

# Enright, Miller guide Harrison

Farmington Harrison played a little bookend basketball against Livonia Churchill Tuesday night. The Hawks were sturdy in the beginning and at the end, but a little thin in between.

Still, the Hawks escaped with an important 73-64 victory. The win keeps them on top of the Western Lakes Western Division with a 3-1 conference mark.

The Hawks' fastbreak attack bothered Churchill in the early going, as Harrison built up a 37-27 lead at the intermission.

But the Chargers charged back with a 22-12 spurt in the third quarter to tie it up, 49-49, heading into the final period.

Harrison went back to its pressing, fast-paced attack to put the game away in the fourth quarter. John Miller scored 9 points and Vince Enright 6 to lead Harrison in the final quarter — all 15 points were transition baskets. Point guard Ken George dished 6 assists in that quarter.

On the night, Enright scored 23 points (including a jackhammer slam dunk in the final minute), Miller 18 and Mike Dempsey 14 and grabbed 11 rebounds. George finished with 10 points and 11 assists.

Enright and Miller each pulled down 9 rebounds. Ken Hixon added 8 points and 8 assists.

"That is one of the hardest playing Livonia Churchill teams that we've played," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "They kept coming on and coming on."

Scott Hillie led four Chargers in double figures with 15 points. Andy Oliver

# Falcons dunk Hawks

It's not that the Farmington swim team was taking its opponents for granted last Tuesday... It's just that the Falcons have their sights focused on a more distant goal.

The Falcons, prior to their meet with Farmington Harrison, swam a 6:00 yard workout. Then they proceeded to blast Harrison, 93-74.

"We're not looking for real good times right now," said Falcon coach Greg Phill. "We want to be ready for the league meet. That's when we want to be at our best."

The Falcons were paced by a double first from Jay Weaver. Weaver won the 50-yard freestyle (24.02) and the 100 freestyle (53.8).

Weaver also swam the first leg of Farmington's winning 200 medley relay, teaming with Mike Wohlford, Jim Vik, and Kurt Elshaus on a 1:51.6.

But, the swimmer of the meet was Harrison's Kirk Raddatz. Raddatz won both the 200 free (1:52.2) and the 500 free (4:53.8). His 500 time set a pool record at Farmington eclipsing the old mark of 4:54.5 set in 1978 by Livonia Stevenson's Tom Smith.

Harrison swept the diving competition and got a first from Tom Sayles in the 100 breaststroke (1:06.3).

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# Salem wins North Invitational

By Chris McCosky staff writer

Look out, it's an avalanche — a Plymouth State Rock-slide, if you will.

The Rocks rolled into Farmington Hills Saturday to compete in the annual North Farmington Wrestling Invitational riding the crest of an impressive third-place finish at the Salem Invitational the week before.

The North tournament is always a good early-season gauge as to the Observerland's top teams and Salem was primed to stake its claim on the No. 1 spot.

That the Rocks did. In front of a jam-packed crowd inside the North gym, Salem overwhelmed the nine other teams by producing champions in four of the 13 weight classes and grabbing up three second place positions.

The Rocks amassed 157 team points, 23 more than second place Millford (124), Plymouth Canton (118) was third, Farmington (95) fourth and Wayne Memorial, formerly the area's No. 1 team, was fifth with 93 points.

Host North Farmington (61) placed eighth. Complete meet results can

be found on the Observer statisti-cal page.

AFTER A slow start the Rocks have come on with a vengeance, winning all five of their dual meets and scoring high in several of the state's most prestigious tournaments.

"We're starting to do well," said Salem coach Ron Krueger. "As the year goes along, we're getting better. And, we've been able to put our whole team out on the mat — knock on wood. We haven't been getting sick or hurt. When you do that, when you're feeling good, you're able to do a lot better."

The Rock victory was triggered by the Dameron brothers.

Sophomore Dennis Dameron, wrestling at 98 pounds, outpointed fleshy Dave Zehnder from Walled Lake Western 4-2. It was the second meeting between the two evenly matched opponents within the week. Dameron edged Zehnder 5-4 the previous Tuesday.

Junior Dave Dameron, ranked No. 1 in the state at 125, had an easy three matches en route to his championship. He took Western's Chris Kraft 20-5 in the finals.

But Krueger was most proud of his 145-pound wrestler. Andy Ward survived a tough field to win at 145. He

beat Millford's Joe Allen 12-2 in the finals.

"Andy has been having his problems," Krueger said. "But, he took (Canton's) Scott Tasker in overtime, then beat Wayne's (Dave) Shaefer. He's coming on and beating the state-class people he should beat."

SALEM'S OTHER champion was Kevin Freeman who nipped Canton's Tim Birely 5-3 at 119.

Canton, who along with Salem pace the Western Lakes conference with 5-0 dual meet records, turned in perhaps its best tournament performance of the season.

Heavyweight Jim Malson got things rolling for the Chiefs with a pin in 1:28 over Millford's Jerry Capps in their championship tilt.

Dave Dunford took a second to Millford's George Egoziz at 112. Birely got second at 119; Jim Parks (138) and Mike Graczyk (125) took third, and Ernie Krumm (109), Scott Tasker (145) and Jay Pollard (132) earned fourth place points for the Chiefs.

If Wayne's fifth place finish was surprisingly low, then Farmington's fourth place finish was surprisingly high. Hampered by injuries and losses to key personnel, the Falcons' early-season promise has dimmed somewhat.

BUT, COACH Barry Walsh's crew was in good shape on Saturday. Ab Hazen dominated the field at 167 plugging all three of his opponents. He took Eric Osburn of Millford for the championship in 1:44.

At 105, Dave Hovey won the crown easily, whipping Western's Kevin Fast 20-6.

Dan Parillo earned a second place at 138 for Farmington, losing to state-ranked Scott Wyka of Edsel Ford, 14-1.

The bright spots for Wayne were few. One being Ed Fowler, who rolled over North's James Benda in the title bout at 132, 14-2. It marked the third straight year Fowler has beaten Benda.

The other Wayne highlight was provided by Tim Mitchell at 138. He beat Salem's Bill Morely 14-4.

For North Farmington, Brian Hood put on a quite a show for the home folks. He wrestled three times in the 185 pound class. He placed all three opponents: the first in 18 seconds, the second in 12, and the championship match, against Salem's Jamie Wochuk, in 42 seconds.

The best match of the day, though, came at 155. Millford's John Kramer narrowly beat No. 1 seed Eric Retting from Salem in an action-packed 11-9 decision.

# Harrison's gymnasts top Lathrup

The Farmington Harrison gymnastics team survived the individual brilliance of Lana Horowitz and managed to earn its highest team mark of the season, beating Southfield-Lathrup 123.8-119.45 Monday night.

Horowitz, one of the state's premier gymnasts, scored an impressive 9.35 on her floor exercise, an 8.9 on the balance beam and an 8.75 on the uneven parallel bars — winning all three events.

But, one superstar cannot win a gymnastics meet alone. Harrison countered Horowitz's efforts with steady performances from Tracy Solomon, Jill Birsa, Lauri Runk and Julie Runk.

Solomon won the vault with an 8.85, placed second on bars (8.0) and second on beam (8.2). She took fourth on floor with an 8.25. Solomon has now qualified for the state regional meet in all four events. Birsa grabbed second on the vault (8.1), third on the beam (7.5) and third on the floor (8.3).

Lauri Runk was third on the vault (8.0) and second on floor (8.4). Julie Runk captured third on bars (8.95).

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