

North, Harrison cagers crushed

Free throws push Farmington to victory

By C.J. RISAK

Farmington used deadly accuracy from the free-throw line and a big advantage on the boards to defeat Dearborn, 65-57, in a nonleague contest Tuesday at Farmington.

The game was tied at the half (26-26) before the Falcons slowly assumed control. Farmington outpointed Dearborn, 17-13, in the third quarter to hold the advantage going into the final period.

The Falcons built that lead up to 10 points in the first minutes of the last quarter, but Dearborn stormed back to cut the lead to four with over two minutes remaining.

The Pioneers tried to get into the game by fouling Farmington, but the strategy didn't work. The Falcons canned 10 of 13 tosses from the foul line in the final period and connected on 17 of 21 in the game.

Ron Sarcevic, Farmington's center, paced the fourth-quarter free-throw spree by hitting on five of six shots. In one stretch, the Falcons made seven straight from the line.

Rebounding also proved to be a key factor in the contest, with Farmington hauling in 46 to just 30 for Dearborn. Jeff McGrath led the Falcons' board-men with 15 rebounds, while Sarcevic pulled in 13.

"We just didn't shoot well tonight," Farmington coach Rich Roy said, noting his team's 24 for 52 performance from the floor (40 percent). Dearborn wasn't any better. The Pioneers hit on 23 of 57 shots (40 percent). Roy was surprised by the Falcons' dominance on the boards.

"Sarcevic, McGrath and (Jerry) Liphard usually hold their own (on the boards)," Roy said. "Where we're really hurting (for height) is at the guards."

McGrath and Liphard each scored 16 points to lead Farmington. Sarcevic contributed 13. Dearborn's Dave Rucker led all scorers with 20 points, with teammate Greg Cwik adding 15.

The win was the second straight for the Falcons. Their next contest is at Milford Lakeland Friday.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM 57
FARMINGTON HARRISON 42

After four straight wins, it looked like Farmington Harrison's basketball team might be jelling into a solid unit. But those hopes were dashed last Tuesday when the Hawks blew one they should have won, losing to Birmingham Seaholm, 57-42, at Seaholm.

"Sometimes it seems as though we go on the court and will ourselves to lose," said a disappointed Mike Teachman, the Harrison coach, after the loss.

"It has a lot to do with the opposition's poor record. Our kids think all they have to do is show up to win."

Seaholm had won only two of 12 games coming into the Harrison game. But the Maples blew the Hawks out in the first (16-0) and last (16-8) quarters. Guard Rob Jeske led Seaholm's offense with 31 points. Ed Williams contributed 11.

Harrison was led by forward Brian Burgess' 19 points.

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The Hawks travel to Livonia Churchill for an 8 p.m. contest tonight.

FERNDALE 62
NORTH FARMINGTON 42

Ferndale put together a pair of six-point surges, one at the end of the first half and the other at the start of the second, to build a 12-point lead enroute to a 62-42 manhandling of North Farmington Tuesday at Ferndale.

North battled Ferndale evenly for much of the first half, trailing by one (9-8) after one quarter and leading by two (15-13) late in the second. But center Brian Bowditch drew his third personal foul in the second quarter, prompting North coach Ken Dean to pull him from the lineup.

Ferndale responded with the first of its scoring streaks which propelled it to a 23-17 halftime advantage. When Ferndale scored the first six points of the second half, North's hopes for an upset ended.

"I knew we were in trouble then," Dean said after Ferndale's second surge. "We just couldn't get back in it."

Ferndale's hot shooting also hurt North. The Raiders connected on only 18 of 50 from the field (36 percent) to 28 of 51 for Ferndale (51 percent). Ferndale also had a big advantage on the boards (37-20).

James Harris and Dwayne Holston led Ferndale with 16 points apiece. Scott Johnson scored 10.

Bowditch topped North with 13 points.

The loss dropped the Raiders to 6-7 overall. They are 4-2 in the Northwest Suburban League. On Friday, North hosts league-rival Garden City East in an 8 p.m. contest.

FARMINGTON 65 — DEARBORN 57

FARMINGTON (43) — Ron Sarcevic 4, 5-6, 13; Jeff McGrath 8, 0-0, 16; Jerry Liphard 6, 4-4, 16; Bill Leiman 8, 2-2, 2; John Dunn 4, 1-2, 5; Jim Nottall 6, 2-3, 3; Doug Parker 1, 0-0, 2; Kevin Nichols 0, 0-1, 0; Mike Wernick 1, 2-3, 4. **TOTALS —** 24, 17-24, 65.

DEARBORN (57) — Brad Trask 2, 0-0, 4; Dave Rucker 7, 6-7, 20; Ron Nowak 3, 2-2, 8; Dave Berry 0, 0-1, 0; Rocky Blaney 1, 0-0, 2; John Hitt 1, 0-0, 2; Bob Schaffel 3, 0-2, 6; Greg Cwik 6, 3-4, 15. **TOTALS —** 23, 11-16, 57.

FOULED OUT: — Dearborn 18, Farmington 14. **FOULED OUT: —** Trask (DHS), Rucker (DHS).

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NORTH FARMINGTON 42

FERNDALE (62) — Dwayne Holston 8, 6-6, 16; Scott Johnson 8, 0-0, 16; Mike Wernick 1, 0-0, 2; James Harris 1, 2-2, 16; J. Blumie 1, 1-1, 3; Labron Oldham 4, 1-2, 9; 7; Gums 1, 0-0, 2; T. Watts 2, 0-0, 4. **TOTALS —** 26, 19-11, 62.

NORTH FARMINGTON (42) — Matt Rued 2, 1-2, 4; Pete Goush 1, 0-0, 2; Scott Yarns 2, 0-0, 4; Rex Baker 2, 1-1, 5; Tom Renard 2, 1-1, 5; Doug Schuler 1, 0-0, 2; Rich Nutter 0, 2-2, 2; Jim Crawley 2, 0-2, 4; Brian Bowditch 6, 1-3, 13. **TOTALS —** 18, 6-14, 42.

TOTAL FOULS: — Ferndale 11, North 10. **FOULED OUT: —** None.

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SEAHOLM 57 — HARRISON 42

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM (57) — Mike Chew 1, 0-0, 2; Scott Parker 1, 0-0, 2; Ed Williams 3, 5-6, 11; Rob Jeske 11, 9-11, 31; C.J. Benke 2, 3-4, 7; Derrie Hughes 2, 0-0, 4. **TOTALS: 29, 17-21, 57.**

FARMINGTON HARRISON (42) — D.J. Hochstein 1, 2-3, 4; Ted Kallgren 2, 0-0, 4; Brian Burgess 9, 1-1, 19; Mike Tereznik 1, 2-3, 4; Mike Cleary 2, 3-4, 7; Steve Shantom 1, 0-2, 2; Dave Tremont 1, 0-0, 2. **TOTALS: 17, 8-13, 42.**

TOTAL FOULS: — Harrison 19, Seaholm 12. **FOULED OUT: —** None.

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John Dunn (with ball) streaks past Dearborn's Dave Rucker.

Stingrays claim 11 swim wins

Seven swimmers from the Michigan Stingray Swim Association, which operates out of Farmington, came away with wins at the AAJ Class B meet last weekend at the Oakland Community College pool.

Tim Harkness, swimming in the boys' open division, won three events for the host-team Stingrays, while teammates Heidi Gasser (girls' 10 and under group) and William Spicer (11 and 12 boys') each won two.

Harkness' wins came in the 500-yard freestyle (5:36.45), the 100-yard free (1:05.21) and the 200-yard free (2:02.77). Gasser took the 50-yard butterfly (38.85) and 50-yard free (33.59), while Spicer won the 100-yard individual medley (1:13.92) and 100-yard free (1:05.52).

Other winners for the Stingrays were Craig Kinsman in the boys' 10 and under 50-yard backstroke (38.79), Jennie Morton in the girls' 10 and under 200-yard individual medley (2:58.50), Britta Brooks in the girls' 11 and 12 50-yard back (35.55) and Eric Kramp in the boys' 13 and 14 100-yard back (1:12.44).

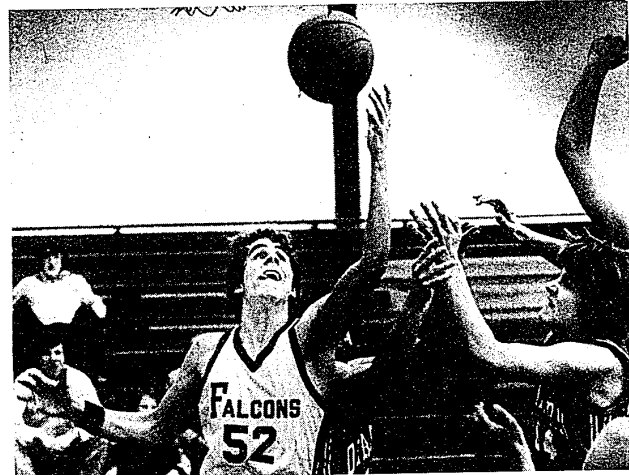
The Stingrays captured a total of 11 individual firsts and three relays. The relay wins came in the girls' 10 and under 400-yard free relay (5:11.98), the girls' 10 and under 200-yard free relay (2:17.28), and the boys' 11 and 12 400-yard free relay (4:33.20).

THE WEST BLOOMFIELD Swim Club also fared well in the meet, recording five individual firsts, including two double winners.

Anne Evans finished first for the West Bloomfield team in the girls' open 100-yard freestyle (1:01.04) and in the 13 and 14 girls' 200-yard individual medley (2:30.58).

Susie Lindstrom, competing in the girls' 11 and 12 group, won the 50-yard breaststroke (37.73) and 100-yard butterfly (1:13.01). West Bloomfield's other winner was Jennifer Ross, who took the girls' open 100-yard back (1:11.86).

There were a total of 72 events in the meet. No team scores were kept.



Farmington's Jeff McGrath (No. 52) battles for a rebound. McGrath's 15 boards helped Farmington to a 48-30 edge over Dearborn. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

Mat schedule tires North

North Farmington's wrestlers were a pretty weary group by the end of last weekend.

Through what can best be termed "strange" scheduling, the Raiders were forced into a marathon wrestling weekend. It started Thursday with a dual meet against Garden City East, went into Friday with a quad meet with Walled Lake West, Howell and Plymouth Salem, and concluded Saturday with the Edsel Ford Invitational.

By Saturday night, some of North's wrestlers had competed in nine matches in three days.

"Our kids just died," North coach Jim O'Leary said after his squad finished a respectable fourth at Edsel Ford. "They were beat up by the time they got to the finals."

"I'm terribly pleased with them. We've got eight sophomores and juniors (starting) and all have great records — a lot with 20 or more mat wins."

Despite the fatiguing three-day affair, North made a run at the Edsel Ford championship. Dearborn Heights Annapolis was the tournament champion with 132 team points in a finish that bunched the top four teams in 8 1/2 points.

East Detroit was second by only a half-point (131 1/2). Host-team Dearborn Edsel Ford managed to finish just ahead of North with 125 points. The Raiders scored 123 1/2.

PORTAGE NORTHERN was a distant fifth (111 1/2) in the 11-team invitational.

North's tuckered out wrestlers failed to win a weight class at Edsel Ford. Four Raiders did make the finals, but all were defeated.

Bruce Benda (132-pound weight class) lost on a decision to Edsel Ford's Rami Fakhourey, 9-4. Jim Scully was also defeated, losing to Tom Markley of Edsel Ford, 8-4.

Jeff Remits (155) lost on a pin to Paul Hubbard of Fordson in 1:41.

North heavyweight George Houtteker closed in on a state high school career wrestling record by recording his 21st first-period pin during the tourney. He nailed Todd Kirkland of Portage Northern in 43 seconds. The state record for first period pins is 26.

Houtteker failed to win his weight class because of an injured shoulder. He was forced to forfeit in the finals.

Grabbing third-place finishes for North were Mark Majors (105), John Donovan (112), Shawn Cottrell (167) and Tom Kjellstrom (139).

North had little trouble last Thursday in its final league dual meet, beating Garden City East, 6-0. The victory gave the Raiders a 4-1 conference record and left them in the Northwest Suburban League (NSL) chase. Their only loss came against Westland John Glenn by a 31-26 score.

"We got to go head to head with John Glenn again," O'Leary said in summing up the conference meet, which will be held at Redford Thurston Saturday. None of the other teams in the NSL should threaten North or Glenn.

"THURSTON HAS a couple of good wrestlers, but besides them none of the other teams will have much of anything," O'Leary said. "You know, we shut out one team in the league and came close to doing that to two others. So I don't think they'll be much of a factor."

The NSL championship is decided half on dual meet results and half on the league meet. By winning the league meet, North would be guaranteed at least a tie for the conference title.

Last Friday, North came out on top in two of the three meets in the Walled Lake Western quad. The Raiders dominated Howell, 56-6, and whipped host-team Western, 48-15. Plymouth Salem downed North, 30-15.

After the league meet, North will have one week to prepare for the state districts. State regional competition follows on Feb. 23 with state finals set for Feb. 29.

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North gymnast honored

North Farmington's Kathy Temple added another laurel to an already long list of honors last Saturday by being named the Outstanding Gymnast at the Ann Arbor Pioneer Invitational.

Temple, a junior, was the state's top gymnast in the all-around and uneven parallel bars last year and is a heavy favorite to repeat that performance this season.

No team scores were kept at the invitational, which included teams from four schools. North's trio of Temple, Susanne Castillo and Jody Schupbach finished first as a team in the vault (24.0 points) and floor exercise (23.9).

The Raiders were second in the bars (21.85) to Freehold (22.0), and finished behind Freehold (22.0) and Pioneer (21.95) with 21.85 points in the balance beam.

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