

North earns championship

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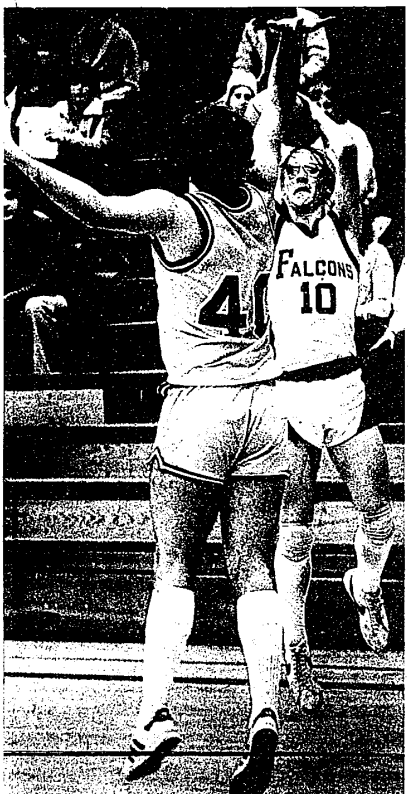
North Farmington ran up an 18-point halftime advantage and never let up as it blitzed Livonia Franklin, 73-52, to clinch the Northwest Suburban League (NSL) championship Friday at North.

It was North's first outright NSL basketball title since the 1958-59 season. The Raiders tied for the crown two years ago with Westland John Glenn.

Both teams entered Friday's game with 6-3 league records. Franklin had beaten North on Jan. 25 by a 59-37 score.

But any suspense as to who the next NSL champ would be was over early in the second quarter. The Raiders got nine points from 6-4 senior center Brian Bowditch in the first quarter to open a 15-10 lead.

It was apparent that the North strategy included getting its running game in gear and getting the ball down the floor before Franklin could set up its 2-1-2 zone defense. The Raiders turned the ball over frequently, but kept the pressure on Franklin throughout the contest.



Farmington's Bill Lehman (10) shoots during a recent game.

It was North's defense that provided the difference. Before the contest, Raider coach Ken Dean said he had three different defenses he could use, but he was going to start with a man-to-man.

Dean never had to go to any other defense.

The Patriots failed to penetrate effectively throughout the game, and except for a short span in the third quarter they couldn't find the range from the outside.

"I FELT we could run with them," Dean said after the win. "But I thought the key thing was for us to stop their break. That was the best defense we played all year. We played with a lot of confidence."

North's second quarter doomed Franklin. The Raiders scored the first eight points of the period, and after Jeff Weber broke the scoring drought for Franklin with a basket at the 4:21 mark, North's Bowditch scored and was fouled. He completed the three-point play to boost the Raiders to a 26-12 lead.

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The Patriots never got into the flow of the game after that.

North outscored them, 19-6, in the second quarter for a 24-16 halftime advantage. Franklin looked somewhat stronger in the early moments of the third quarter as Jeff Wojcik and Doug White canned long jumpers, but North rallied in the latter moments to stay in control.

Four North starters scored in double figures. Bowditch led with 20 points, Rich Nuttner had 16, Matt Rued 12 and Pete Gosselin 10.

N. FARMINGTON 73 — FRANKLIN 52

NORTH FARMINGTON 73 — Matt Rued 6, 0-0; 12, Pete Gosselin 4, 2-5, 10; Rex Baker 4, 0-2, 8; Brian Bowditch 9, 2-4, 20; Rich Nuttner 4, 0-0, 16; Tom Hensard 9, 2-2, 2; Jim Crawley 0, 2-2, 2; Scott Varner 9, 2-4, 2; Doug Schulte 0, 0-2, 0. TOTALS — 27, 18-31, 72.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN (52) — Tim Przybycki 2, 0-4, 4; Doug White 3, 0-0, 6; Jeff Weber 4, 7-9, 15; Jeff Wojcik 5, 0-0, 10; Jon McCarthy 1, 4-5, 6; Ron Lehman 1, 5-7, 7; Tom Pollard 0, 2-2, 2; Dave Polson 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS — 17, 18-32, 52.

TOTAL FOULS — Franklin 24, North 18. FOULED OUT: None.

N. FARMINGTON 15 19 16 23 — 73
FRANKLIN 10 6 12 24 — 52

Hawk cagers lose

FHS sacked

Dave Hall poured in 18 of his game-high 28 points in the first half to ignite Livonia Stevenson to a 76-62 victory over Farmington Friday at Stevenson.

Hall scored eight points in the first quarter in helping the Spartans to a 20-12 lead. Farmington could never pull even after that, as Stevenson rolled to its 16th win in 19 games.

"I don't think we got beat that badly," Farmington coach Rich Roy said in reference to the final 14-point spread. "We outscored them from the floor."

It was free throws that decided the contest.

Although Farmington committed only five more personal fouls than did Stevenson (19-14), Stevenson went to the line 26 times, hitting 20) to only six free throws for Farmington.

Stevenson also got a solid performance from Bill Keyes, who netted 20 points. Tom Finn and Evan Lyall each contributed nine.

Farmington was paced by Ron Saravich with 20 points and Jerry Liphard with 16. The Falcons connected on 29 of 62 field goal attempts (48 percent) to 28 of 63 for Stevenson (44 percent). Stevenson outrebounded Farmington, 45-30.

State district competition is next for Farmington, which finished the regular season with a 6-14 record. The Falcons play Redford Union Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Southfield district.

NORTHVILLE 56 — HARRISON 48

Northville's Dave Ward scored 16 points and pulled down 14 rebounds in a 56-48 win over Farmington Harrison Friday at Northville.

Harrison was its own worst enemy in the game, committing 23 turnovers in a lackluster performance. "We kind of played ourselves out of this one," Harrison coach Mike Tschann said.

Joining Ward in double figures for Northville was Mike Wagner with 10. Mike Cleary led Harrison with 13 points and Goran Vasovski scored 12.

STEVENSON 76 — FARMINGTON 62

LIVONIA STEVENSON (76) — Evan Lyall 4, 1-2, 3; Tom Finn 3, 3-4, 9; Dave Hall 11, 6-7, 28; Tom VanWagoner 1, 0-0, 2; Kevin Burgess 0, 0-1, 0; Kevin Sato 0, 0-0, 2; James Fox 1, 0-0, 2; Bill Keyes 7, 5-7, 25; Brian Allenberger 1, 0-0, 2; Tom Huff 6, 2-2, 2. TOTALS — 58, 20-26, 76.

FARMINGTON (52) — Ron Saravich 10, 0-0, 20; Jeff McGrath 3, 0-0, 6; Jerry Liphard 6, 4-4, 16; John Dunn 4, 0-0, 8; Jim Nuttall 0, 0-1, 0; Doug Parker 0, 0-0, 0; John Ragan 1, 0-0, 2; Kevin Nichols 3, 0-0, 6; Mike Wernick 2, 0-0, 4. TOTALS — 29, 46, 62.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 19, Stevenson 14. FOULED OUT: None.

STEVENSON 20 21 19 16 — 76
FARMINGTON 12 10 16 14 — 62

NORTHVILLE 56 — HARRISON 48

NORTHVILLE (56) — Dave Ward 6, 4-5, 16; Mike Wagner 4, 2-2, 10; Craig Wiskul 2, 0-0, 4; Russ Goss 2, 0-0, 6; Kevin Swayne 1, 0-0, 2; Greg May 1, 0-0, 2; Dave Greer 0, 3-4, 3; Todd Jennings 1, 0-0, 2; Gary Kueber 2, 3-4, 7. TOTALS — 20, 16, 56.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (48) — Goran Vasovski 4, 4-4, 12; Dave Tremonti 1, 0-0, 2; Ted Kullgren 1, 0-0, 2; Brian Burgess 4, 0-1, 8; Steve Shacham 1, 3-4, 5; Mike Tschann 2, 0-0, 4; Mike Cleary 5, 3-4, 13. TOTALS — 18, 12-18, 48.

TOTAL FOULS — Northville 15, Harrison 18. FOULED OUT: Burgess (HIS).

NORTHVILLE 20 20 10 10 — 56
HARRISON 13 19 7 9 — 48

Raider gymnasts triumph

Suanne Castillo won four individual events and topped the all-around competition to pace North Farmington's 85.55-80.40 victory over Clarenceville last week. The victory closed out North's dual-meet season at 10-4.

Castillo, a senior, won vaulting (8.7), uneven parallel bars (8.3), balance beam (7.9) and floor exercise (7.95) while posting a score of 32.90 in all-around.

Ann Desjarlais of Clarenceville was second in all-around with 28.0, and teammate Liz Hunter was third with 23.75. On the bars, North's Kim Garver finished second with 6.35, and



North's Brian Bowditch (50) shoots over Livonia Franklin's Doug White during Friday's Northwest Suburban League game. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Clarenceville's May DeWolf and Desjarlais tied for third with 6.15 each.

Lale Akman of North finished second in floor exercise with 7.7, and Dawn Spencer of Clarenceville placed third with 7.45. On the beam, Clarenceville's Sheila Miller was second with 7.2, and North's Jody Schubach was third with 6.9.

In another recent dual meet, Farmington High closed out its regular season with a 72.05-65.50 win over Dearborn Edsel Ford. Farmington finished with a 4-7 record under coach Judy Capla.

Farmington sophomore Sue Purdy

was outstanding with first-place finishes on the bars (7.25), the beam (7.45) and floor exercise (7.35). Teammate Kirsten Goodman provided second places on beam (6.1) and floor exercise (7.05). Tina Bonn of Farmington tied for first in vaulting (6.35) and had third places on bars (4.75) and beam (5.9).

Plymouth Canton downed Farmington Harrison, 88-25 - 77.7, in another meet. Dorene Keenan provided Harrison with its only first place with a 7.8 showing on the balance beam. Teammate Janet Thibodeau placed second on beam (7.05) and floor exercise (6.15).

North Farmington swimmers seek 8th-straight NSL crown

North Farmington will be shooting for its eighth-straight Northwest Suburban League swimming championship this Thursday when the league meet, gets underway at Redford Union High School.

Coach Pat Duthie's North Farmington squad lost its first two dual meets this season and then won the next 11. The Raiders are 5-9 in NSL dual meets, including a season-ending 109-63 win over Garden City East last Thursday.

North won every event except the butterfly. Phil Holcomb won the 200-yard freestyle (1:54.8) and the 100 free (51.9) for North. Teammates Kirk Knock and Jerry Higley also won two events. Higley won the 200 individual medley (2:21.9) and the 500 free (9:20.2). Knock took the 100 backstroke (1:02.7) and the 50 free (23.1).

North's Scott Whetter won the diving competition with 218.30 points, and teammate Robert O'Boyle won the 100 backstroke in 1:11.4.

North's 200 medley relay (Brian Manderfield, Scott Moore, Higley and Holcomb) won in 1:49.1. The Raiders' 400 freestyle relay (Brian Manderfield, Scott Moore, Higley and Holcomb) won in 3:38.9.

Swimming preliminaries for the conference meet begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday (March 6). The meet finals begin at 7 p.m. on Friday.

FARMINGTON HARRISON closed

CHURCHILL 99 — HARRISON 73

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — Livonia Churchill (Weller, Bistancino, Libon, Seta) 1:51.2; Livonia Churchill, Farmington Harrison.

200-YARD FREESTYLE — Al Babcock (H) 2:23.1; Livonia Churchill (H) 2:23.1.

500-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — John Rudel (H) 5:58.9; Livonia Churchill (H) 5:58.9.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Wagner (L) 25.07; Weller (L) 25.07; Churchill (L) 1:03.50 points; Jeff Lusk (H) 1:03.50.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — John Rudel (H) 1:11.4; Livonia Churchill (L) 1:11.4.

100-YARD FREESTYLE — Comstock (L) 54.1; Mark Bourdon (H) 54.1; Dan Dellanora (H) 54.1.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Lina Gilyvdis (H) 53.53; Hutchinsen (L) 53.53; Knock (H) 53.53.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — Al Babcock (H) 1:02.7; Seta (L) 1:02.7.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — Dan Dellanora (H) 1:14.4; Hutchinsen (L) 1:14.4.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — Farmington Harrison (John Rudel, Al Babcock, Lina Gilyvdis, Dan Dellanora) 3:58.7; Livonia Churchill, Farmington Harrison.

N. FARMINGTON 109 — G.C. EAST 63

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — North Farmington (Brian Kirk, Gasser, Kirk Knock, John Gundersen) 1:49.1; Garden City East, North Farmington.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Phil Holcomb (NF) 1:14.6; Dan Parry (GCE) 1:14.6; Brian Manderfield (NF) 2:21.9; Jerry Higley (NF) 2:21.9; Ed Williams (GCE) 2:21.9; Wines (GCE) 2:21.9.

100-YARD FREESTYLE — Kirk Knock (NF) 21.1; Scott Pike (GCE) 21.1; Scott Moore (NF) 21.1.

DIVING — Scott Whetter (NF) 218.30 points, Dave Mallett (GCE) 218.30 points.

50-YARD BUTTERFLY — Don Parry (GCE) 57.2; John Parry (NF) 57.2; John Gundersen (NF) 57.2.

100-YARD FREESTYLE — Phil Holcomb (NF) 51.9; Parry (NF) 51.9; John Gundersen (NF) 51.9.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Jerry Higley (NF) 51.9; Carl Gundersen (NF) 51.9; Dave Parry (NF) 51.9.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — John Knock (NF) 1:02.7; Kirk Green (GCE) 1:02.7; Brian Kirk (NF) 1:02.7.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — Robert O'Boyle (NF) 1:11.4; Larry Wines (GCE) 1:11.4; Bill Somerville (NF) 1:11.4.

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY — North Farmington (Brian Manderfield, Scott Moore, Jerry Higley, Phil Holcomb) 3:58.7; Garden City East, North Farmington.

STEVENSON 103 — FARMINGTON 66

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY — Livonia Stevenson (Boyle, Schenkel, Ackenbauer, Schwend) 1:59.0; Farmington High, Livonia Stevenson.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Jack Edelen (LS) 20.52; Pat Scholt (LS) 20.52; Doug Antablan (F) 20.52.

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY — Schoone (LS) 2:23.1; Dave Polus (F) 2:23.1; Dave Tupper (F) 2:23.1.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Mike Glicker (F) 24.5; Boyd (LS) 24.5; Dave Cline (F) 24.5.

DIVING — Holden (LS) 251.00 points; Stromquist (LS) 251.00 points; Dave Cline (F) 251.00 points.

100-YARD BUTTERFLY — Dave Polus (F) 54.0; Paulie (LS) 54.0; Ackenbauer (LS) 54.0.

50-YARD FREESTYLE — Carey (LS) 54.8; Mike Glicker (F) 54.8.

500-YARD FREESTYLE — Boyle (LS) 5:58.5; "Havens (LS) 5:58.5; Doug Antablan (F) 5:58.5.

100-YARD BACKSTROKE — Jack Edelen (LS) 1:03.5; Paulie (LS) 1:03.5; Mark Grover (F) 1:03.5.

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE — John Uziel (F) 1:04.6; Dave Tupper (F) 1:04.6; Matt Macy (LS) 1:04.6.

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