

Dedication pays off for N. Farmington matman

By TOM BAER

John Donovan, a senior at North Farmington, gave his school its highest wrestling finish ever last Saturday by taking second place in the 112-pound competition at the Class A state meet at Lansing Eastern High School.

Donovan, who finished with a 40-7 won-lost record, won three matches in the state meet before losing to Bloomfield Hills Lahser's John Segula on a fall at 1:21 in the 112-pound final.

"We're all really proud of Donovan," said North coach Jim O'Leary. "He isn't one of the most talented kids I've had, but he's one of the most dedicated and hardest working you'll find in any sport."

"And you couldn't find a nicer kid. If you were looking for someone to root for, it'd be a kid like John."

Donovan opened his tournament with a 2-0 decision over Portage Northern's Tony Latoro, who had lost only one

match before the state meet. Then Donovan dethroned East Detroit's Lee Provencher, 5-1, before recording his 23th pin of the season in 3:42 over Bay City Western's George LaFramboise.

"John's match with Segula could have been a good one, but he got caught right at the beginning and couldn't get out of it," O'Leary said.

"But he did real well to make the finals. Last week he didn't practice very well — everybody was killing him. But when he got into his first match at state, all you had to do was let one of the most talented kids I've had, but he's one of the most dedicated and hardest working you'll find in any sport."

"EVERY KID motivates himself. He knew this was his last shot, and he went out and wrestled as well as he'd ever wrestled."

Donovan was one of six Farmington-area wrestlers to qualify for the state tournaments.

John Murphy, Dave Denny, Mark Bartram and Greg Lemanski, all of

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Farmington High School, qualified for the Class A meet, Farmington Harrison's Bob Cushing earned a chance in the Class B state meet at Central Michigan University.

Murphy finished fourth in the 119 class, losing finally to Hazel Park's Brad Wilkinson, 3-1. Murphy, who finished at 39-5, opened with a 6-0 decision over Battle Creek Lakeview's Jeff Papp, and then lost to Warren Cousino's Bill Goss on a pin in 1:35.

Murphy, a senior, came back to beat Highland Park's Tim Jones (5-0), Craig Warren Lincoln's Craig Bobchek (5-0), and Temperance-Bedford's Bob Leffer (3-2) before losing to Wilkinson.

Denny, a junior with a 35-7 record, placed fifth in the 155-pound class. He pinned Lansing Everett's Albert Serite in 3:07, and then dethroned East Detroit's Steve Patti, 7-0, in overtime.

A 19-0 loss to Pontiac Northern's Willie Moore dropped Denny into con-

solation. He lost to Robert Jackson of Flint Northwestern, 14-0, and then beat Patti on another overtime decision.

LEMANSKI, A 185-POUND senior, beat Hazel Park's Mark Mattingly, 9-7, before losing to Davison's Scott Stevens (4-3) and Gary Battle Creek Lakeview's Gary Mayrum (6-0 in overtime). Lemanski finished with a 33-4 record.

Bartram, a 145-pound junior, was pinned by Bay City Western's Scott Rechateiner in 3:12, and then dropped a 10-4 decision to Grandville's Kevin Bowers. Bartram bowed out with a 22-16 record.

"I was happy with our kids," said Farmington coach Don Detters. "They wrestled some good matches. For example, this Wilkinson had beaten Murphy, 10-3, during the season. But John came close (3-2 decision) to beating him in the tournament."

In the Class B meet, Harrison's Cushing, a 138-pound junior, lost to Dana

Lee of Fruitport on a pin in 4:38, and then fell by a 3-1 score to Montrose's Brian Lien. The Harrison wrestler finished with a 24-12-1 record.

"I thought Bob had a chance of winning that last match," said Harrison coach Bob Sutter. "He was going for a takedown a couple of times, and the referee called a stalemate. Then they stop the match and start over."

Davison won the Class A championship with 90½ points. Temperance Bedford was second with 87½, and Hazel Park took third with 81. North Farmington finished 25th with 20 points. Farmington landed 17th with 25 points. Mt. Pleasant scored 72½ points to win the Class B title.

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Harrison cagers advance in Class B

Goran Vasovski, a 6-foot junior, came off the bench last Wednesday to score 18 points and lead Farmington Harrison to a thrilling 56-53 victory over Clarenceville in the Class B district at Novi High.

Harrison, now 11-11 this season, will play Pinckney at 7:30 p.m. Friday for the district championship.

Pinckney was a 62-59 winner over Dexter last Wednesday.

Vasovski entered the game in the second quarter when Clarenceville was building a 13-point lead. He scored 11 of his total in that quarter to pull the hawks to within four points (31-27) at half-time.

Brian Burgess, Harrison's 6-2 senior forward, added 14 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Bob Shoemaker scored 19 points and Russ Izanac added 12 for coach Jon Thostenson's

Clarenceville team, which finished at 6-13.

Harrison opened district play last Monday as Burgess and Tetreault combined for 36 points to pace the Hawks' 69-55 victory over South Lyon before a sparse crowd.

Burgess made 10 of 18 shots from the field for his game-high 20 points and hauled down 15 rebounds to help Harrison maintain a 40-27 rebounding edge. Tetreault, a 6-1 senior forward, scored 12 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Harrison was plagued by erratic scoring, making 55 of its 69 points in the second and fourth quarters. The Hawks got off to a shaky start and trailed by six points (14-8) after the first quarter and by as many as 11 points (13-8) during the second stanza.

Gus Kehagias dropped in a pair of free throws late in the second quarter

to tie the game at 22-21, and Bruce Yeager hit a short jumper to put Harrison ahead to stay.

South Lyon never regained the lead, although it outpointed the Hawks, 13-6, in the third quarter and came to within two points (41-39) at quarter's end.

Harrison's performance against South Lyon left Teachman wondering about the his players' attitudes about playing in a Class B district against small schools.

"It was a case of the big-city, big-head syndrome," he said after the game. "Our kids thought they could walk right through this district. We're going to have to play much better against Clarenceville."

South Lyon had three players in double figures. Center Doug Bussell scored 13 points, and guards Jim Rockel and Jeff Wenzel added 11 and 10, respectively.

South Lyon, a member of the Kensington Valley Conference, finished its season with a 22-17 record.

In the other district game at Novi last Monday, Dexter nipped Novi, 56-55.

HARRISON 69 — SOUTH LYON 56

FARMINGTON HARRISON (69) — Goran Vasovski 1, 2, 2, 4; Ted Kalligen 0, 0, 1, 0; Bruce Yeager 3, 0, 0; Brian Burgess 10, 0, 1, 2; D. J. Hosten 3, 3, 4, 5; Dave Tremonti 0, 0, 0, 0; Mike Tetreault 6, 4, 4, 15; Steve Hollata 3, 0, 0, 0; Gus Kehagias 2, 2, 2, 8; Tom Solomon 0, 0, 0, 0; Clay Dillon 0, 0, 0, 0; Fred Solomon 0, 2, 2, 2; Dan Kehagias 0, 0, 0, 0. TOTALS: 28, 13-18, 69.

SOUTH LYON (56) — Pat Carducci 2, 2, 4, 6; Jim Rockel 3, 5, 9, 11; Doug Bassell 4, 5, 6, 13; Jeff Wenzel 4, 2, 3, 10; Craig Carpenter 1, 2, 2, 4; Ivor Thomas 1, 0, 2, 3; Doug Peters 1, 4, 4, 6; Al Kennedy 1, 0, 1, 2. TOTALS: 17, 22-17, 56.

TOTAL FOULS — Harrison 28, South Lyon 19. FOULED OUT: Yeager (HHS), Rockel (SL). HARRISON 8 27 6 28 — 69. SOUTH LYON 14 12 13 17 — 56.



Harrison's D.J. Hochstein (with ball) hustles against South Lyon in last Monday's district basketball game. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

NF, FHS lose district openers

Southfield used its superior rebounding strength to out-muscle North Farmington 67-60 Wednesday in the Class A district semi-finals at Southfield.

Vince Bean, a 6-3 forward, led Southfield with 23 points and 10 rebounds. The Blue Jays enjoyed a 41-23 advantage on the boards, including 19 offensive rebounds.

Southfield opened up a 12-point lead (28-16) midway through the second quarter. But North stormed back, outscoring Southfield 12-3 in the final 4:22 of the period.

Brian Bowditch had five popins down the stretch for the Raiders and Rex Baker had six. Baker's two free throws with five seconds left brought the Raiders to within three at half-time, 31-28.

North went ahead in the third quarter on Pete Gosselin's layup with 4:16 remaining.

But Bean, who had eight points in the period, brought Southfield back. The Blue Jays outscored North 19-14 in the last quarter to stay in control.

Bowditch finished with 21 points for North. Baker added 19 and Rich Nutter

had 12. John Piper had 15 points for Southfield and Dave Sucher had 12.

REDFORD UNION 73 FARMINGTON 67

Redford Union outscored Farmington, 20-10, in the third quarter en route to a 73-67 victory in a Class A District semifinal contest Wednesday night at Southfield.

The Panthers, 11-10 in the season, will challenge Southfield (17-5) for the district championship at 7 p.m. Friday. Southfield advanced to the finals by

defeating North Farmington, 67-60, in the opener last night.

Rocco Rucinskis scored eight of his 24 points in the pivotal third quarter to spark Redford Union. Mike Lowney added six points in the stretch.

Farmington got 11 points from junior forward Jerry Liphardt in the final period to pull within six but could come no closer.

Liphardt finished with 24 points. Jeff McGrath notched 19 for the Falcons. Jerry Burk had 15 for Redford Union. Redford's Robs had 13 and Lowney finished with 10.

North wins NSL meet

Gymnasts keep crown

By TOM BAER

North Farmington can keep the Northwest Suburban League girls' gymnastics title thanks to super performers Kathy Temple and Suzanne Casillo.

Temple and Casillo dominated the competition last Saturday as host North Farmington won its second-straight NSL meet, scoring 94.5 points.

Bloomfield Hills Andover finished a close second with 91.45 points, and Wall Lake Central took third with 88. Farmington's Erison landed seventh with 77.80, and Farmington High finished ninth in the 10-team field with 73.45.

Temple, a season-long standout for coach Mary Johnese's Raiders, won three of the four individual events — uneven parallel bars (9.1), balance beam (8.75) and floor exercise (8.75) — and placed second in vaulting with an 8.6.

The North Farmington junior also won the all-around event with a score of 35.0.

"Kathy was sick and taking medication for a sore throat, but it was very important to her to do well in this meet," Johnese said. "And she had a very good day. Her vault wasn't as good as it should have been, but it was still a good meet for her."

"Her goal is to hit 36 in the all-around, and I know she can do it. She still has two more meets left."

CASILLO, A SENIOR, won vaulting with a score of 8.6, and then added thirds in bars (8.2) and beam (8.0). Her all-around score was 32.9, good for second place behind Temple.

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Meet summary

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE

TEAM FINISH — 1. North Farmington, 94.5 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 91.45; 3. Wall Lake Central, 88.25; 4. Plymouth Canton, 87.3; 5. Northville, 82.65; 6. Clarenceville, 80.45; 7. Farmington-Harrison, 77.8; 8. Wall Lake West, 75.1; 9. Farmington, 73.45; 10. Oak Park, 53.85.

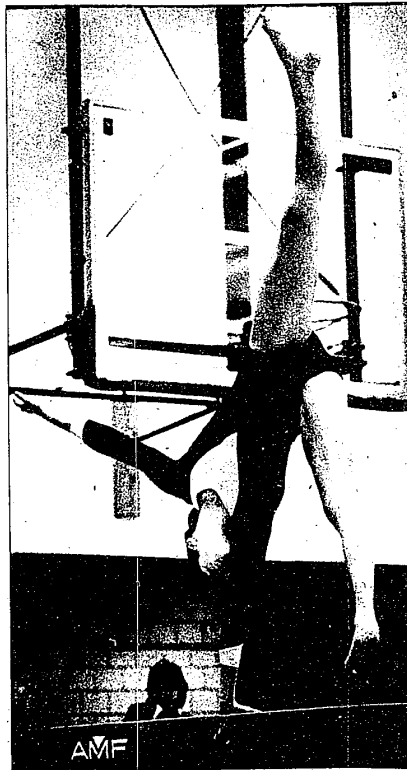
INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
VAULTING — 1. Suzanne Casillo (N. Farmington), 8.6; 2. Kathy Temple (N. Farmington), 8.4; 3. Paula Broderick (Northville), 7.9; 4. (tie) Laura Michalk (Canton) and Barb Burke (Central), 7.75; 5. Katy Heaton (Canton), 7.65.

UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS — 1. Kathy Temple (N. Farmington), 9.1; 2. Christy Schwartz (Andover), 8.5; 3. Suzanne Casillo (N. Farmington), 8.2; 4. Laura Michalk (Canton), 7.8; 5. Missy Otterbein (Andover), 7.15; 6. (tie) Paula Broderick (Northville) and Janet Thibodeau (Harrison), 7.15.

BALANCE BEAM — 1. Kathy Temple (N. Farmington), 8.75; 2. Christy Schwartz (Andover), 8.15; 3. Suzanne Casillo (N. Farmington), 8.0; 4. Janet Thibodeau (Harrison), 7.8; 5. Missy Otterbein (Andover), 7.7; 6. Paula Broderick (Northville), 7.4.

FLOOR EXERCISE — 1. Kathy Temple (N. Farmington), 8.75; 2. Missy Otterbein (Andover), 8.4; 3. Paula Broderick (Northville), 8.3; 4. (tie) Janet Thibodeau (Harrison) and Laurie Beal (Canton), 8.2; 5. (tie) Beth Olsen (Andover) and Laurie Beal (Canton), 8.1.

ALL-AROUND — 1. Kathy Temple (N. Farmington), 35.0; 2. Suzanne Casillo (N. Farmington), 32.9; 3. Paula Broderick (Northville), 31.05; 4. Missy Otterbein (Andover), 30.85; 5. Janet Thibodeau (Harrison), 30.70; 6. Barb Burke (Central), 29.25.



North's Kathy Temple won the balance beam and two other individual events at the Northwest Suburban League Meet. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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