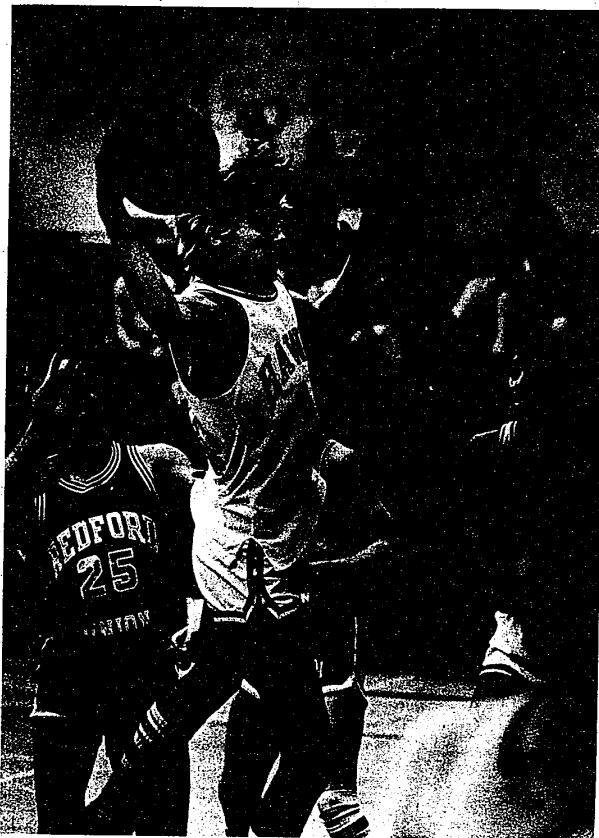


North downs Harrison in Yule Tournery



Catching his opponents flatfooted, Harrison's Scott Hendries soars into the air to grab a rebound. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

North Farmington used a 14-0 burst in the third period to cruise past Farmington Harrison, 58-42, and win the Farmington Christmas Tournament last night (Wednesday) at Farmington High.

Mark Biehl led North with 19 points, while Mike Howley contributed 14 and Ron Nutter had 10.

Dave Turnquist had 19 for Harrison and Brian Burgess added 10.

North Farmington wore down a stubborn Farmington squad in the fourth quarter to post a 68-54 win in the opening round of the Farmington Basketball Tournament Tuesday night.

"We're struggling a bit," North coach Ken Dean said. "We're not rebounding the way we should. But we started running, and that might have tired them out."

"We also got good games from Mark Lavett, Jeff Cohen and Craig Singleton coming off the bench."

The game was tight throughout the first quarter, as North got into early foul trouble and Farmington capitalized with seven free throws. But the Raiders started going to their big man, Mark Biehl, in the second quarter, lobbing passes over the Farmington defense to Biehl for easy layups. The strategy paid off to the tune of seven points for Biehl and a 37-29 North lead at the half.

The Falcons didn't lose their poise, however, and they began to chip away at the Raiders' lead in the third quarter. Jerry Krist hit a bucket with 2:15 left and Jim Bobey followed with another for Farmington a minute later to cut North's lead to two, 46-44, at the end of the third period.

But the fourth period was all North Farmington. After Farmington's Jeff McGrath knotted the score at 46-46 with 6:47 remaining, the Raiders went on a 7-0 tear to pull away from the Falcons. Biehl hit the go-ahead basket for North and Singleton hit the first of two free throws, with Cohen turning the second into a bucket and a five-point lead for North.

Farmington was unable to regain the momentum, as North continued to surge. Eight more points for Biehl and a spurt of six straight by Lavett sealed the win for North.

"We lost our poise in the last quarter," Farmington coach Rich Roy said. "We played better defense in the third period and slowed down the pace. We just tried to make up the deficit one basket at a time. We made some adjustments at the half to take away the job pass to Biehl."

"But we just didn't have it for the final quarter. It hurt to play without one of our starting guards (Greg Kuhnlein, who was out with an illness).

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But they had people hurt, too, so that's no excuse."

Biehl led all scorers with 21 points, while teammate Ron Nutter chipped in 11. McGrath led Farmington with 18 and Bobey pumped in 11.

Both teams have a break in their schedules, with North off until Jan. 12, when it will host Redford Union. Farmington next plays Plymouth Canton at home.

HARRISON-REDFORD UNION

Farmington Harrison built up a big first quarter lead and then staved off several Redford Union comeback efforts to roll to a 79-60 victory in its first game of the Farmington Christmas tournament.

The Hawks wasted no time as they took control from the opening tip and raced to a 25-12 first period lead. Scott Hendries and Dave Turnquist were instrumental in the rally, each scoring eight points.

Harrison's lead ballooned to 41-17 early in the second stanza before Hawks' coach Mike Teachman began going to his bench. Redford Union started a rally of their own and cut Harrison's lead to 41-28 at the half, as the Hawks failed to score in the final three minutes of the period.

The Panthers continued to cut into the Harrison lead as the second half got underway. Two baskets by Pat Brazzil and one each by Bob Mouch and Mario Bravo put Redford Union within six, 48-42, with 3:08 left in the period. But Mouch, who had been doing the heavy work on the boards for the Panthers, picked up his fourth personal foul a half minute later and Harrison immediately took advantage.

Brian Burgess hit two free throws, John Tremonti hit a field goal and a free throw, and Hendries popped in two baskets before the end of the quarter to maintain Harrison's lead at 13 points, 57-44.

Redford Union managed to pull within seven in the last quarter, but could get no closer as Hendries and Burgess combined for 15 points in the stanza.



Harrison's Dave Turnquist takes aim against Redford Union.

HARRISON 79-REDFORD UNION 60

FARMINGTON HARRISON (79)—Brian Burgess 6, 10; 12, 21; John Tremonti 2, 1; 5; Scott Hendries 8, 10; 15; Dave Turnquist 6, 12, 13; Brad Herrmann 1, 2; 4; Mark DeWane 8, 13, 1; Dan Schriener 1, 1; 2; Bruce Bierworth 1, 0; 2; TOTALS: 29, 29-41.

REDFORD UNION (60)—Mario Bravo 4, 14, 11; John Urych 1, 0; 2; Glen Roberts 1, 2; 4; Paul Babala 2, 2; 4; Gary Mayhew 1, 0; 2; Bob Mouch 6, 15, 12; Jim Gaudin 4, 3; 10; Pat Brazzil 7, 0; 6; 14; TOTALS: 28, 11-23, 44.

TOTAL FOULS—Harrison 19, Redford Union 27. FOULED OUT: Turnquist (HIS).

FARMINGTON HARRISON 12 15 15 22 —79

REDFORD UNION 12 15 15 18 —60

NORTH FARMINGTON 48-FARMINGTON 54

NORTH FARMINGTON (48)—Robbie Henderson 2, 2, 5; Ron Nutter 2, 5, 11; Wade Hovley 2, 5, 2; Ron Fredericks 1, 0; 2; Mark Biehl 1, 7, 8, 2; Mark Lavett 2, 4, 4; Jeff Cohen 2, 1; 2; 7; Cole Singleton 0, 4, 4; TOTALS: 22, 12-12, 48.

FARMINGTON (54)—Jim Bobey 4, 14, 11; Tom Harrison 2, 4, 8; Jeff McGrath 7, 4, 16; Jerry Krist 2, 1, 7; Ken Womack 1, 1; 2; 5; Ron Sawchik 1, 0; 2; John Dunn 1, 0; 2; Bill Lehman 0, 1; 2; TOTALS: 20, 14-11, 54.

TOTAL FOULS—North 17, Farmington 26. FOULED OUT: Krist (FHS).

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FARMINGTON 12 12 15 19 —54

Farmington wrestlers strong in county meet

By C.J. RISAK

Not many people expected a lot from the Farmington wrestling team this year. But the Falcons surprised everyone, including their coach, by wrestling their way to a third-place finish in the Oakland County Tournament last weekend at Pontiac Central.

Farmington Harrison also displayed their prowess on the mat by claiming sixth place in the tournament.

But it was Farmington that shocked the wrestling powerhouses by leading as the teams entered the semifinals Saturday.

"I was really pleased with our finish," Farmington coach Dick Deters said. "No one picked us to do a lot. But the kids wrestled out of their heads on Friday."

Unfortunately, the Farmington matmen couldn't keep the momentum going Saturday, as three of their four semifinalists failed to advance to the finals.

"Sooner or later, the cream comes to the top," Deters said.

Still, the Falcons continued to show improvement in the tournament, which was eventually won by Warren Lincoln with 165 1/2 points. Farmington finished with 133 1/2 points.

"I think the better competition helped the kids,"

Deters said. "They'll learn by their mistakes. They should be even better by the time the Schoolcraft Invitational comes around."

The invitational at Schoolcraft is the next big tournament on the Falcons' schedule. Thirty-two teams are to compete in the event on Jan. 5 and 6.

SCOTT HAZEN WAS the only winner for Farmington. Hazen, the winner of the National Junior AAU heavyweight crown last summer, pinned his first three opponents and then decisively Stu Hixon of Birmingham Groves, 9-6, in the heavyweight finals.

Other point-winners for the Falcons were: Mike McKinnon, a sixth-place finish in the 105-pound weight class; John Murphy, third in the 112-pound class; Dave Hall, fifth in the 132-pound class; Lou Milani, fifth in the 138-pound class; and Jeff Fagan, third in the 145-pound class.

Harrison was also impressive in the tournament, finishing sixth with 102 points, a single marker ahead of host-team Central.

Jeff Bernia was the lone Harrison wrestler to advance to the finals. He lost a tight 5-3 decision to John Craig of Hazel Park in the 132-pound weight class.

Neither Farmington nor Harrison have any matches scheduled before the Schoolcraft Invitational, which will begin at noon on Jan. 5.

Jays stop Thurston

By C.J. RISAK

Southfield finally got its shots to drop as the Blue Jays clobbered once-beaten Redford Thurston, 77-60, Tuesday at Southfield.

Cold shooting had been Southfield's biggest problem in their first five games, four of which were

losses. But that was not the case Tuesday as the Blue Jays led from the start.

Southfield jumped out to a 14-9 lead after the first quarter and then exploded for a 19-7 advantage in the second period to lead, 33-16, at the half. Thurston was never able to regain any ground on the Blue Jays, as the two teams played even in the third and fourth quarters.

Thurston did very little right in the contest. The Eagles hit only 18 field goals in 57 attempts (31 per cent) and were outrebounded 44-17. Southfield hit 35 of 78 shots from the floor (45 per cent).

Dave Combs led Southfield with 14 points and 12 rebounds. Dave Sucher added 12 points and 10 rebounds, while Darryl Darden and Eric Griffen each had 12 points and John Piper hit for 10.

Thurston was led by Carey Dowdy's game-high 15 points. Mike Fitzsimmons contributed 15 and Tim Franzini pumped in 14.

Southfield, now 2-4 on the season, will be idle until Jan. 5 when it will entertain Livonia Churchill.

SOUTHFIELD-THURSTON

Southfield (77)—John Piper 5, 4, 10; Erik Griffin 4, 8, 12; Dave Combs 6, 2, 14; Dave Sucher 4, 10, 12; Mike Darden 2, 2, 4; Greg White 1, 4, 2; Jay Stanley 1, 4, 2; Darryl Darden 4, 2, 12; Keith Reed 1, 4, 2; Mike Bernia 1, 4, 2; Tasho 2, 5, 12, 7.

Redford Thurston (60)—Tim Franzini 2, 8, 12; Carey Dowdy 4, 4, 10; Mike Fitzsimmons 4, 12, 12; Mike Glines 1, 4, 2; Bob Fredericks 1, 4, 2; Pete Bradley 2, 2, 4; Jeff Brown 4, 4, 2; Mark Medlock 1, 4, 2; Tasho 12, 2, 4, 4.

TOTAL FOULS—Thurston 11, Southfield 28. FOULED OUT: Glines (7) and Bernia (1).

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SOUTHFIELD 14 12 20 21 —77

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