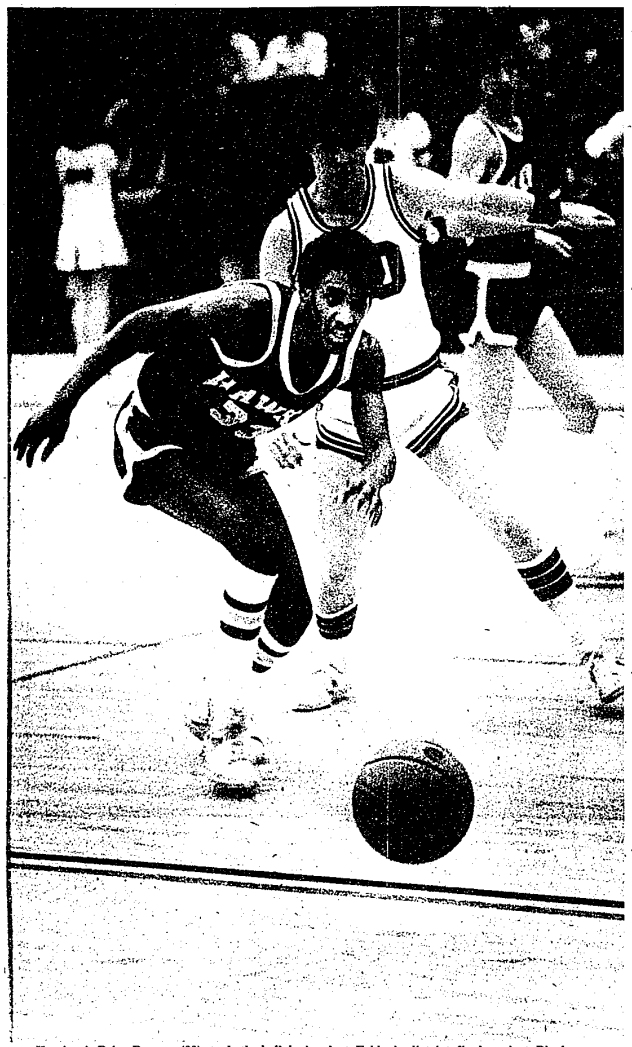

Harrison's Brian Burgess (33) steals the ball during last Friday's district final against Pinckney. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

Pinckney wins district

Harrison eliminated

By TOM BAER

Farmington Harrison, which had played (and lost to) Class A basketball giants like Flint Northwestern and Highland Park earlier this season, ended its campaign last Friday in a Class B school losing to a Class B team in the Class B state tournament.

The Pirates of Pinckney High established an 11-point halftime lead and then hung on to eliminate the Hawks, 56-51, in the finals of the Class B district at Novi High School.

Harrison, which dropped to Class B competition this winter because of declining enrollment, bowed out at 11-12 overall, including a couple of exciting victories earlier in the district.

Pinckney, co-champions with Brighton of the Kensington Valley Conference, survives to play on Tuesday night in the opening game of the Class B regional at Novi.

Harrison's Brian Burgess, a 6-foot-2 senior forward, closed out his high school career on a strong note, scoring a game-high 22 points (nine field goals and four of seven free throws) and pulling down 13 rebounds.

Steve Shamborn, Mike Cleary and Goran Vasovski each added eight points for the Hawks.

Pinckney usually has three starters in double figures, and the Harrison game was no exception.

MIKE JANOWSKI, a 5-11 senior guard, led the winners with 19 points, including several long jumpers. "He made the shots with people on him," lamented Harrison coach Mike Teachman after the game.

David Haak, Janowski's backcourt mate, added 13 points, including seven of 10 free throws, and forward Jay Black contributed 11 points.

"The key to our success this season has been our balanced scoring and our team defense," said Pinckney coach D.J. Lincoln, who has guided the Pirates to a 15-7 overall mark. "We're truly a team. We don't have the outstanding individual player."

Pinckney raced to a 16-11 lead after the opening quarter, and then boosted the margin to 11 points (30-19) at halftime. But Harrison, as it had done in its first two district games, fought back with a big third quarter.

The Hawks outpointed the Pirates, 20-11, in the third quarter and were down by just two (41-39) going into the final stanza. Harrison tied it at 41-all on Shanbom's short jumper, but never led in the game.

"In the first half, we didn't belong on the floor," Teachman said. "In the second half, we did the right things, but the whistles just weren't going our way. Sometimes the whistles had little to do with what was going on out on the floor."

Harrison's rally was deflated when Vasovski made a layup and seemed to draw a foul in the process. The man in the striped shirt, however, called an offensive foul and wiped out the basket.

Harrison actually made two more field goals (23) than Pinckney. But the Pirates made good on 14 of 24 free throws to Harrison's five of 11. Harrison turned the ball over 22 times to Pinckney's 19 miscues.

District boxes

PINCKNEY 56 — HARRISON 51

PINCKNEY (56) — David Haak 3, 7-10, 13; Mike Janowski 8, 3-3, 19; Mark Evans 4, 0-4, 8; Tony Evans 0, 0-0, 0; Jay Black 5, 1-2, 11; Nick Monaster 1, 3-4, 5; Dave Ebner 0, 0-1, 0. TOTALS: 21, 14-24, 56.

HARRISON (51) — D.J. Hockstein 0, 0-0, 0; Ted Kallgren 1, 0-0, 2; Steve Shanbom 4, 0-0, 8; Mike Tetreault 0, 0-1, 0; Brian Burgess 9, 4-7, 22; Mike Cleary 4, 0-0, 8; Goran Vasovski 4, 0-1, 8; Dave Tremonti 1, 0-0, 2; Bruce Yeager 0, 1-2, 1; Gus Kehagias 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 23, 5-11, 51.

TOTAL FOULS — Harrison 24, Pinckney 11. FOULED OUT: None.

PINCKNEY	16	14	11	15	— 56
HARRISON	11	8	29	12	— 51

HARRISON 56 — CLARENCEVILLE 53

FARMINGTON HARRISON (56) — D.J. Hochstein 1, 1-4, 3; Mike Tetreault 3, 0-0, 6; Steve Shamborn 2, 2-4, 6; Bruce Yeager 0, 0-1, 0; Brian Burgess 6, 2-6, 14; Goran Vasovski 4, 10-12, 18; Ted Kallgren 3, 2-5, 8; Dan Kehagias 0, 0-0, 0; Dave Tremonti 0, 1-2, 1; Steve Holtatz 0, 0-0, 0; Gus Kehagias 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 19, 18-34, 56.

CLARENCEVILLE (53) — Kevin Hearndon 2, 0-1, 4; Russ Ivanac 5, 2-2, 12; Bob Shoemaker 5, 9-13, 19; Jim Thompson 3, 0-2, 6; Tom Bass 0, 2-3, 2; Dave Moscoe 5, 0-0, 10; Bob Rob Soop 0, 0-0, 0; John Weigand 0, 0-0, 0; Rick Schmidt 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 20, 13-21, 53.

TOTAL FOULS — Clarenceville 24, Harrison 19. FOULED OUT: Thompson (C), Bass (C).

HARRISON	12	15	15	14	— 56
CLARENCEVILLE	20	11	12	10	— 53

Harrison coach Mike Teachman: "In the first half, we didn't belong on the floor. In the second half, we did the right things, but the whistles just weren't going our way."

Raiders' 'iceman' is cool customer in gymnastics meet

By TOM BAER

North Farmington's Jeff Dwyer is making a name for himself in a little-known high school sport — boys' gymnastics.

Last Wednesday, Dwyer won floor exercise (8.85) and high bar (7.75) and was the top all-arounder (45.85) to pace North's 131.39-point, third-place finish in the Southeast Michigan Interscholastic Gymnastics Association meet at Ann Arbor Pioneer.

"We call Jeff 'The Iceman' around the gym," said North coach Dennis Fitzgerald. "When the pressure's on, he comes through."

Going into the meet's final event, the high bar, Dwyer and Pioneer's Rob Fullerton were tied in the all-around standings. Dwyer won the high bar and thus was the meet's top all-arounder. Fullerton had to settle for third on the bar and second in all-around.

"Going into that last event, I did something I wouldn't do with any other kid," Fitzgerald said. "I told him (Dwyer) he was tied in the all-around with Pioneer's Fullerton.

"That would cause a lot of kids to choke and blow it, but Jeff just opened his eyes and said, 'Oh, yeah?' It was like the biggest challenge in the world to him — and he went out and did the job."

Dwyer, a senior, may be performing at Michigan State University next year. Eastern Michigan and Western Michigan also have shown interest.

THREE MORE North gymnasts — Bob Burns, Doug Roberts and Rod Stablein — turned in impressive performances in the meet.

Burns finished third on the pommel horse with a score of 6.85. Roberts tied for fourth place in vaulting with Pioneer's Scott Smith with an 8.9, and Stablein landed fourth in high bar with a 7.2.

Clarenceville's Chuck Thompson finished second in floor exercise (8.65) and vaulting (9.5).

Pioneer topped the seven-team field, scoring 145.85 points. Ann Arbor Huron finished second with 136.22. Trenton took fourth with 130.63, Taylor Truman had 123.67, Clarenceville 108.43 and Ypsilanti 107.79.

Because so few Michigan high schools offer boys' gymnastics, the competitors can qualify for the state finals without a regional meet. The state meet is scheduled for March 14-15 at East Kentwood High School in suburban Grand Rapids.

Pioneer, the defending champion, and Alpena are favored to win this season's state championship.

SE MICHIGAN INTERSCHOLASTIC GYMNASTICS ASSOCIATION MEET

TEAM FINISH — 1. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 145.85 points; 2. Ann Arbor Huron, 136.22; 3. North Farmington, 131.39; 4. Trenton, 130.63; 5. Taylor Truman, 123.67; 6. Clarenceville, 108.43; 7. Ypsilanti, 107.79.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

FLOOR EXERCISE — 1. Jeff Dwyer (N. Farmington), 8.85; 2. Chuck Thompson (Clarenceville), 8.65; 3. Dave Kebus (Trenton), 8.5; 4. Frank Lacca (Truman), 8.45; 5. Tim Howes (Pioneer), 8.4.

POMMEL HORSE — 1. Stuart Downing (Huron), 8.1; 2. Scott Smith (Pioneer), 7.1; 3. Bob Burns (N. Farmington), 6.85; 4. (tie) Wayne Wrighman (Huron) and Tim Douhit (Pioneer), 6.6.

STILL RINGS — 1. Ken Ho (Huron), 8.3; 2. Rob Fullerton (Pioneer), 8.1; 3. Tony Monaco (Truman), 7.95; 4. Scott Ramsey (Pioneer), 7.85; 5. Brian Parks (Huron), 7.8.

VAULTING — 1. Steve Kinnard (Pioneer), 9.6; 2. Chuck Thompson (Clarenceville), 9.5; 3. Ralph Shults (Truman), 9.0; 4. (tie) Doug Roberts (N. Farmington) and Scott Smith (Pioneer), 8.9.

PARALLEL BARS — 1. Scott Smith (Pioneer), 8.15; 2. Jeff Dwyer (N. Farmington), 8.1; 3. Scott Ramsey (Pioneer), 7.8; 4. Matt Nipper (Huron), 7.65; 5. Ken Ho (Huron), 7.5.

HIGH BAR — 1. Jeff Dwyer (N. Farmington), 7.55; 2. Eric Schramm (Trenton), 7.35; 3. Rob Fullerton (Pioneer), 7.3; 4. Rob Stablein (N. Farmington), 7.2; 5. Scott Creeger (Pioneer), 7.15.

ALL-AROUND — 1. Jeff Dwyer (N. Farmington), 45.85; 2. Rob Fullerton (Pioneer), 45.3; 3. Brian Parks (Huron), 38.65.

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