

Farmington pins mat losses on S-L, SHS

By C.J. RISAK

Farmington flexed its muscles in a tri-duel meet Wednesday, winning all three of its matches in impressive fashion and running its season record to 9-1.

Southfield, Southfield-Lathrup, and Redford Union also took part in the meet, held at Lathrup. Southfield won one match and lost two, Lathrup split, winning one and losing one, and Redford Union lost two.

Redford Union, after losing to Farmington 66-6, and Southfield, 45-20, withdrew from the meet. The reason, according to the Panthers' coach, was that his players had tests in the morning and he didn't realize the meet would last so long. So Lathrup did not wrestle Redford Union.

The Farmington-Lathrup match was expected to be the closest of the night. But Farmington won easily, 51-16, as the Falcons captured nine of the 13 events.

Farmington's victory over Southfield was by a 50-14 margin. Southfield's points came on two decisions, a disqualification, and a draw.

Lathrup won 10 events as it outwrestled Southfield, 47-13. Five Chargers pinned their opponents in the match, including three of the last four.

Southfield won nine matches and drew in another in its win over Red-

ford Union. Five of the Blue Jays' wins came on pins.

But it was Farmington that dominated the most.

"We're doing just super," Farmington coach Dick Detters said. "The kids are progressing real well. We'll

be ready for the Schoolcraft Invitational."

Leading wrestlers for Farmington were Dave Denry (98 pound class) with two pins and a decision; Dave Hall (122) with three pins; Lou Milani (138) with two pins and a decision; Jeff Fagan (145) with two pins and a

win by forfeit; and Jim Steiner (165) with three pins.

LATHRUP'S TWO TOP wrestlers, 105-pound Jim Fish and 126-pound Rob Parent, kept their winning streaks alive with two victories in both of their matches. Parent, 18-0 for the season, pinned his two opponents, while Fish,

now 17-1, scored two lopsided decisions.

Other double winners for Lathrup were Tim Herbert, who took one decision in the 145-pound weight class and in another 165-pound, and Nadem Kassab, who captured a pair of decisions in the 191-pound class.

Mark Fine was Southfield's leading performer of the night, winning two matches, one on a pin and the other on a decision. Fine fought to a draw in his third event in the 98-pound class.

Steve Helmer (155) also won twice and drew once for the Blue Jays, while John Kasper (119) and Mike Silverstein (191) each posted two wins.

Lathrup next entertains Royal Oak Dondoro on Jan. 4, while Southfield and Farmington are both idle until the Schoolcraft Invitational, Jan. 5 and 6.

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Redford Union's Mike Rood (bottom) struggles to keep from getting pinned by Farmington's Jeff Fagan. (Photo by Allen Schlossberg)

Christian wins opener

By C.J. RISAK

Southfield Christian withstood a second half rally by Aurora Christian to win its opening game in the Southfield Christmas tournament, 64-56, Friday night.

In the first game of the tourney, Grand Rapids Baptist gained a berth in the finals opposite Christian by edging Royal Oak St. Mary's, 59-55, in overtime.

Christian jumped off to a big lead against Aurora, ahead 20-2 midway through the first period. Jeff Hamlin led the way, making several steals and converting them into easy baskets.

Christian pulled out to a 28-8 lead at the end of the quarter, with Hamlin scoring 10 points and Steve Hall contributing eight.

The second quarter was more even, as neither team managed a point until almost three minutes of the period had been played. Christian padded its lead to 39-16 at the half.

But the second half was a different story. Aurora came out smoking, as it outscored Christian 11-1, in the first four minutes of the period. Christian couldn't seem to put it together, and by quarter's end Aurora narrowed the gap to 48-37.

The Aurora surge continued into the fourth quarter. With 3:30 remaining in the game, Brad Krist cut Christian's lead to 54-50. Steve Hall countered with a couple of free throws, but Aurora's Pete Chase tipped in a rebound to cut the deficit to four once again, 56-52, with two minutes left.

BUT CHRISTIAN came to life, as Hamlin hit a jumper, his first points since the opening quarter, and then Dan Messner hit from the inside and Rob Vosler converted both ends of a one-and-one free throw situation to stake Christian to a 62-52 lead.

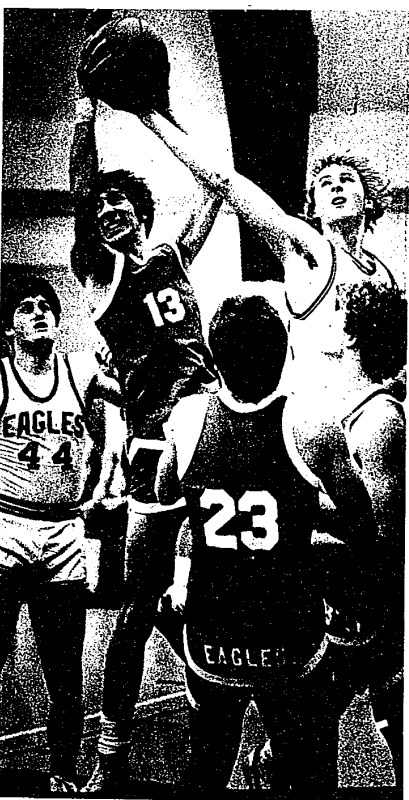
"I learned something tonight," Christian coach Dave Seils said after-

wards. "We got out to that lead in the first quarter and I took our press off. The kids let up, emotionally and psychologically. They thought they had the game won."

"We lost one like this in a tourna-

ment last year, and this one almost got away from us. But we came out of it."

Southfield Christian's next contest will be at home against Oakland Christian on Jan. 5.



Southfield Christian's Bill Moir and Aurora's Pete Chase battle for a rebound in Friday's opening game of the first annual Southfield Christmas basketball tournament. (Photo by Harry Maunthe)

Big man helps Raiders claim tournament crown

By C.J. RISAK

It was a case of the little men vs. the big man. And, as it usually turns out, the big man won.

Playing the role of the winning giant was North Farmington's 6-7 center Mark Biehl. Biehl proved to be too much for his smaller Farmington Harrison opponents, as North whipped Harrison, 58-42, to win the Farmington Christmas tournament last Wednesday at Farmington High.

In the consolation game, four Farmington players scored in double figures to lead the Falcons to a 78-63 win over Redford Union.

"We ran out of gas in the second half," Harrison coach Mike Tschann said after his team fell to North. "When you're playing someone the size of Biehl and he's leaning on you all night, you tend to get pretty tired. The first thing to go is your mental facilities, and that's what happened to us. We started making a lot of mental errors and turnovers."

Harrison made a contest out of it for most of three quarters. North got the early lead, scoring the first three baskets of the game. But the Hawley Dave Turquist offset that, scoring six points and narrowing the Raiders' lead to 10-6 with three minutes left in the period. Two fast break buckets by Harrison's Brian Burgess made the score 14-12 in favor of North after one quarter.

In the second stanza, Biehl began to make his presence known. Three lob passes over the Harrison defenders to Biehl resulted in baskets. The North center also hit a short jumper and a free throw, as he scored nine of the Raiders' 11 points in the quarter. Turnovers and a pressing North defense upset Harrison, as they were limited to eight points and trailed, 25-20, at half.

IN THE THIRD quarter, the game remained close until Harrison forward Scott Hendries drew his fourth personal foul with 3:44 left and his team behind, 34-30. North went on a 14-0 run to give it a commanding 48-30 lead after three periods.

"I was really pleased with our play in the third quarter," North coach Ken Dean said. "Our defense was very good. We were pressing them the whole game, but in the third quarter

we started double teaming the ball and they started turning it over."

"I was happy with Biehl's play, too. But it was a team effort. We weren't getting it so much before, but it's starting to come together now."

Harrison never threatened in the final quarter. Hendries fouled out with 5:38 left, severely hurting any comeback chances for Harrison. Substitutes from both teams played the last four minutes of the game.

Still, it was a good tournament for Harrison. They won their first game of the season in the opening round of the tournament against Redford Union, and played a strong game most of the way against North.

A strong second half broke open a close contest and enabled Farmington to claim its second win of the year in the first game Wednesday night.

Neither team was particularly effective in the first half. Farmington put on a press defense and forced several Redford Union turnovers. But the Falcons failed to capitalize. Baskets by Paul Babbis and Bob Mouch gave Redford Union a 32-25 lead with three minutes left in the half. But Farmington fought back, scoring three baskets in the last minute and a half to take the lead, 37-36, at halftime.

THE FALCONS TOOK complete control in the second half. With 6:21 remaining in the third quarter, the Falcons' Tom Harrison hit a driving layup and was fouled. He missed the free throw, but Jerry Krist rebounded and scored to stretch Farmington's lead to 43-38.

The play seemed to ignite the Falcons. Redford Union continued to make mistakes in their own end of the court, and Farmington began to take advantage. Greg Kuhnlein hit a bucket with 1:59 left in the period to stake Farmington to a 54-44 lead.

Farmington kept it in high gear in the final quarter. Mouch, Redford Union's leading rebounder, fouled out with 5:53 left and his team trailing by 11. The Panthers never threatened after that, as Farmington pulled away in the final minutes.

Leading scorer for Farmington was Harrison with 18. Krist added 15, with Kuhnlein and Jim Bobey each scoring 10. Glen Roberts was high man for Redford Union with 16 points. Jim Garden pumped in 10.

The win raised Farmington's record to 2-6. Redford Union is winless on the season. The Falcons are idle until Jan. 9, when they host Plymouth Canton. North (5-1) plays next on Jan. 12, entertaining Redford Union. Harrison (1-6) is at home on Jan. 9 against Redford Thurston.

FARMINGTON 78--REDFORD UNION 63

FARMINGTON (78)--Jim Bobey 5, 0-2, 10; John Dena 3, 2-2, 8; Tom Harrison 6, 4-4, 16; Jerry Krist 4, 2-2, 10; Greg Kuhnlein 3, 4-4, 10; Jeff McCreath 1, 2-2, 4; Jim Nidal 4, 1-2, 1; Alf Oeder 1, 1-2, 2; Doug Parker 1, 0-2, 2; Sam Saravich 1, 0-2, 1. TOTALS: 78-63, 23-17.

REDFORD UNION (63)--Jim Garden 4, 5-10, 10; Terry Hoffman 2, 2-2, 4; Glen Roberts 4, 4-4, 16; Bob Mouch 4, 1-2, 9; Paul Babbis 3, 0-2, 6; Paul Babbis 2, 1-2, 2; Mario Brown 4, 1-2, 2; John Dena 1, 2-2, 4; Tom Dushart 1, 0-2, 2. TOTALS: 63-78, 15-24, 63.

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REDFORD UNION 32 10 17 11 63

FOULED OUT: Mouch (10); Hendries (10);

NORTH 58--HARRISON 42

NORTH FARMINGTON (58)--Robbie Henderson 1, 0-2, 2; Rick Hunter 2, 2-2, 4; Mike Miller 2, 2-2, 4; Ron Fredericks 1, 2-2, 4; Mark Biehl 6, 1-2, 13; Mark Biehl 2, 2-2, 4; John Collins 1, 1-2, 2; Tom Hendries 1, 0-2, 2; Rich Hunter 2, 2-2, 4; TOTALS: 58-42, 18-14, 58.

HARRISON (42)--Tom Harrison 4, 0-2, 8; 0-1, 13; Brad Hernandez 2, 2-2, 4; John Tremont 1, 2-2, 4; Scott Hendries 2, 0-2, 4; Dave Turquist 1, 1-2, 2; Peter Leeburg 1, 2-2, 4; D.J. Hechler 1, 0-2, 2. TOTALS: 42-58, 12.

FOULED OUT: Hendries (10); Harrison (12); North (12);

St. Mary schedules game at Silverdome

St. Mary's Eagles, the defending state Class D champions, will face the highly-rated Hamtramck Corners at the Pontiac Silverdome, 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The game will precede the Detroit Pistons and Houston Rockets clash, slated to begin at 8:30 p.m.

The game will be a homecoming for Rudy Tomjanovich, former all-star at Hamtramck and now all-pro with the Rockets.

The Eagles have the longest winning streak in the state at 32 games. Their latest victory came last Saturday night against Class D power Michigan State.

Dec. 27 is also Silverdome "alumni night" for all Orchard Lake alumni and friends. Tickets may be bought for the game at St. Mary's Prep, Hamtramck High, or at the Pontiac Silverdome.

CHRISTIAN 64--AURORA 56

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN (64)--Jeff Hamlin 6, 0-1, 12; Steve Hall 4, 5-11, 14; Rob Vosler 3, 2-4, 8; Bill Moir 1, 0-2, 2; Dan Messner 2, 2-2, 4; Tim Germaine 2, 0-2, 2; John Williams 1, 0-2, 2. TOTALS: 64-56, 18-14, 64.

AURORA CHRISTIAN (56)--Pete Chase 10, 5-11, 20; Brad Krist 7, 0-2, 14; Jerry Glaser 4, 0-2, 8; Pete Chase 2, 2-2, 4; Mike Adams 1, 0-2, 2; Jeff Glaser 1, 0-2, 2. TOTALS: 56-64, 14-21, 56.

FOULED OUT: Leeburg, Hernandez, Wilson (10);

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AURORA CHRISTIAN 22 10 17 11 56

FOULED OUT: Leeburg, Hernandez, Wilson (10);

GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST 59--ST. MARY'S 55

GRAND RAPIDS BAPTIST (59)--Steve Dondoro 7, 2-2, 14; Paul Owens 5, 0-2, 10; Rob Merrill 4, 0-2, 8; Bill Moir 1, 0-2, 2; John Speckers 1, 1-2, 2. TOTALS: 59-55, 18-14, 59.

ST. MARY'S (55)--Jeff Korte 10, 0-2, 20; Tim Leeburg 2, 2-2, 4; Dave Brown 2, 1-2, 4; Mark Wilson 2, 1-2, 4; John Bell 1, 1-2, 2; Tim Howard 1, 0-2, 2. TOTALS: 55-59, 14-21, 55.

FOULED OUT: Leeburg, Hernandez, Wilson (10);

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