N. Farmington cagers fall to Southfield High

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

It wasn't one of those classic basketball victories, but it was a victory, nonetheless, for Southfield High.

Riddled by countless turnovers and another ankle injury to playmaking guard Byron Greer in the second quarter, the Blue Jays survived a 61-50 non-league victory over North Farmington Tuesday night at the Southfield gym.

"We lacked a little concentration out there," said Blue Jay coach Greg Sliwka, whose squad hosts Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA) foe Hazel Park Friday night.

Despite the victory, the Jays, 6-3 overall, were sorely outrebounded by the Raiders 37-26, thanks in part to the hustle of North's Bowditch brothers, Mark and Brian.

The Jays were badly hurt under the boards when they were in their man-to-man defense, but seemed to play tougher in a 2-3 zone — especially Dave Sucher, who scored 12 points.

"It's starting to click for us," Sliwka said of the 2-3 zone. "The kids have a tendency to go for the fast break. The zone keeps them under the basket."

Senior guard John Piper made up for Greer's absence, hitting many key baskets in the first half, enroute to a game high 22 points.

Greer, who missed many games early in the season, injured the same right ankle which had kept him out of the lineup with only 44 seconds left in the first half.

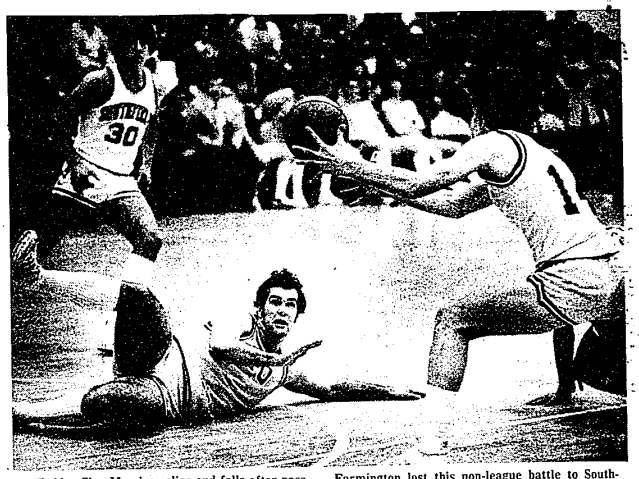
"I probably won't play him unless I have to (against Hazel Park)," Sliwka said. Hazel Park is winless in the SMA, and the Jays have arch-rival Southfield-Lathrup and SMA leader Ferndale on their schedule next week.

THE SCRAPPY RAIDERS, coached by Ken Dean, dropped to 4-5 overall. They have a big game Friday when then travel to Livonia Franklin in a battle for first place in the Northwest Suburban League. Both squads have identical 3-1 conference records going into that game.

North Farmington had three players reach double figures against Southfield. Brian Bowditch led the Raiders' offensive attack with 19 points. Jerx Baker, a 6-1 senior forward, added 15 and Rich Nutter netted 12.

Despite 18 first-half turnovers, the Jays held a 28-22 halftime lead and maintained the safe margin in the second half.

The Jays gained control in the first quarter, breaking a 4-4 tie by scoring eight straight points. After holding a 12-5 first-quarter lead, the Jays missed their first six shot from the floor in the second quarter, as the Raiders pulled within one point, 14-13.



Raider Clay Morrison slips and falls after passing the ball to teammate Pete Gosselin. North Farmington lost this non-league battle to Southfield High, 60-51. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)

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Jeff Rentz (167) picked up a first for North by beating Jim Steiner of Farmington, 8-4. The Raiders' perfect record of victories in finals' matches was kept intact by George Houttekier (heavyweight), who pinned Salem's Marty Piper in 3:41.

Farmington collected two of the other three firsts. John Murphy (119) won over Mark Weiner of Country Day, 9-1, while Falcon teammate Gregg Lemanski (185) whipped Jeff Powers of Salem, 11-0.

MARC KORNMESSER (132) of Country Day topped Bruce Bachman of Salem, 9-4, for the remaining weight class championship.

Dave Huff (98) and Greg Thompson (185) each took a fourth for Country Day. Central's other top finishers were Hank Richardson (119) and Mike Arnold (155) with thirds and Steve Allen (132) and Ed Brinker (138) with fourths.

Lathrup's best placers were Chris Parent (105) and George Schultz (185) with thirds, and Dan Frank (119), Allen Oppenheim (126) and Ed Dokho (145) with thirds.

Meet summary

N. FARMINGTON INVITATIONAL

TEAM FINISH — 1. Plymouth Salem, 202½ points; 2. North Farmington, 160; 3. Farmington High, 153½; 4. Detroit Country Day School, 65½; 5. Walled Lake Central, 63; 6. Southfield-Lathrup, 56; 7. Dearborn High, 29; 8. Walled Lake Western, 20.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

98 POUNDS — Brad Fisher (North Farmington) decisioned Jeff Vojcek (Salem), 10-4. CONSOLATION: Kraus (Western) pinned Huff (Country Day), 2:30.

105 POUNDS — Jim Schultz (Salem) decisioned Dave Denny (Farmington), 2-0. CONSOLATION: Parent (Southfield-Lathrup) decisioned Kilmer (North Farmington), 4-1.

112 POUNDS — John Donovan (North Farmington) decisioned Jeff Brown (Salem), 12-11. CONSOLATION: Boyes (Dearborn) pinned Cless (Western), 2:22.

119 POUNDS — John Murphy (Farmington) decisioned Mark Weiner (Country Day), 9-1. CONSOLATION: Richardson (Central) decisioned Frank (Lathrup), 3:26.

126 POUNDS — Mark Ross (Salem) decisioned Dana Swaney (Central), 15-5. CONSOLATION: Mark Denny (Farmington) decisioned Oppenheim (Lathrup), 12-4.

132 POUNDS — Mark Kornmesser (Country Day) decisioned Bruce Bachman (Salem), 9-4. CONSOLATION: Benda (North Farmington) decisioned Allen (Central), 2-0.

138 POUNDS — Jerry Valchine (Salem) decisioned Dave Hall (Farmington), 5-2. CONSOLATION: Gosselin (North Farmington) pinned Brinder (Central), 2:30.

145 POUNDS — Jim Scully (North Farmington) decisioned Robert Price (Salem), 3-1. CONSOLATION: Bartram (Farmington) pinned Dokho (Lathrup), :41.

155 POUNDS — Steve Magyari (North Farmington) decisioned Ted Moore (Farmington), 5-1. CONSOLATION: Arnold (Central) pinned Bielak (Salem), 4:50.

167 POUNDS — Jeff Rentz (North Farmington) decisioned Jim Steiner (Farmington), 8-4. CONSOLATION: Szilagyi (Salem) pinned Polidori (Dearborn), 2:33.

185 POUNDS — Greg Lemanski (Farmington) decisioned Jeff Powers (Salem), 11-0. CONSOLATION: Schultz (Lathrup) decisioned Thompson (Country Day), 12-3. (Farmington, 7-4. CONSOLATION: Hamina (North Farmington) won on bye.

HEAVYWEIGHT — George Houttekier (North Farmington) pinned Marty Piper (Salem), 3:41. CONSOLATION: Montgomery (Dearborn) decisioned Peeling (Farmington), 7-1.

Area boxscores

HARRISON 61 — THURSTON 49

FARMINGTON HARRISON (61) — D.J. Hochstein 1, 1-2, 3; Reggie Upshaw 1, 0-0, 2; Klay Dillon 0, 0-1, 0; Dave Tremonti 0, 0-1, 0. Ted Kallgren 6, 0-2, 12; Brian Burgess 11, 0-0, 22; Steve Shanbom 3, 1-2, 7; Matt Lessins 0, 1-2, 1; Tom Solomon 0, 2-3, 2; Mike Tetreault 2, 2-2, 8;Mike Cleary 2, 0-4, 4; Bruce Yeager 1, 0-1, 2. TOTALS 27, 7-16, 61.

REDFORD THURSTON (49) — Darren St. Ledger 2, 4-6, 8; Mark Maddock 6, 3-9, 15; Rick Rudd 3, 0-3, 6; Bob Symen 1, 0-0, 2; Andy Ramos 3, 6-9, 12; Tim Fredericks 2, 2-2, 6; Steve Sheridan 0, 0-1, 0. TOTALS: 17, 15-29, 49.

TOTAL FOULS — Harrison 25, Thurston 20. FOULED OUT: Burgess (H), Solomon (H).

HARRISON	8	9	18	26	— 61
THURSTON	13	9	10	17	— 49

FARMINGTON 76 — SEAHOLM 73

FARMINGTON HIGH (76) — Ron Sarcevich 5, 0-1. 10; Jeff McGrath 6, 1-1, 13; Jerry Liphardt 9, 9-9, 27; Bill Lehman 3, 3-5, 9; John Dunn 4, 4-7, 12; Doug Parker 0, 2-2, 2; Mike Wozniak 0, 3-4, 3. TOTALS — 27, 22-28, 76.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM (73) — Scott Parker 2, 0-0, 4; Ed Williams 4, 6-6, 14; Rob Jeske 9, 3-4, 21; Greg Lotzar 8, 1-2, 17; Derrick Righter 0, 4-5, 4; C.J. Beshke 5, 1-2, 11; Andy Fremuth 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS — 29, 15-19, 73.

TOTAL FOULS — Seaholm 20, Farmington 19. FOULED OUT: McGrath (F), Parker (S).

FARMINGTON	22	19	20	15	—76
SEAHOLM	11	18	21	23	—73

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