

# North runners race to 2nd straight NSL win

North Farmington's top runner finished more than a minute behind Garden City East's Mike Stapleton in last Thursday's Northwest Suburban League (NSL) meet.

But it was North that came away with a 25-34 win.

Stapleton out-distanced the pack in the meet, finishing the course in 16:09. His nearest competitor, teammate Ken Fetter, came in second in 17:00.

But the rest was North's, as its

runners claimed the next five places in the victory on East's home course.

Gregg Rapp was third overall and the top Farmer placer (17:14). In fourth was Rich Fruitman (17:16), fifth was George Fomin (17:33), sixth Bruce Ross (17:38) and seventh Joe Phillips (17:45).

It was the second straight NSL win for North, pushing its overall record to 3-1. The team runs against Walled Lake Central at Marshbank Park Tuesday and then faces Redford Thurston

Thursday at Oakland Community College, North's home course.

**NORTHVILLE 25 — FARMINGTON 30**

Farmington's harriers finished evenly, but ended up being the odd men out. The Falcons claimed the second, fourth, sixth and 10th positions in their meet with Northville last Tuesday, with the Mustangs taking all the odd places. The odds won out — 25-30.

Northville's Harry Couyoumjan finished first in the meet (16:18). John Murphy was Farmington's best runner, taking second place (16:32). Bill Atkinson was fourth (16:53), Steve Madonis sixth (17:10), Bill Anglin eighth (17:22) and Tom Fouten 10th (17:36).

Three of the Farmington runners were passed in the last quarter-mile of the race.

Despite the loss, Farmington coach Gerald Young was not unhappy with his team's performance. "I'm very

pleased with the kids," he said afterwards.

One good thing did happen Tuesday to make Young's mood even brighter. Eric Leidlén, one of the team's top runners who had been sidelined with knee problems for most of the season, ran in the junior varsity race and won the event. Leidlén may be ready to re-

turn to the varsity team by the next meet.

The Falcons do not have a meet scheduled for this week because of the cancellation of the sport at Pontiac Northern and Waterford, the teams Farmington was to run against. The next scheduled event is the Oakland County meet Saturday.

## Falcons lose in final seconds

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minutes remaining in the contest, the team's leading scorer, Linda Bache, fouled out, ending any Harrison hopes.

Nixon led all scorers with 24 points. Bache and Beth Delley led Harrison with 15 each, with Lori Winkle netting 12.

Harrison was only 21 of 59 from the

field (36 percent) and converted just nine of 19 free throws (47 percent).

Harrison, 1-3 for the year, hosts Westland John Glenn Tuesday.

G.C. EAST 49 — NORTH 35

It may look like just another loss on North Farmington's record, but the team took a giant step toward respect-

ability last Thursday.

The Raiders were beaten by Garden City East, hardly a girls' basketball power. However, it was the best performance by North all year, as it fell by only 14 points, 49-35.

"We used a different defense and did some other things differently," North coach Debbie Wochna said. "We were really aggressive and our foul shooting

was really good."

The Raiders sank 17 of 24 free throws during the contest. Barrie Bailey was the top scorer with 15 points, and Meg Henrich hit for 12 points and grabbed 13 rebounds.

Connie Riley had 17 points for East and Kathy Narramore added 16.

North, now 0-5 on the year, hosts Northville Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

## In The Pocket

By W.W. EDGAR

While the unusual in that none of the classic sharpshooters broke the 700 barrier, they did stage one of the best duels of the season for scoring honors.

When the firing ceased, Dan Bradenburgh was out in front with games of 240, 223 and 233 for 686 that gave him a mere five pin edge on Al Starkes. Meanwhile, Kerry Rosta's K&S team linked counts of 1083, 1002 and 1029 for a 3114.

The girls in the ladies senior house league gave the men's classic stars a run for their money when Denise Rathburn came up with a 672. She started with a 245, followed with a 232 and closed with 191.

Others who bettered double century figures included Virginia Niga with a 619 and Darlene Marrow with 606.

In the ladies junior house loop, Diane Brady was high with a 600.

THERE WAS a great mother-daughter duel at Westland when Ev Hubble and her daughter, Joanne Warner, fought to the closing frames of the third game for scoring honors in the ladies classic.

Hubble finally won out with a 638 gained on counts of 204, 207 and 227 for 638. Daughter Joanne

started with 221 and added a 207, but dropped to 174 in the final and had to settle for 602.

They bowled for the Midas Muffler team that totaled 2796 — high for the year.

While mother and daughter were battling, Kim Jones took third place with a 612.

Toni Smith was next in line with an unusual series. She had 453 going into the final game and then slipped to 139 for a 592. All told, there were 17 games posted above 500 in the league.

In the Monday men's league, Jerry Bates was top man with a 647 followed by Harry Brucker with 635 and Jerry Novak with 610. Pat Jones earned a share of the spotlight with an all-star game of 183.

AT THE SUPER Bowl Frank Briscoe paced the men's league with a 667. Norma Horn was high for the ladies in the Wednesday ladies league with a 232 game and in the afternoon loop, Terry Gibson showed the way with a 225. She is a 148-average bowler.

AT GARDEN LANES Tom Sokolaski fired a 257 in 608 to show the way in the Senior House league. In the Sunday mixed league, Charles Bossey

was top man with 575 and Jan Paschall, a 104 average bowler, placed the women with a 537.

AL SWINELHURST set the pace at Woodland Lanes for the week when he topped the Great Scott league with a 654 that included a middle game of 234.

In the Keglerettes circuit, Linda Grim showed the way with a 482 and Linda Harvison, a 140-average bowler, topped the

Jacks and Jills with a 569.

Meanwhile, Connie Dishong lead the parade in the top ladies league with a 561, and in the junior house league, Mike Wolfe was high with a 560.

THERE WAS quite a novelty in the Brookwood Ladies Classic at Merri-Bowl when Cecilia Bernwanger, who carries a 121-average, came through with a 549 series.



She got it the hard way. After games of 128 and 160, she found the range for a closing 262.

In the Bowlerettes, Sharon Seavackis was high with a 604 and Janice Nissle had a 246 in the Roving Girls circuit.

A BATTLE that went down to the last pin was staged in the Bel-Aire Classic with Al Urbaniak finally gaining a two-pin margin of victory over Al Day with a 691.

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