a rebound during the Hawks' 56-42 loss Friday to Livonia Churchill. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

North outswims Thurston

Harrison swimmers top Western, 93-80

Farmington Harrison junior Al Lafort won two individual events and swam on a winning relay to pace his team's 93-80 victory over Walled Lake Western last Thursday afternoon in Western's pool. Harrison is 4-7 overall and 4-2 in the Western Six League.

Lafort won the 200-yard individual medley (2:19.4) and the 100-yard butterfly (1:00.1). Harrison's 400-yard freestyle relay (John Rudel, Lafort, Karl Heiss and Bruce Bierwirth) won in 3:42.6.

Harrison won four other events. Rudel won the 500 freestyle with a personal best of 5:14.3. Jay Emerson took the 100 backstroke in 1:57.7, and Charlie Osterdale won the 100 breaststroke in 1:10.4.

Harrison diver Eric Federspell won with 294.90 points, and teammate Dan Petrus was second with 186.15.

"We've been swimming tired for the last couple of weeks, and our times have been staying up," said Harrison coach Mark Boerner. "But this meet (against Western) was an afternoon meet, so they got half a day off and the times started dropping a little."

Earlier last week, Dearborn Edsel Ford defeated Harrison, 113-94, despite double-triple performances from Rudel and Emerson. Rudel won the 500 free (5:15.3) and the 200 free (1:58.5). Emerson won the 100 backstroke (1:00.4) and the 200 IM (2:14.7).

In a Northwest Suburban League meet last Thursday, North Farmington defeated Dearborn Thurston, 98-74. The victory upped North to 5-5 overall and 3-3 in the NSL.

North won five individual events and both relay and 500 freestyle events. The 200 free (1:55.0) and the 500 free (5:10.8). John Spangenberg finished first in the 200 IM (2:20.8) and the 100 butterfly (1:03.0). David Paul won the

100 breaststroke in 1:10.5.

North's 200 medley relay (Jeff Priestap, Paul, Spangenberg, and Keith Whetter) won in 1:51.8, and the Raiders' 400 freestyle crew (Jim Landemberger, Phil Holcomb, Jim Stevens and Sowerwell) won in 3:54.8.

Thurston's Jon Bickley was a double winner, taking the 100 backstroke (1:03.2) and the 100 freestyle (52.6). Teammate Greg Martineau won diving with 199.15 points.

Earlier, Birmingham Seaholm, a swimming powerhouse from the Southeastern Michigan Association, won

every event and clobbered North Farmington, 113-45, in a non-league meet in Seaholm's pool.

Seaholm's David Holsington set variety and pool records in the 500 free with a 4:56.56 effort, and teammate Scott Hommel established a pool record in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:03.02.

On Tuesday (Feb. 21), Pontiac Central swam at Harrison, Northville High swam at North Farmington, and Walled Lake Central swam at Farmington High. All meets begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Prep swim summaries

HARRISON 93 — W. WESTERN 80

50-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — Walled Lake Western (Taylor, Red, Krasner, Mitchell) 1:34.7.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Walled Lake Western (John Rudel) 1:57.7.

50-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Al Lafort (H) 2:19.4.

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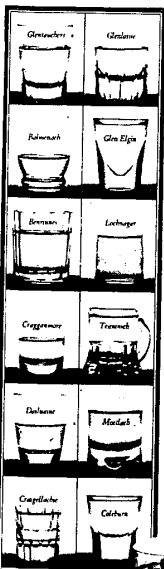
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