

NF wrestlers finish 2nd

By C.J. RISAK

North Farmington wrestling coach Jim O'Leary couldn't have asked for more from his team in the North Farmington Invitational last Saturday.

Well, maybe one more thing — a first place finish.

The Raiders did just about everything but win their own invitational, finishing second to Plymouth Salem. Salem scored 202½ points to 168 for North. Farmington was third with 153½, with Detroit Country Day fourth (65½).

Rounding out the eight-team field were Walled Lake Central, fifth (63); Southfield-Lathrup, sixth (66); Dearborn, seventh (29); and Walled Lake Western, eighth (20).

Despite finishing second, North enjoyed one of its best outings of the season. The Raiders got into the finals six times and won all six, capturing the most first-place finishes in the meet.



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However, Salem's depth proved to be more than North could overcome. The Rocks won four events and made the finals in 10 of the 13 events.

It was the sixth straight win in invitational for Salem this season. In fact, the only event the Rocks have failed to win this year was its opening invitational at Temperance Bedford, in which they finished fourth.

"OUR KIDS DID a good job," Sa-

lom coach Ron Krueger said, noting that "nobody got hurt for a change."

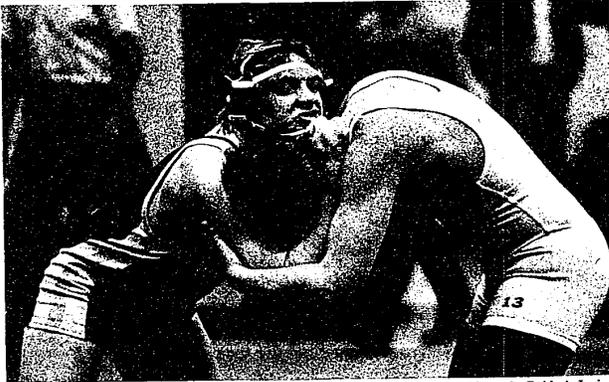
"Now we're shooting for our league title. We're just going to have to keep working."

Winners for Salem were Jim Schultz (105-pound weight class), who shut out Farmington's Dave Denny, 2-0, in the finals; Mark Ross (126), a 15-5 winner over Central's Dana Swaney; Jerry Valchaine (138), who defeated Farmington's Dave Hall, 5-2; and Stan Snider (198), who beat Dave Schultz from Farmington, 7-4.

North's victory string began with Brad Fisher (98), who outpointed Salem's Jeff Vojtek, 10-4, in the finals. John Donovan (112) nipped Salem's Jeff Brown, 12-11, for North's second win.

Jim Scully (145) defeated Robert Price of Salem, 3-1, for another Raider victory, and Steve Magyari (155) was a 5-1 winner over Farmington's Ted Moore.

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North Farmington's George Houttekier (left) won the heavyweight championship at the Raider's Invitational last Saturday. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

N. Farmington gains gymnastics supremacy

By C.J. RISAK

Kathy Temple's dominance in state high school gymnastics was evident in a pair of impressive winning performances during the past week.

The North Farmington junior captured the balance beam and uneven parallel bars and finished first in the all-around competition at the Dearborn High Invitational last Saturday.

And on Monday, Temple overpowered her local competitors while winning every event in the Farmington city meet.

North easily won the city meet with 91.7 team points. Farmington Harrison was second with 85.05 and Farmington finished third with 72.35.

North didn't fare as well in the Dearborn Invitational, as the Raiders were edged in the team standings by Ludington. North scored 93.50 points to 93.85 for Ludington.

Last year in the high school state championship meet, Ludington and North tied for the title. Temple, then only a sophomore, was first in the all-around and the uneven parallel bars.

Mary Johnesee, the North coach, thinks

the Raiders can successfully defend that championship despite the early-season setbacks.

"Considering it (Dearborn Invitational) was only our third meet of the year, I thought we did well," she said. "We haven't reached our peak yet — not by a long way. We'll get better, we'll improve."

JOHNESEE ALSO pleased with Temple's performance at the Dearborn Invitational, a meet in which most of the top teams in the state competed.

"She had an all-around total close to 36 points, an average of almost nine an event — that's pretty good."

Temple totalled 85.25 in the all-around to win at the Dearborn Invite. Her score wasn't as good in the city meet (34.80), but she faced little challenge in winning every event.

Her best performance came in the uneven parallel bars (9.05). She scored 8.9 in the vault, 8.15 in the balance beam and 8.7 in the floor exercise.

Temple got plenty of help from her North teammates, as the Raiders had the highest team point total in each event. Suzanne Casillo was second in the all-around (30.85) after finishing second in the balance beam (7.9) and third in both the vault (7.6) and bars (7.25).

Kathy Purcell of Harrison also had a good meet with a pair of seconds and a third. Her seconds came in the bars (7.85) and vault (8.15) and her third was in the floor exercise (7.8). Her total for the all-around, 30.65, placed her just behind North's Casillo.

Janet Thibodeau of Harrison was second in the floor exercise (8.05) and took a third in the beam (7.7). Her all-around score of 29.95 placed her fourth in the meet.

FARMINGTON FAILED to place a gymnast in the top three in any of the five events. However, the performance did not dismay Falcon coach Judy Caplia.

"Our goal is to shoot for the 70s (in team score)," Caplia said after the meet. "I'm pleased, considering one of our top girls was out."

Farmington missed Vera Holdenberg, who dislocated her elbow earlier in the week during a practice session.

North travels to Bloomfield Hills Andover for a dual meet Monday at 7 p.m. Harrison is at Oak Park for a 7 p.m. meet Monday, and Farmington hosts Plymouth Canton tonight at 7 p.m.

CITY GYMNASTICS MEET

TEAM FINISH — 1. North Farmington, 91.7 points; 2. Farmington Harrison, 85.05; 3. Farmington High, 72.35.

VAULTING — 1. Kathy Temple (North), 8.9; 2. Kathy Purcell (Harrison), 8.15; 3. Suzanne Casillo (North), 7.6. UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS — 1. Kathy Temple (North), 8.05; 2. Kathy Purcell (Harrison), 7.85; 3. Suzanne Casillo (North), 7.25. BALANCE BEAM — Kathy Temple (North), 8.15; 2. Suzanne Casillo (North), 7.9; 3. Janet Thibodeau (Harrison), 7.7. FLOOR EXERCISE — 1. Kathy Temple (North), 8.7; 2. Janet Thibodeau (Harrison), 8.05; 3. Kathy Purcell (Harrison), 7.8. ALL-AROUND — 1. Kathy Temple (North), 34.80; 2. Suzanne Casillo (North), 30.85; 3. Kathy Purcell (Harrison), 30.65; 4. Janet Thibodeau (Harrison), 29.95.



North's Kathy Temple finished first in every event last Monday.



Harrison's Kathy Purcell performs in floor exercise during last Monday's meet. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

Farmington tops Seaholm

By TOM BAER

Farmington Harrison's 61-49 come-from-behind victory over Redford Thurston last Tuesday showed the importance of a good bench in basketball.

Some 12 Harrison Hawks made the scoring summary, and all contributed to the winning effort, according to coach Mike Teachman.

"Conditioning really showed," he said. "Their shooters were having trouble getting the ball up there toward the end of the game. In fact, their high scorer had an air ball. But our kids didn't get tired because we had fresh players we could count on coming in off the bench."

Thurston took a 22-17 lead after the first half, but that was before Harrison's Brian Burgess got limbered up.

Burgess, a 6-foot-2 senior forward, threw in 15 of his game-high 22 points in the second half. The Hawks led, 35-32, by the end of the third quarter, and then outscored the Redford squad, 25-17, in the final quarter.

Ted Kalligen, a 6-1 senior, scored 12 points on six of nine field goal attempts, and drew praise from his coach. "He's improving every game," Teachman said. "He's be-

coming a very aggressive basketball player."

Harrison's bench included Steve Shanborn, Tom Solomon, Mike Tetreault, Mike Cleary, Bruce Yeager and Matt Lessins. Mark Maddeck scored 15 points for Thurston, which fell to 3-5 overall.

Harrison, now 5-5 overall, returns to Western Six League play on Friday with a home game against Northville High. Game time is 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON '76 BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 73 Jerry Liphardt, the leading scorer on

Farmington High's junior varsity last season, showed last Tuesday that he hasn't lost the touch this year as a starter on the Falcon's varsity.

Liphardt, a 6-2 junior, threw in 27 points, including a couple of free throws with 14 seconds left to play, to pace Farmington's 67-73 victory over Birmingham Seaholm. He also pulled down 11 rebounds to help Farmington control the boards.

Liphardt had plenty of help in the scoring department as Jeff McGrath scored 13 points. John Dunn had 12 and Ron Sarcevic added 10. Rob Jeske scored 21 points for Seaholm and Greg Lotzlar had 17.

Seaholm, which rallied to take the lead in the fourth quarter after trailing by as many as 14 points in the third, shot 44 percent from the field, making 29 of 68 shots. The Maples were 15 of 19 from the free throw line.

Farmington made 27 of 67 floor shots for 40 percent and went 22 of 28 from the line.

Farmington, now 3-7 overall, meets Livonia Stevenson at 8 p.m. on Friday in an Inter Lakes League game. Once-beaten Stevenson is the favored to win the ILL basketball title.

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