Farmington basketball coach Bruce Brown was dripping wet, the happy re-cipient of the clothes-on shower tradi-tionally given to the winner of a big game.

And Brown's players were dripping with joy.

Last Friday, Farmington was a de-termined, deserving and deliriously happy crew, which had just pulled one of the biggest upsets of the state high school basketball tournament by knocking off Detroit Denby, 97-89, in

the finals of the North Farmington dis-

Farmington, which hadn't been given much of a chance against coach Robert Shannon's Denby team, now advances to the Class A regional tournament at Pontiac Central to play Bloomfield Hills Lahser at 7:30 p.m.

Bloomfield Hills Labser at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Based on past performances, Denby relied on two factors — a strong game from James (Sonny) Newman, a 62 senior sharpsbooter, and a devastating man-to-man press, which helped sink host North Farmington earlier in the district.



Farmington's Randy Meier (12) scored 14 points against Harrison. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Falcons nip Hawks

By SUSAN TAUBER KLEIN

Farmington High continued its bas-ketball domination of neighboring Farmington Harrison last Wednesday, and earned a short at the Yorth Farth-ington Class 'A district title. Coach Bruce Brown's Farmington club defeated Harrison. £2-59, in the district contest: The win put Farm-ington at 12-8 overall, and that record includes Uffee victories over Harrison I this season.

includes three victories over Harrison this season.

"Both teams played well," said Brown, whose team completed a 4-5 record in the Inter Lakes League. "But we put some pressure on Harrison in the second half and speeded up the game. That was the difference.

son in the second half and speeded up the game. That was the difference, really:

Harrison coach Bob Sutter, whose team inshed its season within a 9.10 received the season within a running game." Sutter said. "But we did. We got caught up in the tempo, Near the end. our shots weren't falling and we weren't getting any rebounds."

The game was close throughout with Harrison grabbing a seven-point lead (20-1) affer the opening quarter, and Farmington coming back to tie it (20-22) at halfitime. Harrison had a slim lead (46-42) after three quarters. The final stanza, during which the lead changed hands many times, had an exciting fluid of the season of t

ket. Harrison came back with a bucktet. but Farmington used a stall to
waste all but four seconds. Then Milhizer was foulded and dropped in both
free throws to ice the victory.
Fouls were costly to Harrison,
which was whistled for 20. Farmington was called for 14 fouls. Harrison actually made five more field
goals than Harrison, but the Hawks
made up for that by going 22 of 27
from the free-throw line.
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If the garne, we were hot. Brown said. "We were hoter than hell in the first half. Denby had some defensive lapses, but we took advantage of them. That's the way you win.

"We had not rouble at all with that press." Brown continued. "We did the same thing we always do against a press. If we can't move the ball forward, we send it back in the opposite direction. It always seems to work and we nover have any troble getain which we have any troble getain which we have any troble getain the press. If we really didn't have to run that much of an offense. It was just a matter of us breaking the press, finding to pen man and getting some easy baskets."

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halftime. Farmington took its biggest lead of the game (61-49) when Joel Soronen made a three-point play mid-way through the third period. But Denby didn't go under and staged a comeback which spanned the last two quarters. Led by Newman, who poured in 14 points in the final-quarter, Denby tied the game at 73-ull with 5:48 left to play. Newman knotted the game with a short jumper. But then Farmington came on to score nine straight points with McKibbern hitting two baskets, Milhizer sinking one, and Randy Meler contributing a three point play. Farmington to 13 through Denby did mea the took within five points (88-81) on levernan's basket with 3:09 left. The victory lifted Farmington to 13 overall. The Falcons have won eight of their last nine games.

f their last nine games. Denby finished its season with a 16-

4 record, including an 89-78 victory over Detroit Western in a district con-test last Wednesday.

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Farmington raced to a 28-17 lead after the first quarter, but Denby and Each County of the Count

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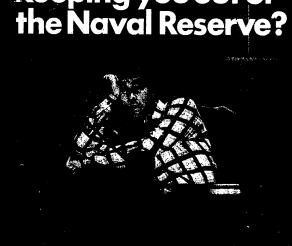
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