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Another swim title for North

By TOM BAER

Jordan Hatch once swam on the North Farmington teams which always seemed to win the Northwest Suburban League championship. Now he coaches North's swimmers and the Raiders are still winning league titles.

North, showing superior depth, won its ninth-straight NSL crown last week by finishing first in the league meet at Livonia Franklin. North amassed 276 team points to Franklin's 222.

Redford Union placed third with 186, Wesland John Glenn had 175, Redford Thurston 164 and Garden City East 96.

North won only two of the 11 events. Jim Gasser finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:04.6, and Steve Manderfield won the 100-yard freestyle in 49.9.

Manderfield also contributed a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a 1:48.4 clocking, smashing a variety record established in 1975 by Hatch.

North's 400 freestyle relay (Todd LaDouch, Greg Ronen, Dave Virgin and John Pirog) gained another second place with a time of 3:25.9.

North's Carl Gunderson finished third in the 500 freestyle (5:13.6), and teammate John McCann landed third in the diving event. North's 200 medley relay finished third in 1:46.7.

Four league records were established at the meet. Greg Dawkins of Westland Glenn finished the 200 free in 1:45.6 for one standard, and Thurston's Jon Edwards won 57.0 in the 100 backstroke for another. Edwards also won the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:05.3.

Glenn's 400 freestyle relay (Doug White, Jerry McGue, Dawkins and Jeff Dziwibek) was timed in a league-record 3:23.5, and RU's Jon Morgan needed 4:55.2 to set a record in the 500 freestyle.

Franklin's medley relay of John

Herfens, Roger Knight, Brad George and John Cassidy won in 1:45.8. Glenn's McGue won the 50 free (22.6), and teammate Brian Cullen won diving. RU's Jim Miloch took the 100 butterfly (55.9).

IN THE WESTERN Six League Meet, Farmington Harrison compiled 167 points to finish last in the four-team field. Plymouth Canton won with 392 points, Northville scored 245, and Livonia Churchill had 229.

Harrison sophomore Ted Rudel was a standout in a losing cause, winning the 200 freestyle (1:51.5) and the 500 freestyle (5:01.9).

Harrison's Al Babcock placed second in the backstroke (1:03.5) and the IM (2:16.5). Teammate Steve Goodman landed second in the butterfly (58.9). Linas Gilydis gave Harrison a third in the 50 free (24.2), and Goodman captured third in the IM (2:18.0).

Canton won six of the 11 events, and

Ron Hurley took two individuals, the butterfly (57.2) and the 50 freestyle (23.5).

Canton's freestyle relay (Joe Gibbons, John Simone, Pete Stern and Pete Sickels) won in 3:34.1, and its top diver, Steve Gaggi, won with 284.10 points.

Canton's medley relay (Bob Simrak, John Luca, Hurley and Sern) won in 1:45.0, and Simrak won the IM with a time of 2:09.1.

Northville had a pair of winners in Char Ramsey and Tony Nader. Ramsey finished first in the 100 freestyle (50.3), and Nader topped the breaststroke (1:04.5).

Churchill's Mike Sletzer won the backstroke in 59.9.

Qualified swimmers will participate in the Class A state meet Saturday at the University of Michigan's Matt Mann Pool. Harrison, a Class B school, will send its qualifiers to the B state meet at Grand Rapids Junior College on the same afternoon.



Jim Gasser won the breaststroke event at the Northwest Suburban League Meet.

Rice's intimidation beats Southfield's emotion

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

It was a classic struggle — size, strength and talent vs. pure emotion.

In the end, the talent prevailed.

Southfield High played with all its heart, and actually threatened the giants from Birmingham Brother Rice in the third quarter.

But the Warriors regrouped in time for a 66-55 regional basketball victory before an overflow crowd of 2,200 Tuesday night at Southfield-Lathrup.

Rice, the No. 1-ranked team by the Observer & Eclectic, takes its 20-3 record into the regional championship game at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow at Lathrup.

The Warriors face the winner of Wednesday's Peninsula-Center Line contest.

The Blue Jays, ignoring an "intimidating" 37-27 Warrior halftime lead, came out and scored the first six points of the second half and controlled the tempo with their run-and-gun, transition game. Southfield forced numerous turnovers in that period, pulling within two points on two different occasions.

But Southfield could never get over the hump, failing to avenge last year's 60-57 regional-final defeat to the Warriors.

LES DAGGS, Rice's senior guard who finished with 18 points and four assists, sank a 22-foot at the buzzer

to give Rice a 47-43 lead after three quarters. Daggs opened with two more baskets in the fourth quarter to stake Rice to an eight-point margin.

Southfield, relying all night on its perimeter shooting over the tall Rice front line, hit only two of 18 shots in the first five minutes of the fourth quarter — both baskets by Ed Murden.

The Blue Jays never got closer than six points in the final quarter, and Rice settled into a 2-3 zone defense in the final three minutes to protect its victory.

"We just couldn't put it down when we had to," said Southfield coach Greg Sliwka. "We shot 36 percent as a team (25 of 70), and we've relied on transition (and good shooting) all year long."

"Like Darryl (Darden, a senior forward) said, everything just seemed to go their (Rice's) way — a violation here, a turnover there. But when you play catch-up that's what happens."

JUNIOR PAUL JOKISCH, the strongest player in the area, led Rice's with 19 points. And that 6-foot-7 frame pulled down 12 rebounds in helping the Warriors to a 40-30 advantage in that category.

Junior center John Shasky, standing 6-foot-10, added 12 points and 13 rebounds. And the 6-foot-6 junior forward added 11 points.

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Southfield's DeVoe Cornell (with ball) attempts to elude the long arm of Rice's Les Daggs. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)

N. Farmington gymnasts win league championship

The Northwest Suburban League Meet last Saturday featured two of the state's top high school gymnasts in North Farmington's Kathy Temple and Walled Lake Central's Celeste Harrington.

Harrington earned all-around honors with a score of 35.4, but Temple and her North Farmington teammates won the four-squad competition with a score of 100.70 to Central's 95.

Clarencville finished third with a score of 81.45, and Farmington landed fourth with 77.75.

Temple and Harrington split the individual events as the Central girl won vaulting (9.5) and uneven parallel bars (9.5), and the North standout finished first on balance beam (8.85) and floor exercise (9.1).

Temple compiled an all-around score of 35.2 to finish a shade behind Harrington.

"It was an exciting meet," said North coach Mary Johnesee, whose team lost a dual meet to Central earlier this season. "We were down by a point and a half after the first two events (vaulting and bars). But we came through in the last two events and beat Central by three points."

North used depth to win the meet. Temple placed second in the events she didn't win, scoring 8.5 in vaulting and 8.75 on bars. Teammates Kim Edwards and Dona Kebrde finished third (32.05) and fourth

(31.85), respectively, in all-around.

In the individual events, Edwards placed third on beam (8.3), fifth in floor exercise (8.08) and tied for fifth on bars (7.9). Kebrde finished fourth in floor exercise (8.2) and fifth on beam (8.1).

Alyene Wolf and Sharon Shifra also provided points for North. Wolf took a third place in vaulting (8.25), and Shifra finished fourth (8.15). Shifra added a third in floor exercise (8.55) and a fourth on bars (8.05).

Farmington High had an outstanding per-

former in sophomore Jo Smith, who logged eighth-place finishes in vaulting (7.6) and floor (7.65) to go with a ninth on bars (7.65).

Clarencville's top finisher was Ann Desjarlais, who placed seventh in floor exercise with a score of 7.65.

Both North and Central will participate in a regional meet Saturday at Ann Arbor Huron. Competition begins at 10 a.m. The state championship meet is scheduled for March 21 at Troy High School for qualified teams and individuals.

Raider spikers ousted in district

North Farmington closed out an outstanding volleyball season last Monday with an emotion-packed loss to Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals of the state Class A district tournament at Schoolcraft College.

The loss was only the third in 16 starts this season for coach Sandy Lubienicki's Raiders.

"My kids played their finest match of the

season against Stevenson," said Lubienicki, who guided the Raiders to a co-championship with Livonia Franklin of the Northwest Suburban League.

"I was really proud of my girls. Stevenson was picked to romp over everybody, but our kids made them play for every point they got."

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