

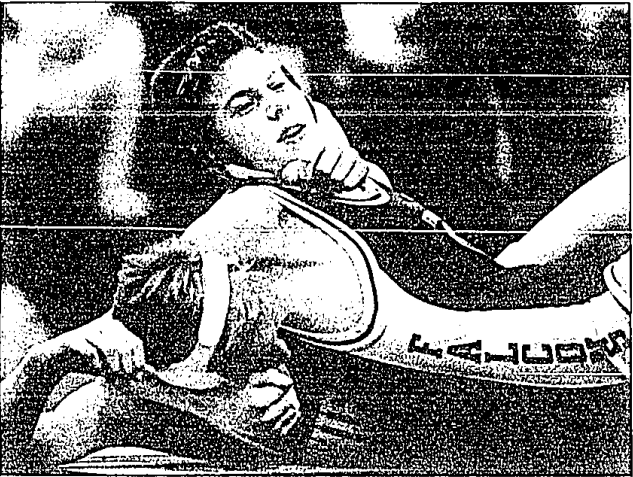
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Farmington's Brian Beattie started the evening off well for the Falcons, pinning Dave Yack in the 103-pound bout, but things went down hill after that as Canton posted a 54-15 victory.

Canton pins Farmington

Plymouth Canton outscored Farmington Wednesday night 54-15 in a wrestling match that saw more than a few pins.

Brian Beattie (103) of the host Falcons started off the evening with a pin against Canton's Dave Yack at 1:31.

Canton came back in the 112-pound division, however, when Chief Jerry Flynn pinned Rob Sutton in just 29 seconds. Canton added to its lead when James Carnes pinned Falcon Chris Phillips at 3:29 in the 119-pound class.

Then it was Farmington's turn to gain a pin, as 125-pound Steve Lemieux beat Nathan Ballue at 4:24 in the match.

The heavier weight classes, however, belonged to the Chiefs. Chris Zelek (150) pinned Jon Duff in 1:56. Scott Ferguson (135) beat Brian Link in a 13-6 decision. Liam Rentz (140) pinned Joe Goudeseune in 1:19. Jim Yack (145) defeated Mike Pallo in a 5-0 decision. Tim Nardini (152) pinned Chris Kresl in 1:50 and Nick Purzer (160) pinned Kent Allison in 3:50.

Falcon Matt Siskowski partially redeemed Farmington by beating Canton's Erik Jallad in a close 8-7 decision. Chiefs Mark Mesarros and Wayne Robertson in the 189 and heavyweight classes won by default.

A YOUNG Farmington Hills Harrison wrestling squad was outgunned and outmatched against Livonia Stevenson, losing at home Wednesday night 51-21.

The Hawks won just the 112, 145, 171 and heavyweight divisions.

Sophomore Rip Wolfe, at 145 pounds, led the Hawks with a quick pin against Livonia Stevenson's Neil Ebue, at 1:20 in the first period. Sophomore Dave Pruski, at 112 pounds, pinned Spartan Barry Caen in 1:57 seconds into the second period.

Hawk Todd Lytwyniuk, at 171 pounds, won a 7-5 decision against Chris Lehti.

Heavyweight division Jason Gloetzer won by default when the



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Steve Lemieux of Farmington throws 125-pound opponent Nathan Ballue to the mat, a move that led to an eventual pin.

Spartans were unable to come up with an opponent for him.

Two other Harrison wrestlers, 140-pound Gary Devine and 135-pound Mike Kennedy, lost close decisions. Devine lost to Brian Mitchell 7-6, and Kennedy lost to Paul Linkennan 11-9.

Harrison coach Matt Gasser said his squad held up well until late in the matches when Hawk youth and stamina gave way to Spartan experience and conditioning.

"After a while, we'll get more in tune with what were doing and you should see some improvement all around," he said.

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Marcus Brown, wrestling at 130 pounds, pinned Jamie Ryder in 4:31, and Lucian Van Cleave (135) ended his bout with Jarrett Beer in 1:05.

In the 140-pound contest, Matt Thompson scored a technical fall (17-2) over Scott Stever, and North heavyweight Bob Chica pinned Mark McCarthy in 1:42.

Adam Cook suffered his first loss at 160 when Northville captain and regional qualifier Bob Townsend won a 4-2 decision.

North gets scare but overtakes RU

By Dan O'Meara
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The Redford Union basketball team that showed up for Friday's game wasn't the same RU team of the past. Many no doubt expected the visiting Panthers to surrender without a fight against unbeaten North Farmington, but that was hardly the case.

For more than three quarters, RU was on the verge of an impressive victory until the Raiders pulled away for an 89-78 outcome that was much closer than the final score indicates.

"Because of past records, they never expect that," RU coach Tip Smathers said. "We had poor game on Tuesday night, and we worked on some things."

"We know they're a good team, but we came in here to win."

NORTH, WHICH had won its first two games by lopsided margins over Berkeley and Birmingham Seaholm, upped its record to 3-0 while the Panthers dropped to 2-2.

Smathers had RU working on its press breaker after being beaten by Farmington Hills Harrison on Tuesday, and the Panthers' execution of that was the key to their success Friday.

"Harrison made us look bad with their press, and we were disappointed in that," Smathers said. "We had scouts out and we knew (the Raiders) pressed."

After struggling to stay with RU in the first half, North made a run in the third quarter to erase a 10-point deficit and opened up a lead in the final minute of the game.

"I have to give credit to RU," North's Tom Negoshian said. "Tip had a great game plan; they broke the press and made the shots."

"Fortunately for us, we hung together and kinda wore them down at the end. To our kids' credit, we were down by 10 and came back and won the game."

The offense-dominated game naturally included some outstanding individual efforts.

RU GUARD Dan Leczotte scored a game-high 29 points, and teammate Steve Nowak scored 24. Nowak and Andy Christopherson had eight rebounds apiece as the Panthers held their own against a taller North team.

For the Raiders, forwards Brian Temple and Chris White scored 22 and 18 points, respectively. Point guard Matt Hoffman got most of his 16 in the second half, and he complemented that with 19 assists and eight steals. Center Eric Carlson also had 16 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

In the first half, the smaller Panthers used their quickness and crisp passing to beat North down the court for easy baskets. Leczotte got a lot of his points on drives to the hoop and close shots, and Nowak was the outside threat, making four of his 10 field goals from 3-point land.

"When they pressed," Smathers said, "we tried to go for the hoop, so they'd take the pressure off. But they kept pressing, and we kept going for it."

"They pressed the issue, and we were equal to the task for 3 1/2 quarters."

"I was encouraged coming into this season," added Smathers, who wasn't so surprised by his team's play. "I know we have talent on this team. In the '80s, we haven't done well, but we feel we're coming on."

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HOFFMAN, WHO averaged 30 points in North's first two games, had only two in the first half but had passed for 12 assists. Temple scored half his points and got support from Carlson, Eric Dettler and White to keep the Raiders within two at halftime, 44-42.

"(Hoffman) gave up the ball," Negoshian said. "He and the whole team found out he doesn't have to carry the scoring load for us to be in a ballgame."

First-half free throws also helped the Panthers, who were 13-of-19 at the line in those two quarters. Leczotte was 11-of-13 for the game. North, with 15 first-half fouls to RU's six, had both big men, Carlson and Bill Chwalik, in foul trouble with three apiece at halftime.

The Panthers looked ready to run away with the game at the start of the third quarter as Nowak scored seven of nine RU points and the Panthers struck to a 53-43 lead.

North missed its first nine shots, but the situation turned quickly in its favor. White scored the team's first basket of the half at 4:57, and the press produced consecutive turnovers that led to Temple and Hoffman baskets.

After an RU timeout and another turnover — the Panthers made eight in the third quarter — Hoffman passed to Dettler on the break for a layup, and Temple's free throw at 3:48 capped a run of nine unanswered points that cut RU's lead to 53-52.

"IT STARTED going our way and we gained confidence," Hoffman said, "but the main thing was we stayed in control, played smart and kept our heads."

"They came ready to play and we weren't ready to play. We didn't want to win the game. I think we can beat just about anybody if we're mentally ready to play our game and not someone else's game."

Hoffman's triple tied the game at 55, but the Panthers refused to fold. Hoffman hit a wide-open Carlson underneath the hoop with 19 seconds left to give the Raiders a 60-58 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The teams traded baskets at a furious pace to begin the last period, and the game was tied at 70 for the last time with 4:13 to play.

Leczotte made a spectacular shot while falling down, and teammate Carl Watkins was shooting a 1-and-1 with the Panthers down 70-68. Before he shot the ball, North was called for a lane violation. Negoshian called timeout to question the call and was given a technical when he walked on the floor.

"I wanted a double violation," Negoshian said. "When players from both teams step in, it's a double violation and jump ball. I wanted to know if that was the call."

Leczotte made both free throws to tie, but Hoffman answered with a baseline layup, a steal and an assist to Carlson, who put the Raiders ahead 74-70 with 3:12 remaining.

North held on and extended its lead with some easy transition baskets in the last minute.

"As well as RU played, it's a credit to our kids for pulling one out of the fire because it was there to lose," Negoshian said.

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Rocks crush Churchill

Livonia Churchill would have had a load on its hands even with a healthy wrestling team Thursday.

But the flu-weakened Chargers, who reportedly were missing seven regulars from their lineup, were no match for Plymouth Salem, which drilled visiting Churchill 62-14.

"If Churchill was without those starters and with us being pretty solid, it was like our team wrestling a JV team," Salem coach Ron Krueger said.

"It's not indicative of what the Churchill team is. I'm sure the Churchill team is better than that."

"But our kids are wrestling better," he added, saying the Lansing Eastern Invitational the Rocks were to participate in Saturday would be an excellent test. "If you have a kid win that tournament, you can really say he's got a real good shot at winning the state."

SALEM STARTED the rout with pins by Scott Martin (103) and Dan Bonnett (114). Martin stopped Matt Dollinski in 3:07, and it took Bonnett 36 seconds to end his bout with Matt Cooper.

The 110-pound contest between Salem's Chad Wilson and Brad Wolfe ended in a 3-3 draw, but the Rocks followed with two more pins.

Ken Stopa (125), one of three undefeated wrestlers on the Salem team, pinned Craig Shepley in 1:32, and Julian Sell (130) pinned Andy Brown in 2:35.

The Chargers won two of the next three bouts.

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Churchill's Casey Krause (135) pinned Jeff Coleman in 2:45, and teammate Mark Pierce (145) defeated Bob Hansen 2-1.

In between those bouts, Salem's Jeff Shumate pinned Ryan Beworsdorf in one minute. After the 145-pound contest, it was all Salem and decisively so. The Rocks won the last five bouts with pins that took less than two minutes to execute.

Charlie Apigian (152) pinned Kevin Mucherin in 1:55. Steve Burlison (160) pinned Mike Shamlinkin in 20 seconds. Pete Israel (171) pinned Ron Rogowicz in 1:39. Brian Burlison (189) pinned Gerald Otkuban in 49 seconds and heavyweight Scott Breithaupt pinned Ed Walker in 20 seconds. Stopa and the Burlisons boast 6-0 individual records.

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