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# The party's over for North

## Ferndale outmuscles Raiders in regional

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A party, if it's any good, is usually followed by a hangover.

The North Farmington basketball team had itself a humdrum of a party last Friday night, shocking state-ranked Southfield 67-44 to win the West Bloomfield district championship.

The hangover came last night.

The Raiders were blasted from the state tournament by host Ferndale, 63-49. Ferndale (17-4) will match up with Birmingham Brother Rice (20-3) in the Class A regional championship at 8 p.m. Friday.

"I think part of it was that our kids were just so sky-high after beating Southfield Friday night," said North coach Tom Negoshian. "Having not been in this situation before, I really don't know if our kids ever came back down emotionally from Friday night."

"But, give Ferndale credit. They did a heckuva job on us tonight." They certainly did.

THE DIFFERENCE in the game, to boil it down to one element, was muscle. Ferndale had an abundance of it, North not enough.

After an even first quarter, Ferndale began kicking the ball inside at will against North's sagging zone defense. Stacy Davis and Tony Terrell, a pair of 6-foot-4 Ferndale giants took turns filling the net with basketballs. Davis finished with 17 points and Terrell, 10. Both also helped Ferndale control the backboards at both ends of the court.

"When Bob (Chwalk) got in foul trouble, it took us right out of the game," Negoshian said. "He was scoring inside and clearing out real good. When he had to go, we went out."

Chwalk, a 6-4 senior center, scored 3 straight baskets in the first quarter, helping North pull even at 11-11. He picked up his third foul with 2 minutes left in the quarter (2 of the fouls heavily contested by Negoshian) and sat down for the rest of the half.

Ferndale ran off a 20-8 spurt in the second quarter and scored the final 10 points to go on top 33-19 at half.

"We wanted to sag inside on our zone," Negoshian said. "But then their guards started hitting their perimeter shots and forced us to come out."

DOING THE perimeter work for Ferndale was Dellalno Harris who scored 14 points.

Offensively, North was miserable in the second quarter hitting just 4 of 15 shots. The Raiders got just 2 offensive rebounds in the quarter and failed to score in their last 9 possessions.

"With Bob out of the middle we have no inside game and teams can gamble all they want to," Negoshian said. "Ferndale made a good adjustment. They saw Bob sit down and they came out hard on our perimeter players."

Negoshian regrouped his troops at halftime and the Raiders outplayed Ferndale in the third quarter. Behind the dead-eye shooting of junior Rick Anderson and some gritty play inside by Dean Temple, both scored 6 points in the quarter. North outscored Ferndale 14-11.

North trailed 44-33 after 3 quarters and was very much back in contention.

UNFORTUNATELY FOR North, 11 points was as close as it would get.

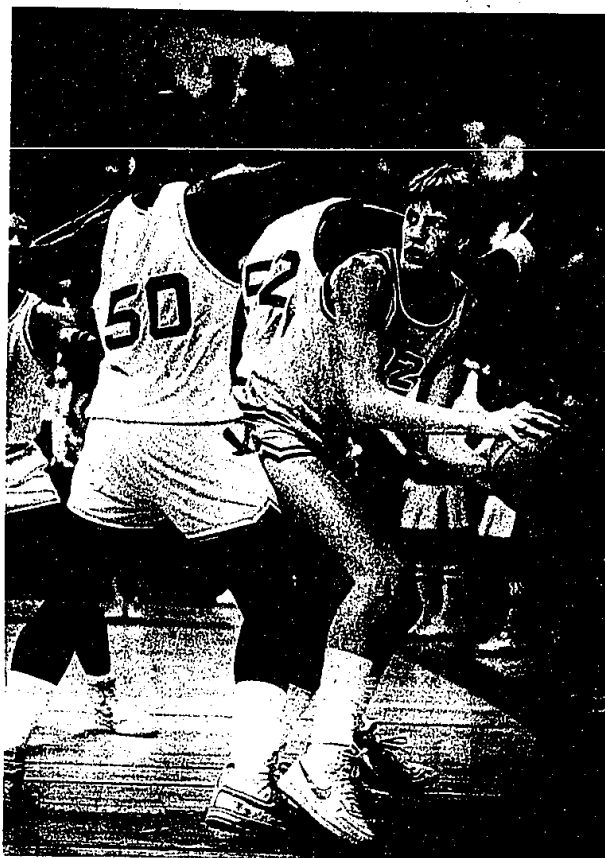
Ferndale, behind the inside dominance of Davis, ran off a 10-4 burst to begin the final quarter and put North away. Davis scored 8 of the first 10 points.

Anderson played a solid game for North. He led the Raiders with 17 points, most coming from long-range. He was also North's leading rebounder. Chwalk and Rick Pennala each added 8 points to the Raider attack. It was the final performance for the two Raider seniors.

Despite the loss, all was not doom-and-gloom afterwards on the North bench. The Raiders end with a 15-8 record and high hopes for the future.

"We had 3 goals when we began the season," Negoshian said. "We wanted to win the city (of Farmington) championship, win the Northwest Suburban League and win the district. We achieved 2 of the 3 so we consider this a very successful season. I think we are on an upswing. After the way this season ended, I think the kids will be real excited for next year."

With the likes of Anderson, Paul Wahrman and Mike Rudin returning, the Raiders could be in for another successful season in 1986.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

North Farmington's Rick Anderson is boxed in by Ferndale's Tony Terrell (50) and Stacy Davis (52). Anderson shook

loose enough to score 17 points, but the Raiders lost.



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## Beware! A season's madness is upon us

MARCH MADNESS. People say I'm afflicted. They say that all year round, but they insist that it's particularly acute this month.

They claim I grieve like Charles Manson. They say they get tired of me screaming "Sports, Der Fuehrer sprechen. Sieg Heil!" into the phone.

I've got good reason to rant and rave and behave like a madman. 'Tis the season, after all. But March Madness extends beyond the confining lines of a basketball court. Lots of things make me mad. I have to admit that basketball is a major catalyst, and yet it isn't the only thing that gets me howling at the moon.

For instance:

- I can't stand watching a good team just fold up, like Southfield did last Friday. Oh, the Jays did play some good basketball, maybe 2 quarters' worth. But that could never be enough against North Farmington, which turned in a solid 3 1/2 quarters of hoop and really deserved to win. It's a downright shame, but a decade from now those Southfield seniors will still wonder if the outcome might have been different if they had played a full 32 minutes.

- March weather burns my butt. One day I dress for spring and it snows. The next I'm equipped for an arctic blizzard and it's bright and sunny. It's a tease, tempting me with the promise of the baseball season and summer, then disappointing me with games that are snowed out.

- High school sports seasons bug me. Why are all the winter sports scheduled to finish within a 2-week period? Basketball tournaments are in full swing, while wrestling and swimming just concluded. Gymnastics and volleyball will end their seasons this week.

- Can't somebody adjust the seasons a bit and spread these tournaments out? That way everybody would get a little more much-deserved recognition. The way it is now, outstanding performance like those of Birmingham Groves' Scott Christie and North Farmington's Brian Goins, who each set Class A state swim records, are virtually lost amid the flood of state finals.

- And all the high school championships are at the same time as the basketball tournament, too. Makes it tough to set priorities.

- It upsets me knowing that only 4 high schools will finish the season with a win — that somehow seems unfair.

- It hurts seeing outstanding, gifted athletes who turn in the performance of their life, break the state record, but finish second. It's too true — no one remembers who comes in second.

- It hurts to see outstanding, gifted athletes mixed on otherwise nondescript teams — John McIntyre of Redford Catholic Central, Darren Munson of Bloomfield Hills Lahar and Dennis Bushart of Redford Union.

- It hurts not to see these outstanding, gifted athletes as many times as I'd like.

- Seniors make me mad. No more stories every week on Farmington Harrison's John Miller scoring 6 touchdowns or Birmingham Rice's B.J. Armstrong cranking up and scoring 55 points.

- Fat officials make me livid. Black-and-white striped shirts stretched over pot bellies command no respect. Don't run well, either.

- Coaches who always have an excuse are a pain. Just because us media-types keep bugging them for a reason why their team lost by 40 points. . . .

- I get down when coaches blame us for their team's performance — attention, Bernie Holowicki of Redford Catholic Central. Fellow sports editor Brad Emons said CC should have no trouble winning its district. The Shamrocks lost in the first round.

- Well, we had to pick somebody, didn't we? I wonder what would have happened if we picked CC to lose?

- I'll tell you what would happen. The players' parents and everyone remotely connected with the school over the past 50 years would call and blame us, so we'd still be shouldering the responsibility.

- I get enraged with telephones. Mostly when they're ringing. Especially when 3 or 4 are ringing at once.

- I simmer like Mount St. Helens when there are 3 great basketball games on TV at the same time — and I'm stuck at work retyping bowling scores.

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- I get very suspicious when the NCAA championship basketball game is slated for April Fool's Day.

- What's that, some kind of sick joke?

## Goins gets state record in butterfly

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The goal of every high school swimmer is to win a state championship. The desire to win a state championship causes these otherwise well-adjusted young men to do bizarre things: like get up at 4 a.m. to swim before school and then stay until 5 or 7 p.m. swimming after school.

Yet, while these swimmers are punishing themselves in pursuit of this goal, it is universally known that only a small handful, 17 to be exact, counting relay teams, can actually win a state championship.

That's what makes Brian Goins' accomplishment so special.

The North Farmington senior accomplished his goal, this state championship, not once but twice. Not only that, but he's earned All-American status and owns the state Class A record.

"Brian is a very tough competitor," said North Farmington swim coach Pat Duthie. "I've never been associated with anyone as mentally tough as Brian Goins."

AS A JUNIOR, Goins won the 100-yard butterfly at the state meet in 51.43. That earned him All-American honors.

Last Saturday at the state Class A meet at Eastern Michigan University, Goins bettered the existing state record twice. He swam a 50.79 in his preliminary heat (which will stand as the state record), then swam a 51.11 in the championship heat, winning the race by .46 seconds.

So, he owns the two fastest times in the 100 butterfly, he's almost assured of gaining All-American status again — what else? Well, he finished third in the state in the 200 freestyle with a 1:42.94 and anchored North's 11th-place 400 freestyle relay team (3:14.49).

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That's not all.

"I think Brian would have had a good chance of being state champion in the backstroke, too, if we let him swim it," Duthie said.

He's not joking. The backstroke championship was won by Ann Arbor Huron's John Maxwell in 54.40. Goins time prior to the state meet was 55.9.

"We figured the backstroke was too close to the freestyle relay," Duthie said explaining why Goins didn't swim backstroke. "Plus, we wanted to demonstrate his capabilities at a 200-yard distance for college purposes. I think most people are aware of what he can do in the backstroke."

Duthie expects Goins to be an outstanding collegiate swimmer and said that numerous Division I schools were after him.

"I BELIEVE he's still got an awful lot to work with," Duthie said. "He's not close to being done improving. He can get a lot better."

That seems unbelievable, but then not many swimmers are able to win back-to-back state championships either.

Goins' efforts helped North gain 43 points and place 11th in the state.

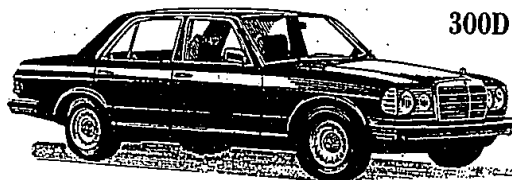
There were several other sterling performances turned in by Observer swimmers at Saturday's state meet.

Redford Catholic Central sophomore John Kovach scored in two events. He placed second in the 100 backstroke

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