

Falcons get lift from victory

A young Farmington wrestling team got a needed victory and infusion of confidence Saturday by defeating host Livonia Franklin in a team dual tournament, 45-32.

The Falcons are 1-3 after losing their first match of the day to Redford Union, 64-20.

"(The win) did wonders for everybody's morale," Farmington coach Al Beyer said. "They realize they're able to compete with teams at their own level. Redford is a little older than us."

Double winners for the Falcons were Steve Russo at 103 pounds and Courtland Bartlett at 171. Russo won both bouts by pin; Bartlett had a pin and a 6-0 decision.

"They came out with the same enthusiasm and fire they had last Thursday (in the season opener)," Beyer said of the entire complement of wrestlers. "(The opponent) was just better suited."

The RU match was a lot closer than the score indicated. We'll see them at the end of the season in the team district, and we'll be able to gauge how much we've improved when we see them then.

FARMINGTON 45

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 32

Dec. 1 at Livonia Franklin

278: Adam Hardow (F) pin, Ryan Pokrysky, 1:06; 103: Steve Russo (F) pin, Jesse Gaudiosi, 0:17; 155: Ryan Hawkins (F) dec, Andrew Anderson, 5-4; 139: Ray Stratos (LF) pin, Lance Dawson, 1:52; 128: David Watkins (LF) pin, Andrew Mitchell, 3:56; 130: Jon Schwartz (F) pin,

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Keyle McCourt, 2:58; 138: Rob Easterday (F) dec, Chris Opalewski, 13-2; 140: Mike Kish (F) pin, Dan Chilikski, 0:55; 148: Joe Black (LF) tech, fall over Brad Stahl, 20:3; 182: Cam Murland (F) pin, Ray Lofelito, 4:55; 160: Chris Tague (F) pin, Ethan Keadie, 0:20; 171: Courtland Bartlett (F) pin, Rob Debon, 0:20; 189: James Aszard (LF) pin, John Ledbetter, 2:44; 238: Richard Martinez (LF) pin, Samad Jabra, 3:45.

REDFORD UNION 64

FARMINGTON 20

Dec. 1 at Livonia Franklin

103 pounds: Steve Russo (F) pinned Josh Wischmeyer, 1:38; 152: Jim Moore (RU) pin, Andrew Anderson, 1:47; 139: Lance Dawson (F) pin, Chris Tomaski, 1:56; 128: John Moore (RU) pin, Andrew Bernicchi, 1:12; 130: John Gourley (RU) dec, Jon Schwartz, 10-4; 138: Tony Lee (RU) dec, Rob Easterday, 6-3; 140: Chris Hopkins (RU) pin, Mike Kish, 3:56; 148: Josh Lear (RU) pin, Brad Stahl, 0:56; 182: Dutch Choreszewski (RU) pin, Jeff Ebiowski, 0:23; 180: Jake Bongoro (RU) pin, Chris Tague, 0:28; 171: Courtland Bartlett (F) dec, Mike Taylor, 0-0; 189: Josh Bartlett (F) pin, Jake Robbins, 1:47; 238: Nick Wickham (RU) pin, Samad Jabra, 0:33; 278: Jason Ledo (RU) pin, Adam Hardow, 1:02.

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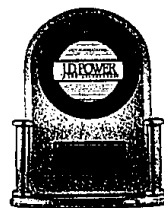
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WEEK AHEAD

FRESH BOYS BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 7

Churchill at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Franklin at Northville, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Tay, Kennedy, 7 p.m.

A.A. Huron at Canton, 7 p.m.

Borgess at Oakwood, 7 p.m.

Chiles at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.

Ph. Christian at Melvindale, 7 p.m.

(Sagamore Mich. Luth. Teenage)

U. Luth. vs. Kew-Forest, 6 p.m.

Mich. Luth. vs. Huron Valley, 6 p.m.

(Luth. Westland Tip-Off Classic)

Luth. North vs. Luth. NW, 6:30 p.m.

Luth. Wild vs. Luth. East, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Luth. Wild Tip-Off, 6 & 7 p.m.

Mich. Lutheran Tourney, TBA.

(Country Day Showcase)

N. Farm. vs. Lehigh, 5:30 p.m.

Farmington vs. Country Day, 6 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Oakwood, 6 p.m.

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PREP GUNN HOCKEY

Saturday, Dec. 8

Farmington Tourney, 8 a.m.

PREP HOCKEY

Thursday, Dec. 6

Red. Unified vs. Woodhaven

at Redford Ice Arena, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 7

Salem at South Lyon, 6 p.m.

Churchill vs. Franklin

at Edgemoor Arena, 6 p.m.

Canton vs. Farm. Unified

at Farm. Hills Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Stevenson vs. W.L. Central

at Lakeland Arena, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Red. Unified at Canton, 7 p.m.

Redford CC vs. Park Tudor (Ind)

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

Salem vs. W.L. Western

at Lakeland Ice Arena, 8:20 p.m.

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

Friday, Dec. 7

Whalers vs. Sarnia Sting

at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8

Whalers at Sarnia, 7:30 p.m.

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linebacker and wingback.

In the first half, the only points came from Shabaz on a quarterback draw - bursting 32 yards up the middle for the score. Faced with the option of walking the length of the field to kick the extra point (since a decent kicker will boot an extra point into the Detroit Diesel parking lot at the north end zone), Harrison coach John Herington decided to go for two points but the try fails short.

CC moves down smartly in the opening drive of the third quarter, but has to settle for a 28-yard field goal by Jason Gingelli (with the ball retrieved by a plant worker) to cut the lead to 6-3.

Neither team is able to move the ball well - a combination of two things: Kluging it out and a field that makes almost as many stops as the defense. But with three minutes to play, CC's Dan Moore picks off a pass. The Shamrocks pass their way down the field to the 20 with three seconds left.

Gingelli gets sent in to try to field goal to send the game into OT. The snap is perfect, the hold is good, the kick is sound but Shannon breaks through the line, gets a cast into a bit of the ball and the try is just wide as time runs out and Harrison takes the whole enclaved with a 6-3 win.

"I give Jake all the credit in the world," said Herington. "If he doesn't have a broken wrist, we don't win this game. This is an outstanding game between two outstanding teams."

"Who ever would have thought that a game like this would have come down to a field goal?"

But you didn't either.

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