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Steve Tumey of North Farmington displays the form that enabled him to win the 500-yard freestyle Tuesday night as the Raiders took on crosstown rival Harrison in boys swimming.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

North won only four of the 11 events, but it still won the meet with superior depth, 93-79. Two of those victories came in the relays, and Tumey was a member of the 200 medley foursome.

North's depth key to victory

North Farmington raised its overall record to 3-2 in boys swimming Tuesday, winning four events to defeat Farmington Hills Harrison 93-79.

Steve Tumey won the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:10.03. Jordy Greenstein won the other individual title for North Farmington, capturing the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:05.53.

North also won the 200-yard medley and the 400-yard freestyle relay. Members of the 200-yard winning team, which finished in a time of 1:48.66, were Bruce Goins, Greenstein, Tumey and Doug Schwedland. Swimmers in the 400-yard freestyle were: Rich Barston, Keith Mahle, Dan Kolpper and Charles Chuba. North won the event in a time of 3:39.82.

DEARBORN EDEL FORD 89, FARMINGTON 74: Adam Krause won the only two events of the night Tuesday for Farmington, which fell to 0-4.

Krause's time of 23:60 earned him first-place honors in the 50-yard freestyle. He also finished first in the

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100-yard freestyle with a time of 53.5.

Farmington's Jim Vik qualified for the state meet in both the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly, recording times of 1:49.9 and 55.03, respectively.

PLYMOUTH SALEM 90, NOVI 82: Salem swimmer Ron Oris stole the show from Novi's Jon Cohen and the Rocks as a team defeated Novi, 90-82.

Oris defeated Cohen in the 200-yard freestyle, finishing in a time of 1:44.66. It was the first time in Cohen's high school career that he had lost in a 200-yard freestyle event, said Salem coach Chuck Olson.

Salem's Kevin Kolacki won the diving competition with a score of 233.2. David Miller placed first in

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Scott Farabee of Harrison catches his breath after completing a fast sprint in the 100-yard butterfly Tuesday night against North Farmington.

Hawks survive hoop scare

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How much more can the Franklin Patriots take?

The Livonians, looking for their first victory of the season, traveled Tuesday to Farmington Harrison for their Western Division basketball opener and nearly pulled off an upset, but Chad Burgess's rebound basket with only eight seconds left in overtime gave the Hawks a 72-70 victory.

"It was one of those games where whoever had the ball last wins," said Harrison coach Mike Teachman, whose team is 4-2 overall.

Franklin actually had the final shot. Make that two cracks in the final seconds.

Mike McCool, who led the Patriots with 16 points, missed a 3-pointer at the five-second mark. Teammate Roy Hall snatched the rebound underneath, but his attempt with two ticks left on the clock was partially deflected by Bryan Wauldron.

It was Wauldron, a springy 6-foot-2 junior forward, who kept the Hawks close throughout the night until the cold-shooting Burgess got untracked in the final quarter.

WAULDROON, who made another key block earlier in the overtime, finished the game with 26 points and 14 rebounds. Burgess, who struggled for three quarters before coming alive down the stretch, scored 12 of his 22 points in the final 11 minutes.

basketball

More basketball, 4D

"Chad came off a game where Marcus Lowe of (Westland) John Glenn was in his face all night long (a 56-48 Harrison loss) and I think he let it affect him when he went out tonight," Teachman said. "He just tried too hard. He tried to do it alone and then he got three fouls and he's no good when he sits on the bench next to me."

Franklin's misfortunes could be traced back to the end of the first half when Harrison's Jason McDonnell nailed an off-balance 30-foot bank shot, a three-pointer, to end the first half, giving the Hawks a 24-30 lead.

The Patriots held tough and eventually opened up an eight-point advantage, 56-48, with 8:24 left the game on a short banker by sophomore Scott Shipman.

BUT THE PATRIOTS couldn't stand prosperity. Harrison rallied and eventually took the lead, 66-64 on a three-point play by Burgess, the 6-2 junior, with 59 seconds left.

Franklin, however, didn't quit, sending the game into overtime on a Tarek Abul-Ison shot with 14 seconds left in regulation, making the count 66-61.

The Patriots were then edged in overtime, 64-61. "We're so close," lamented Franklin first-year coach Rod Hanna. "All we need is one win and we'll be on a roll."

"But this team has not learned to play mentally tough for 32-minutes . . . only this time it went into overtime. But we're learning and the hustle was there. I'm very proud of my team, but we've got to play until the game is over. We made too many mental mistakes."

Four Patriots scored in double figures led by McCool (16), Hall (12), Shipman (11) and point-guard Tom Shea (10).

"I knew they (Franklin) would play hard, but I was surprised at their execution," Teachman said. "Our big problem is that we don't make defensive stops. We just can't keep outscoring people."

FREE THROWS also played a key role in the final outcome.

Harrison, normally a 48 percent shooting team from the line, made 16 of 24, while Franklin was only 13 of 25.

"We were very confident we could score with the ball inside, but we're not a good free throw shooting team and it showed again," Hanna said. "And we practice free throws like crazy. It's just a confidence thing."

Franklin hopes to end its six-game skid Friday at home against Livonia Churchill, while Harrison plays at Walled Lake Western.

Raiders win 2nd tourney

When North Farmington's top hitters went down with ankle injuries in the first match of Saturday's volleyball tournament at Bloomfield Hills Andover, the Raiders' chances of winning seemed doubtful.

But they regrouped after losing that initial contest to Livonia Churchill, and North came back to avenge the defeat in the final and win their second straight tournament.

The Raiders, who won a tournament at Mount Clemens prior to the holiday break, boast a 10-1 record. They were scheduled to face Walled Lake Western in their first dual meet Wednesday before taking on defending Western Lakes champion Livonia Stevenson at home Monday.

North senior Suzi Butcher and No. 2 hitter Stephanie Knapp suffered the same fate in the opener, which the Chargers won 11-15, 7-15.

While Knapp returned to contribute to the victory with 20 kills after her injury was determined to be a sprained ankle, the Raiders have lost Butcher for at least three weeks.

"SHE'S AN ALL-state candidate and one we can't afford to lose," North coach Sandy Lubieniecki said. "But we don't want to rush her; we want her for February."

Lubieniecki added Butcher was off to a great start Saturday, going 9-for-11 on successful attacks with five kills.

But the Raiders rebounded from their early setbacks to defeat West Bloomfield 15-9, 15-10, split with Andover (5-15, 15-3) and qualify for the semifinals.

North eliminated cross-town rival Farmington Hills Harrison 15-6, 15-9 in that match and earned another shot at Churchill, which beat Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the other semi.

After dropping the first game 12-15, the Raiders rallied to win the next two, 15-6 and 15-12.

WHILE NORTH'S hitting was "good enough to get to the final," the Raiders chose the championship match as the time to have their best hitting performance, Lubieniecki said.

volleyball

More volleyball, 2D

North also mixed its attack against Churchill, recording 14 tips for points or sideouts.

"It's that's what it takes, you do that," Lubieniecki said. "You don't necessarily have to pound the ball to the floor."

In the wake of Butcher's absence, Donna O'Brien, the team's No. 5 hitter, came on to have an excellent tournament and make a major contribution.

Playing in Butcher's spot, she was 51-of-54 serving with 31 points, and she was 53-of-61 hitting with 17 kills.

"SHE WAS impressive enough that she'll be a starter until Suzi gets back," Lubieniecki said. "But she's putting pressure on the other girls because now she's a starter, too."

Knapp ended up leading the team in attacks, having 80 successful tries out of 88 attempts, and Pam Konjarevich, who was still recovering from a week-long illness, had 17 kills.

In addition, Missy Bossacaw played well all the way around the court. As the team's No. 2 blocker, she had to pick up much of the slack without Butcher in the lineup, and "her passing in the back row was exceptional," Lubieniecki said.

With the Raiders leading 14-12 in the final, Patty Gooding, who already had enjoyed a good day serving, came up again in the rotation. She served an ace for the clinching point.

Gooding was 30-of-32 serving with eight aces and 20 points for the tournament. Carrie Lee and Debbie Weintraub set up North's hitters throughout, collecting 50 and 35 assists, respectively.



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