

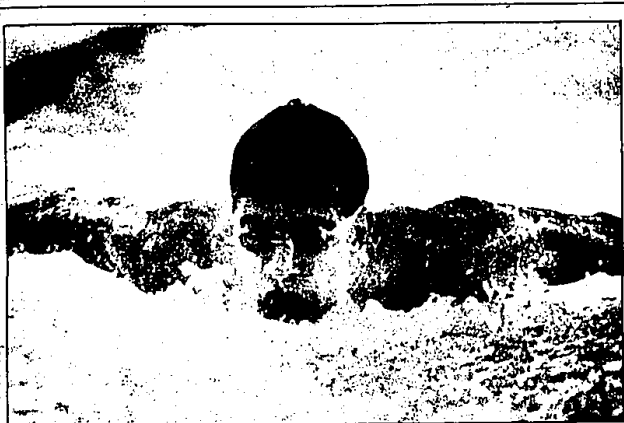
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Making waves!

Mike Drelles (above) and Itai Zohar (right) helped the North Farmington boys swimming team tie for fifth place with Northville in Saturday's Western Lakes Activities Association Relays. For details, see 2B.



JOHN STORMZAND/staff photographer

Getting focused

Matmen use opener to prep for county meet

Farmington High split a pair of wrestling matches Saturday at Clintonville High School.

The Falcons, expected to contend for the Western Lakes Activities Association mat crown, routed Milford Lakeland, 37-21, and lost to Clintonville, 35-26.

The triangular meet was a strong early-season test for Farmington, which will compete in Saturday's Oakland County Meet at Oakland Community College (Orchard Ridge Campus on Orchard Lake Road just south of 12 Mile Road).

North Farmington and Farmington Hills Harrison also will send teams to the Oakland County Meet.

The heavier weight classes carried most of the load Saturday for the Falcons.

Farmington finished with eight wins against Lakeland, five coming by pins.

John Economy, wrestling at 112, got the Falcons started by pinning opponent Jason Cupp at 1:37. Rob Sutton (125) decisively beat Jeremy Agne in 3:36. Mike Pale (171) downed Mike Merriman, 5-0. Bob Cavagnoli (189) beat James Kolodziej, 12-4; heavyweight Matt Slosky pinned Todd Banaszak in 32 seconds.

Farmington won the last five battles.

David Link (145) outdueled Bob Huhn, 13-8. Dave Monge (152) pinned Chris Cappell in 18 seconds; Ryan Adams (160) pinned Jeremy Agne in 3:36. Mike Pale (171) downed Mike Merriman, 5-0. Bob Cavagnoli (189) beat James Kolodziej, 12-4; heavyweight Matt Slosky pinned Todd Banaszak in 32 seconds.

Against Clintonville, the Falcons fell in a hole early, losing the first six matches. Jason Holiday (140) at least helped Farmington gain some momentum with a pin in 1:12 over Brian Rothenhauser. Link (145) won by disqualification, while Monge defeated Kevin Pickard in 3:49 and Adams (160) decisively beat Matt Austin, 11-0. Cavagnoli (189) earned the Fal-

wrestling

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Farmington coach

cons' other win, 5-2, over John Coudun.

Farmington coach Al Beyer was pleased with his team's heavier weight classes but suggests improvement elsewhere.

"Rumor is Clintonville is one of the better teams in Macomb County," Beyer said. "I was kind of disappointed with a couple weight classes that I thought should have won but didn't. If it wasn't for our 140 pounds-on having some pins we might have had trouble winning our first match (against Lakeland)."

NORTH FARMINGTON and Farmington Hills Harrison met in a quad meet Saturday, with the Raiders prevailing, 48-25.

North, which also defeated Rochester, 39-31, and lost to Warren Lincoln, 46-24, recorded seven pins over Harrison.

Those attaining pins were: Senior Dan Cassidy (113) over Brad Brekett, 38; Junior Mark McDonald (119) over Derek Jaeger, 2:45; Junior Dave Orow (125) over Darnell Priemer, 3:17; Marcus Brown (140) over Tom James, 1:32; Eric Grant (145) over Eric Brown, 3:31; Jared Lawrence (160) over Jason Blumberg, 1:02;

heavyweight Bob Chika over Chris Clough, 56.

Harrison had five wins, including one by void.

Brian Atkinson (103) won the void, while Doug Whitten (130) pinned Andrew Siegal in 4:30 and David Gloetzer (171) pinned Jeff Light in 3:39. David Prusinski (135) narrowly missed pinning opponent Dan Greenhalgh and settled for a 15-2 win, while Marcel Lenz (152) beat Kevin Demeter, 5-2.

Prusinski was impressive the entire afternoon, with two earlier pins prior to the match against North.

"If he had another half a second (against Greenhalgh), Dave would have had three pins on the day," Harrison coach Darrell Tharnish said.

In North's 39-31 win over Rochester, the following won matches: Cassidy (112) pinned Dave Patton, 56; McDonald (119) pinned Alan Daszkiewicz, 5:34; Dave Orow (125) pinned Mike Marcotte, 39; Siegal (103) defeated Brian McGee, 14:16; Lawrence (160) pinned Darin Weeks, 3:45; Chika (hwt.) pinned Dino Pradas, 3:22; Chuba (189) pinned Tom Bennett, 1:07.

The winners in North's 46-24 loss to Warren Lincoln were: Greenhalgh (135) pinned Brent Lawrence, 1:35; Brown (140) defeated Derek Owings, 10-6; Lawrence (160) def. Sean Pearce, 11-9. Pearce is a defending Class A regional champion.

Harrison was winless in three matches on the day.

In the Hawks' 54-21 loss to Rochester, four Hawks won: Atkinson (103) defeated Brendan McCarthy, 9-5; Derek Jaeger (119) pinned Alan Daszkiewicz, 5:06; Prusinski (130) pinned Brian McGee, 4:7; Gloetzer (171) pinned Matt Diamond, 2:30.

In a 56-15 loss to Lincoln, three Hawks prevailed: Priemer (125) defeated Donovan Davis, 9-3; Prusinski pinned Robert Ward, 2:41; Gloetzer pinned Eric Norberg, 2:41.

Mr. perfect

Gilvydis can't go wrong in Hawk win

North Farmington on Tuesday jumped out to a 20-12 lead after one quarter over Redford Union and used the advantage to win the non-league boys basketball game, 73-65, at home.

Senior guard Dean Pennala led the winners with 18 points, while senior guard Mark Temple and senior forward Jon Sturtz contributed 16 and 15, respectively. The Raiders made 20-of-27 free throws compared to 9-14 by RU.

North improved to 1-1 overall and RU fell to 1-2. RU, which never got closer than five points after the first quarter, was led by senior guard Bill Malecki's game-high 19 points. Paul Nowak added 13 and Mike Ernst scored nine.

North enjoyed a 40-30 halftime lead and the lead stayed at 10, 58-46, after three quarters.

"They missed shots and turned the ball over in the first half," North

basketball

coach Tom Negoshian said. "They made a nice run in the fourth quarter but we hung on. That's, two games in a row that we've executed well."

RU coach Tip Smathers also credited North's rebounding.

"Their offensive rebounding hurt us," Smathers said. "They were real tenacious on the boards."

HARRISON 67, KETTERING 39: Senior forward Paul Gilvydis needed only 11 minutes Tuesday to score a game-high 21 points on 8-of-8 shooting (including two three-point shots) and three free throws.

The win at Waterford Kettering not only improved Harrison to 3-0

overall, but satisfied coach Mike Teachman in other ways as well.

All 13 Hawks played.

"We wanted to play a lot of people for game experience down the road and didn't want to play to their (Kettering's) level — which we also did (not do)," Teachman said.

Harrison is idle until Jan. 7 when it plays at Detroit Country Day. Teachman welcomes the layoff so Harrison's football players can "rest their bodies" over the holiday season.

Harrison led 21-9 after one quarter and 37-22 at halftime. The Hawks pulled away even more in the third quarter, outscoring the Captains, 22-5, to lead, 59-27.

Senior Dan Hight scored 12 points and had four assists and four steals in 14 minutes of play, while senior Greg Piscopink contributed 10 points. Don Fellows led Kettering, 1-2 overall, with 17 points.

Falcons match '91 win total

By Neal Zipser
staff writer

For the Farmington boys basketball team, it was a chance to equal its win total from last year. For the Falcons' rookie coach, Dennis Mikel, it was a chance to meet a well-respected peer.

So one could say there was plenty of rhyme and reason to Tuesday's 65-53 non-league win over visiting Waterford Mott.

"I went up to him after the game, shook his hand, and then asked for his autograph," said Mikel, referring to Waterford Mott coach Ralph Grubb. "He's in the coaches Hall of

Fame."

Mikel enjoyed meeting Grubb and was just as pleased watching the Falcons move to 2-1 overall, which already ties last season's win total when they were a dismal 2-19 overall. Grubb, who spent the past three decades as a successful coach at Pontiac Central, is winless in three games as a first-year coach at Mott.

Mikel and Farmington senior Brian Afterbaugh agreed the players seem comfortable playing together.

"THE KIDS KNOW that they won't be taken out of the game every time they make a mistake and that may be the reason they're more

comfortable," Mikel said. "We should be 3-0. We lost at Redford Union (59-47 Thursday) in overtime after they hit a three pointer at the end of regulation. We're playing well."

"We are more confident and there is more team unity," Afterbaugh said. "The difference from last season is a combination of things."

The Falcons, who won't play again until Jan. 7 when they travel to Birmingham Seaholm, made sure they'd enjoy their break with an 11-0 run early in the fourth quarter to extend a 47-43 lead to 58-43.

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