Raiders edge Hawks; win district crown

By C.J. RISAK

North Farmington used a second-half rally Saturday night to eliminate Farmington Harrison, 70-64, in the state Class A district championship game at Walled Lake Western.

Coach Ken Dean's North squad, now 15-7, advances to the Livonia Franklin regional to play Ypsilanti High at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

quarters.

Brian Bowditch scored 20 points for North. Teammates Mike Howley and Rich Nutter each added 14. Scott Hendries scored 26 points for Harrison, which finished the season with a 7-15

SOMEONE MUST HAVE pumped high octane fuel into the North and Harrison squads the way they performed in their district semifinal matches last Thursday.

But, with their backs to the wall, the Eagles showed their stuff, putting to-gether a press defense with an incredi-ble last quarter performance by junior forward Gary Gleason to climb back into it.

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Lakeland, led by Gleason's 17 fourth
quarter points, scored 13 straight to
pull within one, 61-60, with 1:50 lett.

By that time, the Raiders were already playing - without two starters,
guard Rob Henderhan and forward Brian Bowditch who both retired with five
fools.

Ron Fredericks, who had entered the ame when Henderhan had fouled out, same when Hendernan had fouled out, sank two free throws and Rich Nutter followed that with a basket to give North a 65-60 lead.

BUT LAKELAND'S GLEASON didn't give up. He sank two free throws at the 50 second mark and hit a basket with 26 seconds left on the clock to cut North's lead to one. After North's Ron Nutter canned another pair of foul shots, Gleason hit again to keep the Ea-

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The Raiders' Mike Howley followed with one of two free throws with eight seconds left. Lakeland inbounded the ball quickly, and with no time left on the clock Gleason hit a short jumper,

North, after blowing a 14-point fourth quarter lead, put together a strong overtime period to claim an 82-70 win over Milkrot Lakeland.

And Harrison, trailing through most disconcists with host team Walled Lake Western, sped past the Warriors with a sizzling spurt in the final quarter to win 77-65.

"We played with intensity," Dean said after North's semifinal win. "We halved to We got a lot of effort from everybody."

North needed all could get in downing Lakeland, which had posted a 15-5 goints in the first three quarters but seeved in the regular season. The Raider State of the Converted the three-point to a 35-31 advantage at haltime.

Things continued to go North's way in the third quarter and for the first few minutes of the last stanza. The Raiders grabbed their biggest lead of the contest with 4:35 remaining, 6:1-47. But, with their backs to the wall, the Eagles showed their stuff, putting to gether a press defense with an incredi-

SHEHL FINISHED WITH 23 points, 11 rebounds, and eight blocked shots. Lakeland's Gleason was top scorer in the contest with 27 points. North also got 18 points from How-ley, 12 from Henderhan, and 10 from Rich Nutter.

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In the first contest last Thursday, Harrison found itself trailing, 54-48, with 6-32 left in the game. But the Hawks came on strong, outscoring the Warriors 29-11 the rest of the way, to win easily.

A key in the final Harrison drive was a rare four-point play. The Hawks' 6-foot-3 senior pivotman, Dave Turneuts, thit an outside jumper while forward Scott Hendries was fouled underneath the bask.

Hendries was awarded a one-and-one free throw opportunity, and he canned both to pall Harrison to within two, 58-51 twas a seesaw affair for the next few minutes. Turnquist managed to the score at \$2-all with \$2.18 on the clock, and seconds later Hendries canned as bort shot to put the Hawks on top by two.

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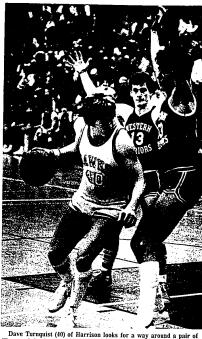
Tom Cundy hit a pair of free throws

10m Cunoy att a pair of free throws with 1:04 remaining to give Harrison a 68-64 lead. Western's Greg Skonieczny hit one of two chances from the free throw line to pull the Warriors to within three, but Harrison scored 12

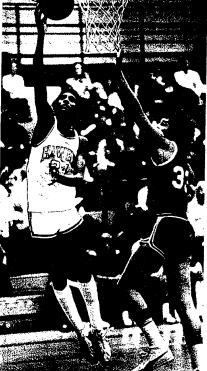
straight points in the final 52 seconds to clinch the victory.

"The key was patience," Teachman said afterwards. "We stuck together at the end

Brian Burgess led Harrison with 22 points, with Turnquist adding 20, Hen-dries 15, and Brad Herremans 11. Mike Bryant and Tim Baglow each had 15 for Western.



Dave Turnquist (40) of Harrison looks for a way around a pair of Western defenders.



Harrison's Brian Burgess shoots against Western. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

Tournament box scores

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Rice rally edges Lahser

Defense and agressive play keyed Birmingham Brother Rice's 52-49 come-from-behind district final win over Bloomfield Hills Labser Satur-day night at Birmingham Seaholme. Rice, now 20-2 overall, meet once-beaten Rochester at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Pontiac Central Regional, Labser closed its season at 20-3.

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After trailing 33-23 at the half, the Warriors made a sterling comesheak against the hot shootenback against the hot shootenback against the hot shootenback against the hot shootenback against the third quarter.

Rob Manilla, a 6-foot-4-inch junior forward, sparked Rice in the third period with his stellar inside play, Manillar's basket with 238 left in the third quarter tied the game at 37.

"In the second half, I thought our four guards did a good job on (Tim)

Waum and (Rob) Fodor," said Rice coach Bill Norton, whose platoning tired the Knight sharpshooters. In the final quarter, both teams traded the lead five times. With Rice leading, 44-43, Manilla slipped inside and put the Warriors up by three, 47-44, with 122 left. Rice center Tim Andree than put the game virtually away with a

stuce center Tim Andree than put the game virtually away with a short jumper with 54 seconds left. Lahser, however, would not quit as 6.7 Scut Pritchett converted a three-point play with 25 seconds left, cutting the margin to two, 49-47.

Lahser's Rick Dauch than stole Lahser's Rick Dauch than stole the in-bounds pass and fed to Shawn Santa under the basket. But Santa had the ball stripped away before he could get off a shot. Manilla picked up the loose ball and hit a streaking Bruno Petrella

who found himself all alone on the other end of the floor for an easy

Waun and Pritchett netted 14 and 11, respectively. Labser's hot shooting troubled Rice most of the first hall The Knights posted Waun and Fodor in-side giving the smaller Rice guards, Brian Brenana and Mike Dietz, de-fensive problems. Fodor. hitting from exercushers.

Fodor, hitting from everywhere, scored 12 first half points. He was the major reason Lahser built an 18-11 first quarter lead.

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