

Harrison, Farmington wrestle to league titles

By C.J. RISAK

It was a banner weekend for the wrestling squads from Farmington and Farmington Harrison. . . and North Farmington's team didn't do too badly, either.

Farmington's matmen came through the clutch to give the Falcons an undisputed Inter Lakes League championship, while Harrison cruised to its second Western Six League title with relative ease. And North's grapplers finished third in a very tough Northwest Suburban League, behind Westland John Glenn and Redford Thurston.

For the first time all season, Harrison went into a meet with all its wrestlers, and the Hawks WSL opponents probably wish they hadn't. Plagued by injuries and weight problems for most of the year that had left them with voids in several weight classes, Harrison still managed to post a 13-5-1 overall record and a 4-1 conference mark.

But the Hawks had no problems Saturday, as they finished well ahead of runnerup Northville. Harrison collected 170 1/2 points to Northville's 140. Walled Lake Western, who had wrestled to the best dual meet record in the league (5-0; Western beat Harrison, 30-29), came in third with 125 1/2 points.

"Everybody did a good job," Harrison Coach Richard Cook said. "It was our best performance all year."

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"Tom Bourke (112-pound weight class) really outdid himself. He beat everybody handily. And Eric Kerestes (191)—I wasn't surprised, really, but he wrestled his best."

"And, of course, Jeff Bernia (132) was outstanding."

That is what everyone else felt about Bernia's wrestling, too, because he was named the outstanding wrestler of the meet. Bernia was the first matman in league history to win his weight class three years in a row.

His final victory was over Brad Sharpe of Livonia Churchill, 7-1. Bourke was also a winner, beating Steve Platte of Northville, 11-4. Kerestes took his weight class, as he edged Matt Baker of Northville, 5-4.

Other winners included Pat Palajac (126), an 11-1 winner over Kent Land of Waterford Mott, and Jerry Bishop

(155), who clobbered Willie Libby of Western, 10-2.

Phil Palajac (119) and Mark Kurzeja (165) also made it to the final match before losing. Palajac was buried by Mike Lurvey of Northville, 15-2, while Kurzeja was shut out by Western's Angelo Buttazzoni, -0.

IN THE INTER LAKES league, it boiled down to a two-team battle between Farmington and Pontiac Northern. Farmington was the dual meet champion, but in order to be the undisputed league title holder, the Falcons had to finish first in the league meet.

It was close, but they came through with two pins in their final two matches to edge Northern, 188-183. Water-

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North's Jay Benda (top) battles Franklin's Al Perry in a Northwest Suburban League Meet.

North's Biehl explodes

Falcons stun city foe

By C.J. RISAK

Farmington High's basketball team has taken its lumps this season, but at least coach Richard Roy's Falcons can claim a victory over city-rival Farmington Harrison.

Farmington, which lost twice last week by big scores, whipped non-league Harrison, 59-51, Tuesday. The victory left Farmington with a 4-13 record. Harrison fell to 5-12.

Ron Sarcovich, who came off the bench last Friday at Pontiac Northern to score 13 points in the Falcons' loss, was rewarded with a starting spot against Harrison. The 6-foot-2 forward responded by scoring 20 points.

Jerry Krist added 13 points for Farmington, and teammate Jim Bobbi pulled down 10 rebounds to help the winners maintain a 35-22 advantage on the boards.

Farmington, which enjoyed a 19-7 lead after the first quarter, shot well from the field, making 25 of 50 shots. Harrison shot 35 percent from the field, making 20 of 57 shots.

"Our shot selection was better to-

nigh than it's been all year," Roy said. "But the rebounding, especially in the first half, was the big difference."

Three Harrison players scored in double figures. Brad Herremans scored 14 points, Brian Burgess had 13, and Scott Hendries 12 in the losing cause.

Both Farmington and Harrison play Thursday. The Falcons travel to Waterford Township and Harrison moves to Waterford Mott. Both games start at 8 p.m.

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c Mark Biehl, North Farmington's 6-8 senior center, exploded for a school-record 38 points Tuesday as the Raiders battered non-league Waterford Kettering, 80-56.

Biehl, who scored 10 points in each of the first three quarters, was especially deadly from the free throw line hitting on 4 of 17 free throws, including 13 straight.

Biehl also grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked five shots. Mike Howley snatched 10 rebounds for North, which dominated the boards. Conrad Gardner

led Kettering with 22 points.

North Farmington, which has an impressive 12-3 overall record, returns to action Friday at Redford Union. The Northwest Suburban League game has an 8 p.m. starting time.

FARMINGTON 59 — HARRISON 51

FARMINGTON 59 — Jim Bobbi 2, 0-0; John Dues 4, 0-0; R. Tom Harrison 2, 0-0; 4. Jerry Krist 4, 2-1; Greg Kallman 3, 1-3; 7. Al Ooster 2, 1-2; 1. Doug Parker 1, 0-0; 2. Ron Sarcovich 5, 2-2; 28. Ken Weisman 0, 0-1. TOTALS: 59, 25-28.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (51) — Mark Dekman 0, 0-1; 0. Brad Herremans 6, 2-3; 14. Brian Burgess 1, 5-5; 13. John Tremont 2, 0-1; 4. Tom Cony 2, 0-0; 4. Dave Turnquist 0, 0-0; 4. Scott Hendries 0, 0-0. TOTALS: 51, 28-23.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 22, Harrison 14. FOULED OUT: Bobbi (7), Parker (11).

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NORTH 80 — KETTERING 56

NORTH FARMINGTON (80) — Rob Henderson 2, 0-0; 4. Bob Neter 1, 0-0; 12. Mike Howley 2, 0-0; 4. Craig Singleton 0, 0-0; 3. Jeff Coles 1, 0-0; 8. Bob Neter 1, 0-0; 4. Ron Fredericks 1, 0-0; 3. Ed Ford 2, 3-3; 6. Brian Bowditch 1, 0-0; 6. Mark Biehl 12, 14-17; 38. TOTALS: 80, 25-28.

WATERFORD KETTERING (56) — Steve Scott 1, 4-5; 6. Jerry Wood 2, 1-5; 5. Greg Gustafson 6, 1-3; 13. Cole Bell 2, 0-0; 4. Conrad Gardner 8, 6-11; 21. D. Hira 1, 0-2; 18. Lamson 1, 0-0; 27. Gould 1, 0-0. TOTALS: 56, 28-28.

TOTAL FOULS — Kettering 18, North 12. FOULED OUT: None.

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WATERFORD KETTERING 16 8 25 12 — 56



Farmington's Ron Sarcovich shoots over Harrison's Brian Burgess. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Brother Rice cage star to play at Notre Dame

By BRAD EMONS

Tim Andree, Birmingham Brother Rice's 6-10 standout center, yesterday signed an institutional letter of intent and announced he will attend Notre Dame University this fall.

Andree notified Notre Dame head coach Richard "Digger" Phelps of his verbal commitment to attend the northern Indiana school Sunday.

Andree and his mother, Loretta, visited the South Bend campus over the weekend and attended the nationally televised basketball game between Notre Dame and UCLA at the Athletic and Convocation Center.

"The past weekend there convinced me," said Andree. "I thought a lot about it on the trip down," he said.

"I'm proud to attend such a school," Andree said.

The Rice standout, currently averaging 24 points and 15 rebounds per game before the entering the Catholic League playoffs Sunday, said his reasons for attending the school were obvious.

"Notre Dame is a great academic and athletic institution," he said. "The academic part of it can't be beat."

"There is also an opportunity for me to play," he said.

The Irish, ranked number one nationally until Tuesday, lose two inside players this year to graduation — Bruce Flowers and 7-0 Bill Lalimber.

The Rice center, who has powered his team to a 15-1 record thus far, was also impressed with the overall atmosphere of the campus.

"It's a magical place," said Andree, "with the dome shining in the sun and being around campus, it makes you feel good."

"Playing at Notre Dame was a major factor. They (the fans) can motivate you to play," he said.

"I like Coach Phelps and everybody connected with the school was class," Andree said.

Andree made his official visit to the Notre Dame campus in late September, the same weekend Michigan played the Irish in football.

Ironically, Michigan was the other school he gave serious consideration.

"I saw an opportunity to play there (Michigan) also," said Andree. "In my heart, I really liked the Notre Dame atmosphere," he said.

The other schools Andree made offi-

cial trips to were Kentucky, Duke, North Carolina and Michigan State.

Andree said he notified the other schools of his decision.

"The other schools honored my decision and everybody who recruited me treated me with class," said Andree.

"I was ready to make a decision," he said. "I thought it wouldn't be fair to the other schools to wait any longer. It costs money to recruit a player," he added.

During the first 14 games of the season, Michigan and Michigan State sent a representative to every game.

Andree, one of 12 children of Jack and Loretta Andree, said his family was happy with his choice.

"My family was happy for me. They were pleased because I'll be playing at a place close to home so they can see me play," said Andree.

The Rice center said "It was my decision entirely on selecting Notre Dame."

With his decision out of the way, Andree can concentrate on the rest of his high school campaign and look forward to his collegiate basketball days ahead. "I'm in control of my own destiny," he said.

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