



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

Raiders bow, 81-69

By TOM BAER

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

West Bloomfield, which has a 30-30 11-10 record, overcame Detroit Southwestern, 78-68, in the district final. West Bloomfield will advance to the Class A regional at Ypsilanti High, where it will play Taylor Truman at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday (March 8).

"I guess you could say that we've been an on-again-off-again ball club this season," said Dicken after the Southwestern game. "Our kids were down after they lost the (Greater Oakland Activities League) title. But they didn't quit. They came back and played well in the district."

West Bloomfield needed a come-from-behind effort in the fourth quarter and some clutch play from several substitutes to defeat Southwestern. Substitutes by three points (45-42) going into the final quarter, the Raiders outscored the Prospectors, 31-18.

Dave Guidici scored 20 points for West Bloomfield, and Eric Garber and Brian Utberg added 17 and 11, respectively. Two substitutes, Mike Ronan and Pete Blom, played key roles. Blom scored all of his nine points in the final quarter, and Ronan provided five last-second markers.

Southwestern, which had used a full-

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court press to defeat host Harrison earlier in the district, pressed hard against West Bloomfield. But the Raiders overcame the pressure.

"The difference was that we broke Southwestern's press in the second half," Dicken said. "In the first half we were turning it over. Eric Garber deserves a lot of credit for breaking that press. He came out and handled the ball when we got in trouble."

Southwestern's Wayne Boswell, a hard-driving, hot-shooting guard, had a good night against Harrison, throwing in 29 points. He was off his game against West Bloomfield and scored just 12 points. Tyrone Jones led the losers with 22 points.

Another factor in West Bloomfield's victory was its superior rebounding. The Raiders had the boards, 47-32, with Guidici pulling down 13, Garber 10 and Utberg seven.

One of West Bloomfield's best scorers, Brian Lowman, was recovering from a bout with pneumonia and didn't play much against Southwestern.

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

MACKENZIE 81 — N. FARMINGTON 69

DETROIT MACKENZIE 81 — Keith Smith 11, 8, 9, 20; Steve Caldwell 1, 10, 10; Tony Watson 8, 24, 12; Robert McLaurin 10, 10, 15, 22; Roger Ridgeway 2, 24, 4; David Taylor 1, 0-27; Louis Smith 6, 6, 6. TOTALS: 31, 19-31, 81.

NORTH FARMINGTON 69 — Mark Thompson 4, 24, 8; Tim Mather 5, 23, 4; Jeff Thomas 8, 24, 14; Harold Beardsley 7, 6, 18; Mark Buhl 5, 5, 12; Ron Walter 2, 24, 4; Rob Henderson 8, 8, 10; Mike Howley 2, 5, 4. TOTALS: 30, 19-31, 69.

TOTAL FOULS — Mackenzie 18, North Farmington 22. FOULED OUT: Mather (NF), Buhl (NF). MACKENZIE 22 18 19 — 81. N. FARMINGTON 20 12 14 13 — 69.



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

Southwestern rally ends Harrison season

By TOM BAER

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.

Crash Mike Teachman's Hawks were clearly outplaying the Detroiters,

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 Bloomfield.

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

western's fourth of the season against 13 losses. Harrison finished at 8-13.

Southwestern coach Ronald Johnson wasn't all that surprised about his team'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 that we started running in the second half. In the first half 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.

BOSWELL, A 5-11 junior, tossed in a game-high 32 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 Southwestern's press, which accounted

for most of Harrison's 21 turnovers.

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

"We just didn'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 their shots a little more carefully. But sometimes you can't communicate too well in the heat of battle."

Southwestern seemed to be pulling

SOUTHWESTERN 83 — HARRISON 79

DETROIT SOUTHWESTERN 83 — Roy Tyson 3, 24, 4; Kevin Latta 1, 0-2; Carl Cross 3, 13, 7; Wayne Boswell 14, 43, 32; Curtis Moore 6, 8, 8; Tyrone Jones 2, 24, 9; Norman Hamilton 3, 34, 9; Isaac Williams 1, 23, 4; Donald O'Neil 3, 7, 7; William Harper 3, 34, 9. TOTALS: 32, 19-32, 83.

FARMINGTON HARRISON 79 — Al Shay 7, 4, 15; Pat Orsillo 4, 0-6, 9; Don Springer 0, 22, 2; Brian Burgess 3, 0-1, 6; Paul Butkunas 11, 25, 25; Scott Henderson 1, 24, 5; Ed Macdonald 2, 0-2, 4; Dave Turquist 4, 54, 13; Pete Lambert 1, 34, 5. TOTALS: 31, 17-32, 79.

TOTAL FOULS — Harrison 23, Southwestern 20. FOULED OUT: Lambert (HS), Turquist (HS). SOUTHWESTERN 19 12 14 17 — 83. HARRISON 20 12 14 13 — 79.

NF gymnasts take 4th in meet

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

The association sponsors gymnastics competition for boys at seven high schools in southwestern Michigan.

Trenton High won the league meet, scoring 131.03 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer was second with 125.47, Taylor Truman had 118.54, and Ann Arbor Huron, 0.

Bossacawen, a senior, had his best showing in the high bar, where he placed second with 7.55 points. He won thirds in side horse (5.85), parallel bars (7.6) and all-around (33.75) to go with a 10th place in floor exercise (7.0).

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.

Pioneer's Peter Green was an individual standout, winning the high bar (8.20), the all-around (35.6) and tying with Trenton's Jeff Mesler for first in the parallel bars (8.05).

Mesler also won the still rings (8.60). Truman's Mike Powell won the floor exercise (8.70), and Trenton's Mike McNills topped the trampoline competition (8.70).

North Farmington, which finished its regular season with a 5-4 dual meet record under coach Dennis Fitzgerald, has qualified its entire team for the state finals Friday and Saturday at Pioneer High.

State meet preliminaries begin at 3:15 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 to play.

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

Butkunas, Harrison's 6-7 senior center, played an outstanding game, scoring a team-high 29 points and pulling down 14 rebounds. Al Shay, a 6-0 senior guard, added 15 points for Harrison, and Dave Turquist had 13.

Southwestern shot 38.5 per cent from the field, hitting 32 of 83 shots. Harrison had a better percentage (54.3), going 31 of 57. Southwestern was 19 of 32 from the line to Harrison's 17 of 28.

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