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Falcons rout Pats, Hawks

There was no stopping Farmington High as the Falcons ran their dual-meet wrestling record to 4-0 Thursday night.

Farmington recorded 17 pins in the process of defeating Livonia Franklin 53-15 and Farmington Hills Harrison 69-3 during a double dual in its own gymnasium.

The event was scheduled as a quadrangular meet with North Farmington also taking part, but it ran late and the coaches decided to cut short the action.

Thus the city champion will wait to be crowned on Thursday, Feb. 4, when the Falcons and North tangle in a dual meet at Farmington.

The Raiders evened their record at 2-2 Thursday by winning twice, also, North whipped Harrison 46-23 and claimed a 42-36 decision over Franklin.

Farmington won the first seven bouts and led 39-0 before the Patriots scored a point. Joe Goudeseune opened with a technical fall, and the Falcons pinned five straight opponents.

For the night, Chris Phillips at 112 pounds, Steve Lee (126), Rob Woodcock (132), Mike Kelly (155), Bill Lindbert (185) and Charles Wyatt (198) recorded two pins for the Falcons.

Matt Mullins also had a pair of victories, his second being a decision over Harrison's Ted Prusinski at 119 pounds. Goudeseune (98), Chris Gardiner (112), Mark Fallo (138), Tom Stanek (167) and heavyweight Paul Daniels had one pin apiece.

North needed pins by Jeff Jacobs and Zalm Cummalaj at 185 and 198, respectively, to defeat Franklin. The teams were tied at 30-all after the 167-pound contest, but Jacobs and Cummalaj gave the Raiders a 12-point lead with one match remaining.

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North took a 24-12 lead on wins by Adam Cook, Lucian Van Cleave and Matt Thompson, but the Patriots won by falls in three of the next four bouts to force the 30-30 tie.

Jeff Head (105) Van Cleave (126), Thompson (132) and John Lydon (155) also had pins in the Franklin match.

Head, Van Cleave and Cummalaj were the only wrestlers with two wins, but Cook, Thompson, Lydon and Jacobs didn't wrestle in the second match against Harrison.

Head, Van Cleave, Aaron Lawrence (158), Chris Silvio (167) and Harrison's Jason Fox (145) won by fall.

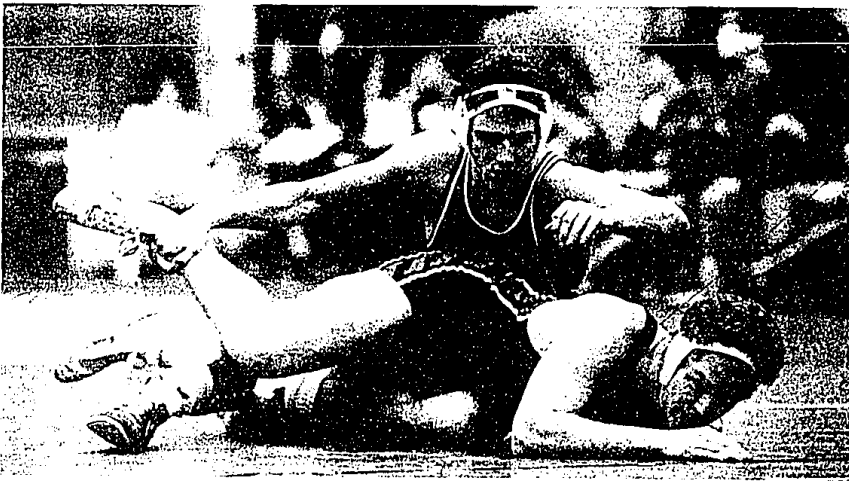
HARRISON 44, THURSTON 28: The Hawks received a needed lift from Jason Fox and Lee Devine last Tuesday to register their only victory to date.

Fox and Devine both wrestled up a weight class at 155 and 167, respectively, and came away with victories by decision.

"If they didn't do that, I don't think we would have come out with the victory," Harrison coach Matt Gasser said. "Those two wrestled their hearts out. I'm proud of all the kids."

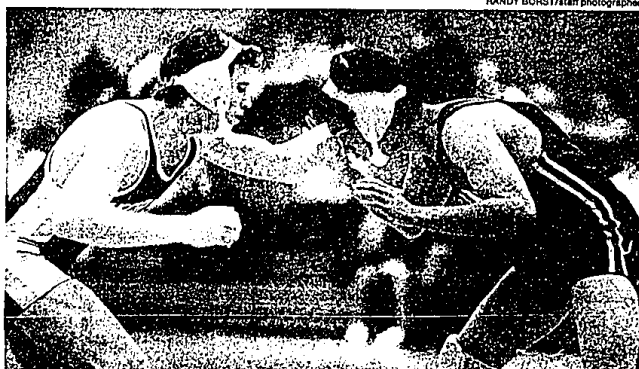
If the Hawks didn't have the eight points they got from those wins but lost by pins instead, Harrison would have been on the short end of a 40-36 margin.

Harrison's Ted Prusinski (119) and Kevin Yorek (126) pinned their Thurston opponents.



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Bill Lindbert (above) has the upper hand over Livonia Franklin's Glenn Ploch at 185 pounds. Lindbert pinned both opponents he faced Thursday night as Farmington High won a double dual, as did North Farmington. Both teams defeated Franklin and Farmington Hills Harrison. North's V.J. Matul and Harrison's Jason Fox (right) move cautiously at the start of their 145-pound bout.



Depth enables North to defeat Canton

The Plymouth Canton gymnastics team either won or tied for the title of all four individual events Wednesday in its meet against North Farmington, but the Raiders prevailed in overall points, 126-20 to 123-95.

Canton is 9-1 this season in dual meets. April Mosakowski and Mary Jo Charron won titles outright for Canton in the uneven bars and balance beam, respectively. No other Canton girl placed among the top four in either event, however, as North gathered 62.20 of its points in both events. North scored 39.05 of those points on the beam.

"We lost this meet during the beam event," said Canton coach John Cunningham. "We had way too many falls. It's normally our strong point, but not tonight."

In the floor event, Charron and Nicki

Yuskowatz of North tied for the title, each scoring 8.4.

Maureen McLean won the vault with a score of 8.45, followed by Yuskowatz with 8.35. Other high finishers for North Farmington included Ellen Wesselman, who came in third on the balance beam with a score of 7.95. Rita Dunn placed third in the floor exercise, scoring 8.25.

SALEM 133.05, TRENTON 114.85: Trenton might be much improved in girls' gymnastics, but Plymouth Salem was still too talented for the Trojans.

The Rocks, who took their first win against Trenton several years ago when coach Kathi Kinsella was building the Salem program, upped their record to 2-0 Wednesday while the Trojans slipped to 1-1.

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"We're gearing up," Kinsella said. "I think we're going to be peaking at the right time."

Salem was led by Dana Holda, who won the vault (8.6) and uneven bars (8.45) competition and was first for the Rocks, second overall, in the all-around with a 32.45 score.

Amy Pastori won the floor exercise (8.65) and was fourth in both the vault (8.1) and all-around (30.5).

Debbie Popp placed second on the vault (8.55) and floor exercise (8.4), third in the all-around (30.7) and fourth on the balance beam (7.1).

In addition, Salem's Debbie Drabek, in her first action after recovering from a broken foot, was second on the bars (8.15). Jennie Syria was second on the beam (7.6) and Jenny Krueger was fourth in floor exercise (8.3).

Trenton's Amy Swearingen took first on

the balance beam (8.1) and won the all-around competition, edging out Holda with a 32.75 score.

NORTHVILLE 113.55, FARMINGTON 111.45: Northville edged Farmington 113.95 to 111.45 Wednesday, but Farmington coach Mary Beth Schornhorst can see that verdict changing the next time the two teams meet.

"Northville and Farmington are even

ability-wise," she said. "We're always close

meets. It's nerve racking, but if we go

against each other again, the scores could be reversed."

Farmington won the vault, uneven bars and balance beam events, but Northville placed two gymnasts in the top three positions of each event, providing the difference.

Winning the vault with a score of 8.5 was Farmington's Jackie Daly, edging out Northville's Wendy Beach, who scored 8.0.

Debbie Ford of Farmington placed first on the uneven bars with a score of 7.95, followed by Beach, who scored 7.7.

Northville placed one-two in the floor exercise as Beach scored a 7.95 and Lee LaChance a 7.6. Farmington's Julie Lawton had a 7.2 to win the balance beam competition, followed by LaChance, who was given a score of 6.9.

2nd-quarter blues send Raiders down to defeat

If there was a lesson to be learned for North Farmington's boys basketball team in Friday's 69-59 homecourt loss to Wallied Lake Western, it should be one in intensity.

The Raiders outplayed and outscored Western in three of four quarters, but in the second period the Warriors posted a 24-14 scoring advantage. That proved pivotal.

"I think (Western) played much harder than we did," said North coach Tom Negoshian. "That was the difference in the game. We have to learn to sustain our intensity for four quarters."

"We're not shooting the ball real well. The kids have to learn when we're not shooting well, we have to play harder in other areas."

North (1-4) was paced by Matt Hoffman's 15 points. Kurt Dudek netted 12 and Bill Green had 11. Mike Berling was best for Western (1-3 overall) with 18 points. Kevin White had 13 and Tom Kubik 10.

CHURCHILL 59, FARMINGTON 49: Livonia Churchill trailed 47-40 with 3:15 left in the game before rallying to shock Farmington Friday at Farmington.

The Chargers' 19-2 game-ending streak was the most unbelievable comeback I've witnessed," said Churchill coach Don Alberson. A lot

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of the rallying came at the free throw line, where the Chargers were 18-of-26 to Farmington's two-of-six.

Bread Wylie and Steve Ditchoff each finished with 15 points for Churchill (9-2), including six apiece in the final quarter, when the Chargers outscored their opponents 19-4. Kyle Percin added 11.

Farmington (1-4) got 10 points from both Brandon Lowe and Mike Myers. The Falcons trailed 18-12 after one quarter and 29-24 at the half,

but a 21-11 third-quarter surge put them on top 45-40.

JOHN GLENN 55, HARRISON 48: A different defense propelled Westland John Glenn to victory over visiting Farmington Harrison Friday.

The two teams were tied at 37 entering the final quarter. "We switched to a 1-3-1 zone and got a couple of quick turnovers," said Glenn coach Bob Killingbeck. "That took us from a four-point lead to an eight-point deficit, and opened up the game for us."

Defense was the difference for the Rockets (2-3 overall). Marcus Lowe and Kevin Wilson combined to stop Harrison guard Chad Burgess with 14 points. Burgess averaged better than 20. Jason Lichtman was best for Harrison (9-2) with 16.

"I think Marcus Lowe can play Big Ten defense," said Harrison coach Mike Teschman. "He's about 6-foot-11, but he plays about 6-3 or 6-4 because of the way he jumps and his wingspan."

Scoring was balanced for Glenn, with nine of 12 Rockets getting points. Greg Anderson was top man with 17, including 10 in the final quarter.

Had Harrison hit its free throws, the outcome might have been different. The Hawks made just 13-of-28 from the line; Glenn was 13-of-10.

Ski talent remains at Mercy

Farmington Hills Mercy fared the best of any team in the south-east area of the lower peninsula in last year's state ski meet.

Only Petoskey, Traverse City and Cadillac — all northern Michigan powers — placed ahead of the Marlins. It was Mercy's best finish, having a fourth-place regional performance to show as its previous best.

The Marlins began practicing a week ago due to the lack of early snow, but they expect to put another good team on the slopes again this winter.

Mercy lost three talented skiers in Lee Clancy, Alexis Davis and Kelly Garbin, to graduation, and Clancy and Davis are competing at the collegiate level this year at

skiing

Western Michigan and Michigan State, respectively.

But the Marlins' return five members from a squad that was 8-1 in dual meets, and second-year coach Cass Zarlikowski is enthusiastic about the addition of some younger skiers. All have been active in the sport for more than 10 years, he said.

THE TWO MOST likely to fill the void left by the departure of Clancy, Davis and Garbin are senior Stephanie John and junior Elizabeth McIntosh.

Seniors Deanna Senatore and Sarah Fritzell and junior Molly

McDonald give the Marlins a strong nucleus of returning talent. Zarlikowski speaks highly of senior Jennifer Moore, a first-year skier, who could be Mercy's No. 3 racer.

The Marlins have plenty of new talent on which to base their hopes for the future. The newcomers include sophomores Sandy Taylor, Tracie McEllan, Mary Kay Jarboe, Cara Campbell, Patricia Vincent, Heather Collin and Tina Tipaldi and freshman Megan Lombardi.

Mercy opens its season today at Mount Brighton when eight schools compete in a giant slalom meet. The Marlins take on Brighton and Southfield on Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively, at Mount Brighton, also.

Marlins romp, ready for Ladywood

Farmington Hills Mercy disposed of Harper Woods Regalia in girls volleyball action last Thursday 11-15, 15-7, 15-0 and awaits a showdown this Thursday against Livonia Ladywood at Schoolcraft College.

Mercy upped its record to 8-1 overall, 1-0 in the Central Division of the Catholic League Region 9-1 in division play.

After falling behind 2-0 in

the game, the Marlins dominated the second game and lost 7-15 in the

before holding on. The second game got to Mercy in Game 3 was 10-7 before Mercy ran off five of

the game's last six points to win the match.

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