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Farmington's Jim Pogue displays the form which won him first place in the 100-yard butterfly in the Inter Lakes League meet. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Raiders, Falcons win league swimming meets

By TOM BAER

North Farmington and Farmington High won league swimming championships last week thanks to good showings in their respective conference meets.

Coach Pat Duthie's North Farmington team won the Northwest Suburban League meet to gain a share of the NSL title. League foe Livonia Franklin beat North in a dual meet, but finished second in the league meet.

Farmington High, coached by Jack

Merritt, won the Inter Lakes League title by winning the league meet. The ILL bases its swimming championship solely on the season-ending conference meet.

Coach Mark Boerner's Farmington Harrison team had to settle for third

place in the Western Six League meet behind champion Northville High and second-place Plymouth Canton.

North Farmington has dominated the NSL's swimming competition for the past six seasons, but the latest title came as a surprise to Duthie.

"It was impossible for us to win, but we did it anyway," he said. "Franklin had beaten us by something like 28 points in the dual meet. And, with the seeded times, it looked like we'd be in a battle for second place with Westland John Glenn."

"But all of our kids did a super job. Both Franklin and North were at full

strength, but our kids swam superior to their kids."

NORTH WON only three events, but had good depth. The Raiders' 200-yard medley relay (Jeff Priestap, Doug Campbell, John Spangenberg and Keith Whetter) won in 1:47.7. Spangenberg won the 100-yard butterfly in :58.2, and Clay Scowcroft won the 500-yard freestyle in 5:02.1.

Franklin's Mike Balnaves was a double winner, taking the 200 free in 1:49.8, and establishing a conference and North Farmington pool record in the 100 free with a :49.4 clocking.

North scored 308½ team points to

Franklin's 280. John Glenn was third with 260, Redford Thurston had 163½ and Garden City East 123.

Farmington High's league-meet triumph was its second straight in the Inter Lakes League. Farmington won with 379 points, just two more than runner-up Livonia Stevenson. Walled Lake Central and Pontiac Northern finished third and fourth, respectively.

"This (the league-meet victory) was a total surprise," Merritt said. "After the seeding meeting we were down by 80 points. But then our kids did a super job in the preliminaries. They made themselves do the job."

WSL, NSL, ILL meet summaries

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE MEET

TEAM FINISH — 1. North Farmington, 304½ points; 2. Livonia Franklin, 280; 3. Westland John Glenn, 260; 4. Redford Thurston, 163½; 5. Garden City East, 123.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. North Farmington (Jeff Priestap, Doug Campbell, John Spangenberg, Keith Whetter), 1:47.7; 2. Garden City East, 1:47.3; 3. Livonia Franklin, 1:48.4; 4. Redford Thurston, 1:50.2; 5. Westland John Glenn, 1:54.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Mike Balnaves (Franklin), 1:49.8; 2. Clay Scowcroft (N. Farmington), 1:51.8; 3. Chuck Gotshall (Franklin), 1:54; 4. Joe Stevens (N. Farmington), 1:57.6; 5. Dave Miller (Thurston), 1:54.8; 6. Phil Holcomb (N. Farmington), 1:58.3.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Gary Sellers (Franklin), 1:58.1; 2. Doug Campbell (N. Farmington), 1:59.3; 3. John Spangenberg (N. Farmington), 2:00.4; 4. Fred Rowan (Thurston), 2:18.3; 5. Greg Peck (Glenn), 2:23.2; 6. Jim Scullery (Glenn), 2:34.3.

100-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Bob Rankin (Glenn), 1:18; 2. Jim Landenberg (N. Farmington), 1:18; 3. Keith Whetter (N. Farmington), 1:19; 4. Tom Weber (Franklin), 1:21.5; 5. Ken Sajak (Thurston), 1:24.4; 6. Dave Lutz (Franklin), 1:24.4.

DIVING — 1. Barry Everingham (Franklin), 345.55 points; 2. Steve Robertson (N. Farmington), 322.45; 3. Bob Freshour (Glenn), 308.85; 4. Greg Matwies (Thurston), 296.35; 5. Guy Hausman (Thurston), 280.95; 6. Scott Whetter (N. Farmington), 248.45.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — 1. John Spangenberg (N. Farmington), 58.2; 2. Brian Roach (Franklin), 1:00.3; 3. Fred Rowan (Thurston), 1:01.2; 4. Joel Garbo (Glenn), 1:01.5; 5. Brian Casey (East), 1:02.4; 6. Brian Wright (East), 1:04.9.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Mike Balnaves (Franklin), 1:49.8 (conference and pool record); 2. Bob Rankin (Glenn), 1:51.8; 3. Jim Landenberg (N. Farmington), 1:54.8; 4. Dave Lutz (Franklin), 1:58.3; 5. Keith Whetter (N. Farmington), 1:58.3; 6. Tom Christensen (Franklin), 1:58.3.

200-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Clay Scowcroft (N. Farmington), 5:02.1; 2. Chuck Gotshall (Franklin), 5:12.4; 3. Tim Weber (Franklin), 5:14.4; 4. Joe Stevens (N. Farmington), 5:28.2; 5. Steve Kane (Glenn), 5:32.5; 6. Dave Miller (Thurston), 5:49.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — 1. Tom Parry (East), 1:00.8; 2. John Blahney (Thurston), 1:04.4; 3. Mark Boerner (Franklin), 1:05.4; 4. Jeff Campbell (N. Farmington), 1:05.4; 5. John Pettit (Glenn), 1:05.6; 6. Bill Salbury (N. Farmington), 1:06.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — 1. Gary Sellers (Franklin), 1:48.1; 2. Doug Campbell (N. Farmington), 1:48.1; 3. David Paul (N. Farmington), 1:48.1; 4. Dave Pedersen (Franklin), 1:49.7; 5. Joel Garbo (Glenn), 1:50.4; 6. Mark Papp (East), 1:50.4.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Livonia Franklin (Tim Weber, Brian Reneth, Chuck Gotshall, Mike Balnaves), 2:58.2; 2. North Farmington, 3:04.2; 3. Westland John Glenn, 3:08.4; 4. Redford Thurston, 3:08.7; 5. Garden City East, 4:06.2.

INTER LAKES LEAGUE MEET

TEAM FINISH — 1. Farmington High, 379 points; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 377; 3. Walled Lake Central, 4; Pontiac Northern.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Farmington High (Terry Inch, Brian Gore, Jim Pogue, Matt Batiff), 1:47.2; 2. Livonia Stevenson, 1:48.4; 3. Walled Lake Central, 2:02.4; 4. Pontiac Northern, 2:14.9.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Tom Smith (Stevenson), 1:47.9 (conference record); 2. Greg Boyke (Stevenson), 1:49.7; 3. Chris Korte (Central), 1:50.4; 4. Andy Kile (Farmington), 2:00.5; 5. Doug Eberle (Northern), 2:03.3; 6. Bob Carnders (Farmington), 2:14.1.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Terry Inch (Farmington), 2:02.2; 2. John Schoenke (Stevenson), 2:07.9; 3. Mike Smith (Stevenson), 2:14.7; 4. Paul Lachner (Central), 2:14.9; 5. Ward Smith (Farmington), 2:15.0; 6. Dave Pallas (Farmington), 2:22.3.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Larry Hein (Stevenson), 1:22.9 (conference record); 2. Matt Ratliff (Farmington), 1:23.2; 3. Dave Uziel (Farmington), 1:24.1; 4. Joe Kolodziej (Stevenson), 1:24.5; 5. Pat Cavanaugh (Farmington), 1:24.6; 6. Bob Dowell (Stevenson), 1:25.

DIVING — 1. Rick Ruma (Farmington), 459.30 points; 2. Greg Shuler (Farmington), 361.85; 3. Mark Reiden (Stevenson), 340.9; 4. Greg Ambush (Farmington), 334.15; 5. Tom Day (Stevenson), 322.34; 6. Dan Ladd (Central), 349.7.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — 1. Jim Pogue (Farmington), 58.2 (conference record); 2. Scott Davidson (Stevenson), 1:01.4; 3. Brian Gore (Farmington), 1:02.2; 4. Jim Szepiet (Stevenson), 1:02.5; 5. Bob Howell (Stevenson), 1:02.6; 6. Dave Pallas (Farmington), 1:05.1.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Dave Uziel (Farmington), 1:15.2; 2. Matt Ratliff (Farmington), 1:15.2; 3. Greg Boyke (Stevenson), 1:16.4; 4. Bob Carnders (Farmington), 1:16.5; 5. Pat Cavanaugh (Farmington), 1:16.6; 6. Jerry Smith (Northern), 1:17.

200-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Tom Smith (Stevenson), 4:49.5 (conference record); 2. Terry Inch (Farmington), 4:54.3; 3. Mike Smith (Stevenson), 5:01.4; 4. Chris Korte (Central), 5:29.4; 5. Greg Rogers (Stevenson), 5:36.1; 6. Doug Eberle (Northern), 5:50.8.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — 1. Larry Hein (Stevenson), 1:00.8; 2. Matt Ratliff (Farmington), 1:00.8; 3. Scott Davidson (Stevenson), 1:01.0; 4. Paul Lachner (Central), 1:02.5; 5. Joe Kolodziej (Stevenson), 1:03.4; 6. Steve Case (Stevenson), 1:08.7.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — 1. John Schoenke (Stevenson), 1:50.4; 2. Brian Gore (Farmington), 1:50.4; 3. Jack Saline (Stevenson), 1:50.4; 4. Ward Smith (Farmington), 1:51.8; 5. Mark Marsh (Central), 1:53.5; 6. Dave Thayer (Central), 1:54.2.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Livonia Stevenson, 3:04.1; 2. Farmington High, 3:04.8; 3. Walled Lake Central, 3:44.5; 4. Pontiac Northern, 4:02.1.

WESTERN SIX LEAGUE MEET

TEAM FINISH — 1. Northville High, 228 points; 2. Plymouth Canton, 279; 3. Farmington Harrison, 251; 4. Walled Lake Western, 157; 5. Livonia Churchill, 151.

CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — 1. Northville High (Lockwood, Sullivan, Goss, Burgett), 1:48.5; 2. Farmington Harrison, 1:48.7; 3. Plymouth Canton, 1:50.6; 4. Walled Lake Western, 2:00.4; 5. Livonia Churchill, 2:02.2.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Dave Tanner (Canton), 1:32.1; 2. John Rudek (Harrison), 1:34.3; 3. Tom Cahill (Northville), 1:35.1; 4. Tom Milford (Western), 1:36.5; 5. Bruce Bierwirth (Harrison), 1:38.4; 6. Bruce Hachman (Northville), 1:40.4.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — 1. Paul Peterson (Canton), 2:07.1; 2. Bob Cline (Canton), 2:07.6; 3. Carl Kramer (Northville), 2:08.4; 4. Tim Cahill (Northville), 2:13.7; 5. Al Laford (Harrison), 2:17.3; 6. Brady Kramer (Northville), 2:20.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Mark Vanoschik (Northville), 1:27.1; 2. Steve Wood (Canton), 1:28.4; 3. Mike Gash (Canton), 1:28.4; 4. Rick Burger (Northville), 1:29.5; 5. Jim Pisk (Northville), 1:29.6; 6. Kevin Kinsky (Northville), 1:31.

DIVING — 1. Eric Falsenoff (Harrison), 317.00 points; 2. Dan Petrol (Harrison), 312.00; 3. Mark Piper (Churchill), 311.00; 4. Paul Cooper (Northville), 304.00; 5. Steve Gray (Canton), 302.00; 6. Doug Anderson (Harrison), 301.00.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — 1. Mark Vanoschik (Northville), 1:01.3; 2. Dave Tanner (Canton), 1:01.3; 3. Tom Cahill (Northville), 1:01.4; 4. Jim Pisk (Northville), 1:01.5; 5. Steve Smith (Canton), 1:01.6; 6. Scott Baker (Western), 1:02.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. Steve Wood (Canton), 58.5; 2. Jay Emerson (Harrison), 58.6; 3. Al Laford (Harrison), 58.7; 4. Mike Gash (Canton), 58.8; 5. John Rudek (Churchill), 58.9; 6. Bruce Hachman (Northville), 59.1.

200-YARD FREESTYLE — 1. John Rudek (Harrison), 5:02.2; 2. Bob Cline (Canton), 5:05.2; 3. Al Laford (Harrison), 5:13.4; 4. Bruce Bierwirth (Harrison), 5:17.2; 5. John Rudek (Churchill), 5:25.5; 6. Bruce Hachman (Northville), 5:43.1.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — 1. Jay Emerson (Harrison), 1:31.2; 2. Carl Harty (Northville), 1:34.4; 3. Bill Lockwood (Northville), 1:37.1; 4. Karl Harty (Harrison), 1:37.5; 5. Terry Walters (Northville), 1:39.4; 6. Brady Kramer (Northville), 1:40.1.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — 1. Paul Peterson (Canton), 1:57.7; 2. Tim Cahill (Northville), 1:59.2; 3. Tom Cahill (Northville), 1:59.2; 4. Ward Smith (Farmington), 1:59.2; 5. Mark Marsh (Central), 1:59.2; 6. Dave Thayer (Central), 1:59.2.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — 1. Livonia Stevenson, 3:04.1; 2. Farmington High, 3:04.8; 3. Walled Lake Central, 3:44.5; 4. Pontiac Northern, 4:02.1.

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Detroit Mackenzie '5' Farmington

If Detroit Mackenzie's Keith Smith happened to set a state scoring record in a basketball game, the fans would probably have the gym raving about his superb passing instead of his point production.

Smith, a 5-foot-11 senior guard, scored plenty of points — a game-high 30, in fact — to pace Mackenzie's 81-69 victory over North Farmington last Friday in the championship game of the Class A district at Detroit Henry Ford High.

But he also dealt out 14 assists, hitting the opening man time after time with his pinpoint passes. And, sure enough, the spectators were raving.

"He penetrates so well," said North Farmington coach Ken Dean, who guided his team to an 17-2 season before losing to Mackenzie.

"He makes more than one man guard him. When he has the ball, some other guy has to go off and help guard him. And then, boom, Smith finds the open man with a great pass. He knows where the other four players are at all

times, and that's what makes him such a good player."

From the opening tip, Smith was a tough driver inside, where he was often fouled, and an accurate outside shooter. He scored eight points in the first quarter and six in the second, and Mackenzie led by nine (41-32) at halftime.

NORTH PULLED to within five points (51-56) at the end of the third quarter, but the game's outcome was never really in doubt.

North's big front line — Harold Beardsley (6-7), Mark Biehl (6-7) and Jeff Thomas (6-5) — was not to be intimidated when the inside play got rough. Despite getting into foul trouble early, Beardsley and Biehl combined for 33 points, and Thomas added 11 rebounds.

North's physical style of play impressed Mackenzie coach Elbert Richmond.

"North Farmington is a very physical team," Richmond said. "And with

that big front line, I think they could rebound with any team in the Public School League."

Mackenzie had four starters score in double figures. Robert McLaurin, a 6-4 senior, followed Smith with 22 points. Tony Watkins and Steve Cartmell added 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Mackenzie shot 50.8 per cent from the field, trying 61 shots and making 31, and hit on 19 of 24 free throws.

North shot 37.8 per cent from the floor, and made nine of 14 free throws.

North's final record (17-3) is the best in the school's 17-year history. Dean let it be known that he is proud of his team's accomplishments.

"A lot of people were wondering how good we really were," he said. "Our schedule wasn't that tough I know. But I think that we proved today that we're not flounders. We proved we could play with a real good team."

Mackenzie's victory advanced it to the Livonia Franklin regional final this week. Mackenzie has a 19-2 record.