

Both lose in district

Raiders, Falcons finish seasons

By C.J. RISAK

After three long months, the basketball season came to a close for both North Farmington and Farmington.

Only Farmington Harrison remained alive in state district competition. The Hawks, competing in Class B for the first time, defeated South Lyon, 69-56 on Monday and then edged Livonia Clarenceville, 56-53 on Wednesday to advance to the district finals.

Neither North or Farmington were as fortunate. Both lost their first district contests, the Raiders bowing to Southfield (67-60) and Farmington falling to Redford Union, 73-67.

"We got off to a slow start," North coach Ken Dean said. "I thought we came back well. But we got killed on the boards, and if we'd made some of the easy shots we missed early."

The Raiders trailed Southfield by 12 points midway through the second quarter (28-16), but rallied behind Brian Bowditch's foul shooting and Rex Baker's floor play.

Bowditch connected on five of six free throws in the quarter and Baker capped a North 12-3 rally in the last four minutes with a pair of free throws in the last five seconds of the half. The scoring streak enabled the Raiders to pull within three at the half (31-28).

North took the lead for the first time at the 4:16 mark of the third quarter on a Pete Gosselin layup. But Southfield's Vince Bean, who led all scorers with 23 points, started hitting his short jumpers to keep the Blue Jays in control. Bean scored eight points in the quarter.

SOUTHFIELD EXPANDED ITS LEAD TO NINE



North's Brian Bowditch (50) keeps an eye on Southfield's Dave Sucher during Wednesday's district basketball game.

points (53-44) early in the final quarter as Jay Hovey earned a short shot and John Piper hit a pair of field goals. North never came closer than six points after that.

Rebounding killed any North chances, as Southfield had a huge 41-23 advantage, including 19 of 24 offensive boards.

"You've got to remember, they're only 16- and 17-year-old kids," Dean said. "I can't be upset with them—they played their hearts out."

"I felt going in we had to have a really good game and they had to have an off game."

Bean was one player Dean was concerned with stopping. "In scouting them, we noticed that they weren't the same team when Bean and Piper weren't in the game."

Dean also noted in his scouting report that Bean tended to lean into his shots. His strategy was not to try to block Bean's shot, but instead draw offensive fouls and get him out of the game.

It didn't work — Bean drew only one foul.

North finished the season with a 10-19 record and its first Northwest Suburban League outright championship since the 1968-69 season.

FOR FARMINGTON, the Redford Union game was similar to several the Falcons have had this season — close, but not quite.

Farmington trailed after one quarter, 18-13, as RU's Rocco Rucinski popped in eight points. But the Falcons fought back, outscoring the Panthers 14-14 in the first half of the second quarter to take a 24-22 lead.

The game remained close for the remainder of the half and was tied 34-34 at halftime.

But Redford Union, behind a strong scoring quarter from Rucinski (eight points) and Mike Lowmyer

(six), pushed out to an eight point advantage (54-48) after three periods. The Falcons never got closer than six points in the final quarter, despite a fine scoring effort by Jerry Liphardt (11 points).

"All year long we couldn't get everybody together at the same time," Farmington coach Rich Roy said. "Jerry (Liphardt) and Jeff (McGrath) both had good games (against RU) but it seemed like we could never get all five guys together at once."

"It was just one of those years, I guess. I told them after the game it was a disappointing season, but the effort was there."

Against RU, Liphardt finished with 24 points and McGrath had 19. Rucinski had 24 points for the Panthers, with Jerry Burk scoring 15, Glenn Roberts 13 and Lowmyer 10.

FARMINGTON FINISHED the season with a 6-15 record. The Falcons' season highlight came Jan. 25, when they knocked off Livonia Stevenson, 76-73. Stevenson was the eventual Inter Lakes League champion and one of the top teams in the area.

It's sad, but for all except four teams in the state the season ended the same way it did for Farmington and North — with a loss.

Only four teams will survive "March Madness" and win a state championship in one of the four classes.

SOUTHFIELD 67 — NORTH 60

SOUTHFIELD (67) — Vince Bean 11, 1-2, 23; Darryl Darden 6, 0-2, 0; Dave Sucher 6, 0-4, 12; John Piper 7, 1-3, 15; Byron Greer 2, 0-7, 7; Jay Hovey 3, 0-4, 6; Mike Herroff 1, 0-4, 2. TOTALS — 39, 7-13, 67.

NORTH FARMINGTON (60) — Rex Baker 8, 3-4, 19; Brian Bowditch 5, 1-11, 21; Pete Gosselin 3, 0-4, 6; Rich Nutter 4, 0-4, 12; Matt Rued 1, 0-1, 2. TOTALS — 23, 14-18, 60.

TOTAL FOULS — Southfield 15, North 13. FOULED OUT: Gosselin (NT).

SOUTHFIELD 22 9 16 20 — 67

N. FARMINGTON 13 15 16 14 — 60

RU 73 — FARMINGTON 67

REDFORD UNION (73) — Glenn Roberts 5, 3-5, 13; Jerry Burk 4, 7-9, 15; Rocco Rucinski 12, 6-14, 24; Todd Hillis 3, 1-2, 7; Mike Lowmyer 4, 2-4, 10; Ed Bastista 1, 0-0, 2; Tom Stykist 0, 2-2, 2. TOTALS — 29, 15-21, 73.

FARMINGTON (67) — Jerry Liphardt 9, 6-8, 24; Jeff McGrath 8, 3-4, 19; Bill Lehman 2, 2-4, 6; John Regan 1, 0-0, 2; Mike Womala 2, 0-4, 4; Ron Sawers 3, 1-3, 7; John Dunn 3, 0-6, 6; Doug Parker 0, 0-1, 0. TOTALS — 28, 11-19, 67.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 22, RU 17. FOULED OUT: Rocco (RU), Bastista (F), McGrath (F), Liphardt (F).

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March 20, 1980
8:00 P.M.

Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48018

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (SA 55-2-80), which requests approval for outdoor storage of equipment and material in a L-1, Light Industrial District. The property involved is located at 37465 Grand River Avenue in Section 30 of the City of Farmington Hills.

The applicant in this matter is Steven R. Tretnik, who seeks this approval in order to use this property for the outdoor storage of equipment, materials, and fire wood logs.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Special Approval request. The application for Special Approval and the Zoning Text and Map may be observed at the Farmington Hills City Hall on any business day between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (SA 60-2-80), which requests approval for a drive-in restaurant in a B-3, General Business District. The property involved is located at 29224 West Eight Mile Road, in Section 36 of the City of Farmington Hills.

The applicant in this matter is Hardee's Food Systems, which seeks this approval in order to remodel an existing restaurant and install a drive-through window.

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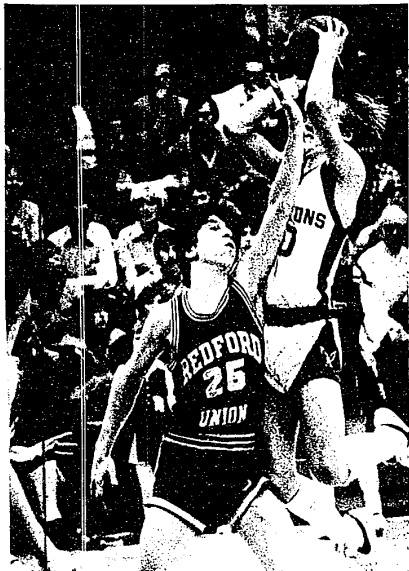
The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (SA 58-2-80), which requests approval for a Church in an RA-1, Single Family Residential District. The property involved is located 1300 feet east of Middlebelt Road and north of Ten Mile Road in Section 24 of the City of Farmington Hills.

The applicant in this matter is Ivan Cuthbert, architect for the St. Thomas Orthodox Church, which seeks to erect a Church on the property.

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Redford Union's Rocco Rucinski tries his hand at blocking Bill Lehman's shot during last Wednesday's district action. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

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The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval (SA 54-2-80), which requests approval for a car wash in a B-3, General Business District. The property involved is located North of Grand River Avenue between Drake and Indolplex Circle Drive in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 21 of the City of Farmington Hills.

The applicant in this matter is Robert Saks Mechigan, who seeks this approval in order to install a fully automatic car wash in conjunction with a three-story office building.

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