

N. Farmington matmen wreck Franklin, 65-0

By C.J. RISAK

After 12 years as North Farmington's wrestling coach, Jim O'Leary got something he'd never had before — a shutout.

The Raiders swept to their third straight Northwest Suburban League (NSL) victory and the seventh in eight meets by blanking Livonia Franklin, 65-0, Thursday.

"It's the first time I've ever had a shutout," O'Leary remarked adding that he wrestled "a lot of young kids" in hope of preventing the embarrassment for Franklin.

"It's funny, though. We almost had a shutout against Redford Union in our last meet (a 65-6 North win), but lost it when Sean Cotter was disqualified for slamming his opponent."

There was no denying North this time, however. The Raiders won all 13 matches, four on pins and three others because of Franklin voids.

Of the 13 North wrestlers, five were sophomores and two others wrestled part time for the varsity. Adam Katz, a junior, was a winner in his first varsity match ever, defeating Tom Chinavare, 16-3, in a 132-pound bout.

Mark Majors, a junior who sees part time duty, was a 14-5 winner over Franklin's Phil Zimmer in the 112-

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both won on pins. Kilmer downed Bill Redilla in 3:31, while Nielsen best Stewart Lang in 3:30.

Other winners on pins were Jim Scully (145) over Gene Barrett in 2:17 and George Houtteker (heavyweight) against Chris Polehus in 2:58.

Brad Fisher (98) defeated Dan Oshea, 5-0. Paul Cotter (126) whipped Dave Gerardi, 9-3. Paul Stablin outpointed Al Perry, 7-6 and Steve Magyari bested Chris Whalen, 14-0, to round out North's scoring.

Earlier last week, North came away with the city championship by beating Farmington, 42-19, and Farmington

Harrison, 52-16, Tuesday at Farmington.

Fisher won twice for North on pins. He beat Harrison's Don Stewart in 1:42 and Farmington's Tom Barbrick in 3:28. Other double winners for North were John Gosselin (138), Scully (145), Jeff Rentz (167), Karl Hamina (198) and Houtteker (heavyweight).

Harrison was crippled by voids in the meet. The Hawks had no wrestlers in six of the 13 weight classes. They won two of the other seven events (both by pins), lost three and drew twice.

Harrison's winners were Phil Palajac (132) on a fall over Katz in 1:51 and Ken Kopko (185), a pin winner over John Lochare in 1:12.

FARMINGTON WINNERS were Dave Deney (105), 13-0 over Kilmer; John Murphy (119), 4-0 over Cotter; Mark Deney (126), 7-1 against Dan Orr; Bill Anglin (132), a 4-2 winner over Bruce Benda; and Gregg Lemanski (185), a 1:37 victor on a pin against Lochare.

Harrison lost its sixth dual meet of the season last Thursday, as Plymouth Canton came away with a 42-22 win.

Winners for Harrison were Palajac (134), 17-0 over Tim Racer; Bob Cushing (147), 6-2 over Steve Hamblin; Mark Kuzaj (157), 6-2 over Bob Mollers; Ken Kopko (187), 8-2 against Paul Mooney; and Eric Kerastas (200), a pin winner against Dan Page in 2:40.

The loss dropped Harrison to 1-6 overall. The Hawks travel to Hazel Park Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

North, now 7-1 on the season and 3-0 in the NSL, hosts Northville Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and entertains Westland John Glenn Thursday, also at 6:30 p.m. Farmington is at Waterford Thursday.



North Farmington's Jim Scully pinned his Livonia Franklin opponent last Thursday in the Raiders' 65-0 rout. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

Wrestling summaries

N. FARMINGTON 52 — HARRISON 16

58 POUNDS — Brad Fisher (North Farmington) pinned Don Stewart, 1:42; 105 — Keith Kilmer (NF) won on void, 1:12 — Mark Majors (NF) won on void, 1:12 — Paul Cotter (NF) won on void, 1:26 — Bruce Benda (NF) drew with Tom Burke, 5-5; 132 — Phil Palajac (Harrison) pinned Adam at 1:51; 138 — John Gosselin (NF) won on void, 1:45 — Jim Scully (NF) won on void, 1:55 — Steve Magyari (NF) drew with Bob Cushing, 6-6; 167 — Jeff Rentz (NF) defeated Mark Kuzaj, 3-4; 185 — Ken Kopko (NF) pinned John Lochare, 1:12; 188 — Karl Hamina (NF) defeated Eric Kerastas, 6-2; HEAVYWEIGHT — George Houtteker (NF) won on void.

N. FARMINGTON 42 — FARMINGTON 19

58 POUNDS — Brad Fisher (NF) pinned Tom Barbrick, 3:28; 105 — Dave Deney (Farmington) defeated Keith Kilmer, 1:34; 112 — John Deney (NF) pinned Jim Lockier, 2:18; 119 — John Murphy (F) defeated Paul Cotter, 4:0; 126 — Mark Deney (F) defeated Dan Orr, 7-1; 132 — Bill Anglin (F) defeated Bruce Benda, 4-2; 138

— John Gosselin (NF) defeated Mark Pouts, 9-2; 145 — Jim Scully (NF) defeated Mark Bartram, 1:14; 155 — Steve Magyari (NF) pinned Tom Moore, 3:51; 167 — Jeff Rentz (NF) pinned Bill Steen, 1:26; 185 — Greg Lemanski (F) pinned John Lochare, 1:37; 188 — Karl Hamina (NF) won on void; HEAVYWEIGHT — George Houtteker (NF) pinned Doug Peeling, 3:11.

CANTON 42 — HARRISON 22
98 POUNDS — Pat Bartlett (Plymouth Canton) pinned Ken Sanders, 1:54; 105 — Tom Holloway (PC) pinned John Hamlin, 4:42; 112 — Tom Harold (PC) pinned Matt Alcantara, 3:54; 121 — Brett Nasralla (PC) pinned Bob Sinclair, 1:58; 128 — Tom Burke (Harrison) drew with Kevin Smith, 6-6; 134 — Phil Palajac (H) defeated Tim Racer, 17-0; 140 — Dave Bennett (PC) pinned Dan Bowen, 1:32; 147 — Bob Cushing (H) defeated Steve Hamblin, 6-2; 167 — Dave Vaughan (PC) defeated Eric Wemyss, 1:15; 187 — Ken Kopko (H) defeated Paul Mooney, 8-2; 200 — Eric Kerastas (H) pinned Dan Page, 2:40; HEAVYWEIGHT — Steve Basar (PC) won on void.

N. Farmington splashes past Lahser

Hawk swimmer shines through team's losses

By TOM BAER

Farmington Harrison's swimming team dropped another meet last Thursday, but the four straight losses on the way to what could be a winless season for the Hawks.

But Harrison's swimming fans, down as they may be about the team's overall lack of success, have to perk up when they watch the 200- and 500-yard freestyle races. That's where John Rudel does his best work.

Rudel, a lanky 6-2 senior, has yet to finish anywhere but first in those events. His best time in the 500 is 4:51.1

— good for second place behind Ann Arbor Pioneer's Dave Chernek in one state ranking. His best 200 time is 1:48.2.

"He's just a real self-disciplined character," said J. Holder, Harrison's new coach, its third in as many years. "You don't have to push him at all."

"He's shooting for a scholarship. And with his grades — he's a straight A student — and his attitude about swimming, I'm sure he'll get one. He's shooting to get his 500 time down into the 40s."

Last Thursday, while Harrison was

losing a 122-50 decision to Plymouth Canton, Rudel was doing the usual, winning the 200 free (1:48.3) and the 500 (4:52.8).

A couple of days earlier, Harrison was swamped by Sheffield, 102-47, but Rudel finished first in the 200 and the 500.

CANTON won eight of the 11 events. Harrison's other winner, beside Rudel, was Al Babcock, who finished first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:01.63. He landed third in the 200 individual medley with a 2:22.1.

Jeff Lukowski gave Harrison a sec-

ond place in the diving event with 144.0 points, and teammate Mark Bearden placed second in the 100 freestyle in 1:01.66. Dan Dellamora of Harrison finished third in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:16.1.

In another meet last Thursday, North Farmington won its third straight with a 105-67 showing over Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

Coach Pat Duthie's North team won nine of the 11 events, and three Raiders — Jim Gasser, Phil Holcomb and Kirk Knock — each won two individual events.

Holcomb won the 200 free (1:55.7) and the 100 free (52.3). Knock finished first in the 100 backstroke (1:03.0) and the 100 butterfly (59.1). Gasser topped the 200 IM (2:15.5) and the 100 breaststroke (1:05.8, a personal best).

Scott Whetter won the diving event for North with 219.50 points. The Raiders' 200 medley relay (Knock, John Gunderson, Gasser and Scott Moore) won with a 1:51.1, and the 400 freestyle relay (Brian Manderfield, Moore, Jerry Highley and Holcomb) won in 3:39.5. Earlier last week, North Farmington

downed Dearborn Edsel Ford, 97-79. Gasser won the 200 IM (2:12.1) and the breaststroke (1:05.2). Knock won the 50 (23.9) and the back (1:03.6).

On Thursday (Jan. 24), Harrison swims at North Farmington and Farmington High swims at West Bloomfield. Both meets begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Meet summaries—
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Waterford wins, 85-74

Falcon cagers falter

By C.J. RISAK

When a team loses five games by a total of 12 points, it's not hard to figure that it must be the little things that are going wrong.

That seems to be the case for Farmington. The Falcons outscored Waterford in three of four quarters last Friday, but it was that one bad quarter that ruined any upset hopes for Farmington, as it lost 85-74 at Waterford.

"They're a good ball club," Farmington coach Rich Roy said about Waterford, which is 7-2 overall and 4-0 in the Inter Lakes League (ILL). "We had just one bad quarter and it cost us the game. Our shots just wouldn't fall (in the third period)."

"We were red hot in the first half."

The Falcons canned 21 of 36 shots in the first two periods (57 percent) and held a four-point lead (45-41) at the half. But a poor third quarter doomed Farmington, as Waterford ripped off a 25-7 scoring advantage.

Despite the poor third quarter, it was from the

free throw line that the Falcons fell. Waterford had one less field goal than Farmington (33-32), but the Skippers connected on 21 of 25 from the foul line (84 percent) to only eight of 21 for the Falcons (38 percent).

"I don't know what it is," Roy said about his team's woes at the free throw line. "We shoot fouls and we shoot fouls, but we always come up a little short."

The Falcons were hurt by the ineffective play of center Ron Sarcevic, who was hampered by a pulled groin muscle. Jerry Liphardt, a junior forward, made up some of the scoring slack by pouring in 30 points for Farmington. John Dunn added 14 and Steve Rutkowski had 11.

John Coe, a 6-foot-3 all-conference guard as a junior, led Waterford with 32 points. Tom Boomer had 18 and Ken Hayward 12 for the Skippers.

Farmington, now 2-7 overall and 1-3 in the ILL, travels to Birmingham Seaholm for a Tuesday game.

Farmington with a 5.7 effort on the bars and a 7.5 in floor exercise. Teammate Debbie Page finished second in vaulting with a 5.85. Farmington has a 1-1 record.

North Farmington, which shares the state championship with Ludington High, dropped a close meet to Plymouth Canton, 89-05, 87-20, last Wednesday.

North junior Kathy Temple was outstanding in defeat. She won all-around (32.95), floor exercise (8.75), beam (7.60), bars (8.75) and tied for first in vaulting with Canton's Laura Michalk at 7.85.

Canton's Katy Henton earned thirds in vaulting (7.5), beam (7.1) and floor exercise (7.9). Teammate Laurie Beale placed second in floor exercise (8.6), third on bars (6.95) and fourth in vaulting (7.5) and beam (7.0).

North senior Suanne Casillo finished second on bars (8.4) fourth in floor exercises (7.85) and fourth in vaulting (7.25). The loss leaves North Farmington with a 1-1 dual-meet record.

Gymnastics showdown set

Girls' gymnastics supremacy in Farmington will be determined Monday night when Farmington High hosts Farmington Harrison and North Farmington in a tri-meet beginning at 7 p.m. at the Farmington training center, 33000 Thomas.

In dual meets last week, Harrison whipped Walled Lake Western, 77.9 - 69.95, as Hawk standout Kathy Parcell finished first in five events. She won vaulting (8.1), uneven parallel bars (7.15), balance beam (7.5), floor exercise (7.6) and all-around (30.35).

Harrison's Janet Thibodeau was hindered by an injured foot but still managed seconds in bars (6.8) and beam (7.15). The victory put Harrison at 4-0 this season.

In another meet, Farmington, behind Sue Purdy's outstanding individual performance, overcame Westland John Glenn, 70.05 - 69.85. Purdy, a sophomore, won vaulting (6.3), bars (7.0) and floor exercise (7.55).

Vera Holdenberg captured two seconds for

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