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North Farmington's Tim Mather (light uniform) books a shot over Detroit Mackenzie's Rodger Ridgeway. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

# Raiders bow, 81-69

Coach Al Dicken's West Bloomfield basketball team has had its ups and downs this season, but the Lakers were definitely up for the champion-ship game of the Class A district at Farmington Harrison last Friday

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court press to defeat host Harrison earlier in the district, pressed hard against West Bloomfield. But the Lakers overcame the pressure. "The difference was that we broke Southwestern's press in the second half." Dicken said. "In the Inter half the second half, becken said. "In the Inter half the second half, becken said. "In the Inter half the second half the sec

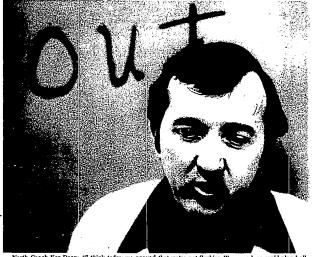
Another factor in West Bloomfield's

One of West Bloomfield's best scorers, Brian Lowman, was recov-ering from a bout with pneumonia and didn't play much against South-

western.
"Hopefully, we can get him ready to play on Wednesday," Dicken said. Southwestern finished with a 4-14 record under coach Ronald Johnson.

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North Coach Ken Dean: "I think today we proved that we're not flunkies. We proved we could play ball

# Southwestern rally ends Harrison season

Farmington 'Harrison seemed to have a victory all sewed up at halftime of its basketball game with Detroit Southwestern last Wednesday in the Harrison Class A district. Crach Mike Teachman's Hawks were clearly outplaying the Detroiters.

But Southwestern, using a furious second-half comeback, eliminated Harrison, 83-79. The victory was South-



u Harrison's Paul Butkunas (40) scored 29 points in a losing cause of against Detroit Southwestern. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

establishing a 13-point lead (45-32) at intermission. Harrison's fans were looking forward to seeing their team in the district finals against West

western's fourth of the season against 10 losses. Harrison finished at 8-18. Southwestern coach Ronald Johnson wasn't all that surprised about his steam's victory. The Prospectors were just doing what they do best — running, shooting and pressing. "All we told them during halftime was: 'Don't quit, and keep on playing that man press, "Johnson said. "That press really did it for us. "Another thing was the westarted and the were relating that the said we weren't really penetrating. We were letting Harrison get down there and get set up in that zone defense." And then there was the play of Prospector guards Wayne Boswell and Ron Tyson.

DoswELL, A 5-11 junior, tossed in a game-high '22 points, 14 coming in the second half. He was especially deadly on 15-foot jumpers from the corner. Tyson, one of the team's smallest players, saw no action in the first half, but scored nine points in the second. He also played a big part in running Souti western's press, which accounted

"We'd beat one guy on their press, and then we'd relax — and get the ball taken away," said Teachman

ball taken away," asid Teachman after the game.

"We just aid idn't play very intelligently in the second half," Teachman continued. "I guess we were trying to run with them. I was trying to get it across to our players that they should slow it down and pick that they should slow it down and pick that they should slow it down and pick sometimes you can't communicate too well in the heat of battle."

Southwestern seemed to be pulling

# NF gymnasts take 4th in meet

Greg Bosscawen placed in five of the seven events to lead North Farmington to a fourth-place finish in the Southeastern Michigan Interscholastic Gymnastics Association's conference meet last week in North's gym.

The association sporsors gymnastics competition for boys at seven high schools in southeastern Michigan. Trenton High won the league meet, scoring 131.03 points. Ann Arbor Phoner was second with 12-47, Taylor Truman had 118.54, and Ann Arbor Huron, 0.

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Bosscawen, a senior, had his best showing in the high bar, where he placed second with 7.55 points. He won thirds in side horse (5.55), parallel bars (7.6) and all around (53.75) to go with a 10th place in floor exercise (7.6). (7.6).
Two other North Farmington gymnasts, Bill Beno and Jim Meggas,

scored in the meet. Beno finished second in trampoline with 8.35 points, and Meggas finished 10th in still rings with 7.20.

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Floneer's Peter Green was an individual standout, winning the high by (8:20), the all around (35:5) and tieing with Trenton's Jeff Mesler for first in the parallel bars (8:65).
Mesler also won the still rings (8:60).
Truman's Mike Powell won the floor careries (8:70), and Trenton's Mike McNillis topped the trampoline contexties (8:70). Morth Farmington, which finished tis regular season with a 5-4 dual meet record under coach Dernis Fitzgerald, has qualified its entire team for the state finals Friday and Saturday at Floneer High.
State meet preliminaries begin at \$15 p.m. Friday with the finals set to start at 2 p.m. Saturday.

away after Boswell drilled a 20-foot jumper to put the Prospectors up by six (77-71) with about four minutes left

six (77-1) with about four minutes left to play.

But then Harrison came back with two quick baskets by Paul Butkunas and abria Burgess to trail by two (77-5). Harrison stayed within striking distance until O'Neil dropped in a pair of free throws with 44 seconds left, making it 82-75.

Bulkunas, Harrison's 6-7 senior cen-ter, played an outstanding game, scor-ing a team-ligh 29 joints and pulling down 14 rebounds. Al Shay, a 6-9 sen-ior guard, added 15 points for Harri-son, and Dave Turnquist had 13. Southwestern shot 38-5 per cent from the field, hitting on 32 of 83 shots. Har-rison had a better percenting (643), going 31 of 57. Southwestern was 19 of 2 from the line to Harrison's 17 of 28.

