

Sports

Dan O'Meara editor/591-2312

Monday, January 14, 1991 O&E

(F1C)



Farmington wrestlers thump Raiders

Farmington won the last six bouts Thursday and defeated crosstown rival North Farmington in dual meet wrestling, 54-15.

"It's been a couple of years since we've beaten North," Farmington coach Al Beyer said. "It went pretty much the way I thought it would, but there were a couple of upsets that surprised me."

The Falcons improved their record to 7-4, scoring the last 37 points of the match, which included a bonus of six when the Raiders voided the heavy-weight class.

"We won all of our matches from 140 up to heavyweight, but we need to get more from the lighter weights," Beyer said. "We're young down there, but they're getting better."

After Marcus Brown pinned Brian Link (1:43) at 135 pounds to pull the Raiders within two points, 17-15, Farmington took control of the match after that.

Back-to-back pins by Dave Link over Marc Joseph (1:46) at 140 and Dave Monge over Kevin Demeter (0:41) at 145 gave the Falcons a 29-15 lead.

Chris Kresl won a 9-2 decision over Jared Lawrence in the 152 bout, and Farmington came back with two more pins — Mike Pallo at 160 over Aaron Lawrence (1:41) and Steve Walter at 171 over Rob Chuba (1:51) — before Ryan Adams beat Bob Chika 9-1 at 189.

The two decisions and two pins boosted Farmington's lead to 48-15. Larry Melchert earned six additional points for the void at heavyweight.

"That's the toughest Farmington I've seen since I've been coaching at North," North coach Dick Cook said. "They're tough enough to win it all this year."

The Raiders, 4-5 in duals, took a 9-6 lead on Dan Cassidy's decision at 112 over Rob Sutton (6-3) and Dave Orow's pin at 119 against John Lane (1:48). Brian Beattie of Farmington started the match with a pin (1:13) over Kevin Corbin.

The Falcons regained the lead when Jon Duff scored a 21-5, technical fall over Jeremy Moy at 125 and Steve LeMieux pinned (2:25) Dan Greenhalgh at 130.

In a triangular meet Tuesday, Farmington defeated Farmington Hills Harrison 54-15 and Berkley 49-21 but lost to Waterford Kettering 38-18. Monge, Kresl and Pallo were 3-0. Kresl had one forfeit victory on his record. LeMieux, Brian Link and Adams were 2-1.

HARRISON LOST a Western Division dual meet to Livonia Franklin 52-16 Thursday, which dropped the Hawks to 1-5 overall.

Harrison had four winners. Craig Durant (112) defeated Dave Rowland 11-1. Dave Prusinski (125) pinned Aaron Ingold in 1:26. Gary Devine (145) defeated Pat Polsson 3-0 and Todd Lytwyniuk (189) outscored Brian Whetstone 12-5.

Franklin winners were Derek Rowland (103), Jesse Shakarian (119), Nick Kostakis (130), Eric Holmes (135), Fred Vargas (140), Ben Leece (152), Paul White (160), Aaron Shakarian (189) and Bobby Johnson at heavyweight.

Rowland, Kostakis, Vargas, Leece and White had pins. Holmes won a decision and the Shakarians and Johnson won on walkovers.

North's volleyball team whips Canton in league

North Farmington began Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball play Wednesday with a three-game win over Plymouth Canton, 15-12, 15-7, 15-10.

The Raiders are 3-1 overall, the Chiefs 0-1.

North was led by junior middle hitter Sarah Lundgren, who had 11 service points, seven kills and was 17-for-17 in receiving serves. Senior middle hitter Eve Claar had eight kills.

All 12 players saw action for the Raiders.

"The kids played well, but not as well as they can because this is exam week," North Farmington coach Sandy Lubienicki said.

"But a win is a win. These are big ones, playing teams within the league."

Senior setter Dana Botwick had 11 points (four aces) and 12 assists. Junior setter Karen Seremet served 10 points and had nine assists.

"Sarah had an excellent, all-around match — digging, passing, serving and hitting," Lubienicki said.

Despite the loss, Canton coach Jackie Getz was happy with her team's performance.

"I was pleased considering it was the season opener and the girls had a lot of jitters," she said. "They played with a lot of intensity, and there are a lot of things we need to work on."

NORA HAND held the hot hand Thursday for Farmington Hills Mercy as her serving paced the Marlins in their 15-6, 15-3 defeat Redford Bishop Borgees.

Mercy, ranked No. 4 in the state, is 2-0 in the Central Division and 14-0 overall.

Hand served for 16 points, 10 of which were aces. She started the first game with 10 consecutive points, including seven aces.

"It was pretty much a serving game," Mercy coach Tim DeBeliso said. "If you're a good serving team, and I think we are — and the team you're playing is a good receiving team, you can give them problems with your serving and that's what we did."

Karen Pinkerton served three aces in the first game, and Gail Murie closed it with two points. Hand staked the Marlins to a 6-0 lead in the second, and Mercy led 11-0 before the Spartans scored.

In a game dominated by serving, Mercy didn't have a need for much of a hitting attack. Maureen Paulin had four kills and no errors from nine spikes, and Laure DeMatilla was 3-of-5 hitting.

The Marlins have a key division encounter tonight when they play at No. 7 Livonia Ladywood at 7.

Please turn to Page 2

Teams nationally ranked

The United States Slo-Pitch Softball Association released its final 1990 national rankings this month, and two South Farmington girls teams are among the 20 best in the country in their respective divisions.

The South Farmington Girls B 12-and-under team climbed to fourth in the final rankings, the highest national rating of any South Farmington team. (See rankings on Page 2C.)

South Farmington, the 1990 state champion, finished behind national champ Moore's Angels from Oklahoma City, Kentucky state champ Hill 'N' Misses from Louisville and the state champs from Tennessee, Donelson Civitan.

South finished the tournament season with an overall record of 18-7, winning six of the B tournaments it entered, including the Canton National Invitational.

softball

The South Farmington Girls C 10-and-under team, state champs in 1989, spent the season rebuilding but still had enough points to place 15th in the Midwest Division.

WITH MANY players being new to the tournament scene, the team is credited with a third-place finish in a major national invitational, the Smokey Bear tournament in Cincinnati.

South Farmington opens its house league season May 4, with tournament competition beginning in June. The No. 4-ranked girls B state championship team included Marjory Deward, Diana Dickow, Britta-

ny Dixon, Holly Foster, Amy Geary, Alana Heikkinen, Kristen Kozlars, Teresa Lindenmuth, Jennifer Lis, Dorrine McLean, Erin Moug, Jennifer Mysinski, Robin Neada, Becky Pesci, Kristen Schott and bat girl Carla Heikkinen.

The team was managed by Paul Geary with assistance from coaches Chris Cisto, Jim Foster and Lance Pesci.

The girls C squad consisted of Ari Ault, Karen Brooks, Katie Devereux, Erin and Kerry Fitzgerald, Melanie Grewe, Blake Heraghty, Colleen Kalkzynski, Shanae McGrath, Amy Monday, Kelly Moug, Flavia Palazetti, Carly Ramsay, Amy Rebandt, Kristen Siskosky, Vanessa Soborowski and batgirl Ali Ault.

The manager was Dennis Heraghty, who was assisted by coaches Andy Grewe, Bob Moug and Mike Thomas.



Prep skiing

Mercy's Megan Lombardi was seventh among individual skiers Thursday in a competition won by Birmingham Seaholm. Mount Brighton High School Ski Association. See story on Page 2C.

CC rallies to win, ends losing streak

A ferocious fourth-quarter press enabled Redford Catholic Central to break its five-game losing streak at the expense of Birmingham Brother Rice Friday at CC, 64-54.

Rice had a 42-39 lead entering the final period, but against the Shamrocks' pressure the Warriors folded. CC had a 16-1 run in the quarter that sealed Rice's fate.

Steve Whitlow ignited the Shamrocks, scoring nine of his 18 points in the fourth. Chad Varga also had 18 for CC, and Bob Kummer contributed 13.

Andy Haislip's 19 points was best for Rice, which fell to 0-3 in the Catholic League's Central Division (1-7 overall). Paul Grant added 10.

The win improved CCC's record to 3-5 overall, 1-2 in the Central Division.

FRANKLIN 56, GLENN 50: Franklin coach Rod Hanna has a lot of teams frustrated. If the opposition defenses guard Keith Roberts, they can get the ball to center Steve McCool in the low post. The Patriots did just that on Friday and McCool walked away with a game-high 18 points, but more importantly, Franklin defeated the visiting Westland John Glenn 56-50 in a Western Lakes Activities Association basketball encounter.

"Steve had a good game," Hanna said. "He proved his senior leadership on the floor and hit some crucial free throws down the stretch."

McCool rounded out his offensive effort by chipping in three rebounds and three assists.

The Patriots (5-2, 2-0) led 26-21 at halftime and 39-34 after three quarters.

Roberts contributed 15 points and six assists for Franklin, while senior guard Dave Roman added 10 points.

Junior forward Kevin Champion paced the Rockets with 15 points. Jackie Howard had 10.

John Glenn is 2-4, 1-1.

STEVENSON 62, WESTERN 43: Livonia Stevenson built a 30-12 half-time lead en route to a WLAAC win Friday over host Walled Lake Western.

The Spartans improve to 2-4 overall and 1-1 in the league. Western is 5-2, 1-1.

Junior guard Matt Grodzicki paced the winners with 17 points, while Junior forward Colin Stockton chipped in 16.

Jeff Kubik led Western with 16 points.

S'craft men soar; women slump

A lot of things are going right for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team.

And a lot of things are going wrong for SC's women's team.

First the men. After losing four players due to academic troubles, and two more who quit the team because of financial difficulties, a slump seemed certain. On the contrary, The Ocelots won two-straight Eastern Conference games, including Wednesday's 113-91 triumph at St. Clair County CC.

Beating the Skippers was no big deal, it's true. The loss left St. Clair 0-13 overall, 0-4 in the Eastern Conference.

As each coach Dave Bogataj said, "It wasn't a pretty game. It was a playground-type thing — we let you score, then we score."

SC's offense, though, was better. Indeed, the Ocelots hardly had to get closer than 20 feet to be effective. For the second-straight game, they were on fire from the three-point range. They canned 12-of-15, outscoring St. Clair CCC 36-3 from trey country.

"We're shooting the three very well right now," said Bogataj, stating the obvious but trying to downplay it, fearing a streak-ending jinx. In a win over Alpena CC Jan. 5, SC made 11-of-14 threes.

"THAT'S GREAT shooting," Bogataj continued. "But I'm not going to say anything else about it."

He did have something to say about his team's defense, however; notably, it will have to get better if SC is going to keep winning. "We can score. It's defense we can't play sometimes."

Against the Skippers, Kweil

OCC keeps on winning

Oakland Community College's men's basketball team kept its winning streak alive Wednesday against visiting Alpena CC, but the Raiders were far from sharp.

Fortunately, they had a lot more depth than the Lumberjacks.

With five players reaching double-figures in scoring — led by James Escobar from Southfield HS, with 28 points — OCC had little trouble disposing of Alpena CC 95-73. The win ran the Raiders' record to 14-0 overall, 4-0 in the Eastern Conference. Alpena dipped to 6-9 overall, 0-4 in the conference.

OCC shot well from the floor, connecting on 35-of-65 shots (54 percent) to Alpena's 26-of-74 (35 percent). The Raiders also outrebanded the Lumberjacks, 51-31.

But their shooting from the free throw line was horrible. 10-of-22 (45 percent). Alpena was no better from the line, hitting 9-of-20 (45 percent).

Still, it was a win for OCC, which also got 14 points from Jerry Pruskierni, 12 from both Devin Bell and Ed Whitaker, and 10 from DuShawn Stewart. Pruskierni had 16 rebounds, Bell had 14 and Escobar grabbed 12. Whitaker had six assists and eight steals.

Daniel Bridges topped Alpena with 13 points. Mike Kollie added 11.

OCC plays at Henry Ford CC Wednesday, then has a homecourt showdown with Mott CC at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Both Mott and OCC are unbeaten in conference play and are rated co-favorites for the title.

McGill and Randy Watters took turns igniting the Ocelots. McGill connected on seven-straight threes (he finished 7-of-9) and scored 16 of his game-high 29 points in the first half. Watters was 4-for-4 from three-point range and netted 23 of his 27 points in the second half.

Dave Hamilton complemented both netting 10 points in each half to finish with 20. Mitch Fyke scored 14 and Scott Meredith added 10. Barry Quayle (seven points) hauled down 12 rebounds and Meredith had nine. Scott Meredith added nine assists and Fyke collected seven.

SC led 54-42 at the half and was

never in danger. The closest St. Clair got in the second half was eight points. Ken Lanning's 21 points paced the Skippers. Fred Hayes and Rob Lanning added 12 apiece.

The win improved SC's record to 9-6 overall, 2-2 in the Eastern Conference.

SC'S WOMEN'S team has not fared well since the layoff between semesters. Unlike the men's team, the Lady Ocelots were unaffected by academic problems. Indeed, only one team member had less than a 2.5 grade-point average.

Coach Jack Grenan had hoped to

basketball

use the time off to fine-tune his young line freshmen, three sophomores' squad. Unfortunately, it hasn't worked out that way. SC dropped its second consecutive Eastern Conference game Wednesday, dropping a 53-50 decision to visiting St. Clair CCC.

Lack of scoring punch cost SC. Treva Lucas had 17 points and nine rebounds, and Nicole Dapprich finished with 11 points and 10 boards. No one else scored more than five. SC guards Julie Siwicki, Donna Galb, Leocani Lightfoot and Stacie Smith were a combined 0-for-11 from the floor in the first half and 4-of-21 for the game.

SC TRAILED 56-50 with 10 seconds left when Siwicki connected on a three pointer. The Lady Ocelots' only triple of the game (11 attempts) On the inbound play, SC forced a turnover and with four seconds left had a chance for a game-tying shot. Unfortunately, they never got a shot off.

Another factor in SC's loss: free throw shooting. The Lady Ocelots made just 15-of-30. St. Clair CCC (now 2-1 in the conference) hit 10-of-20. Jenny Iobberowsky's 14 points was best for St. Clair; Carrie Hickson got 12.

The defeat left SC at 8-5 overall, 1-3 in the conference. On Jan. 5, the Lady Ocelots ran into a red-hot Alpena CC team and got thumped 100-77.