

North swimmers romp to non-league win

North Farmington got back to winning in dual-meet swimming Tuesday, taking a 118-62 victory from host Walled Lake Western in non-league competition.

The meet was North's first since losing to unbeaten Birmingham Groves last week, and the win improved the Raiders' overall record to 7-1.

Individual winners for North were Ryan Fodges in the 200 freestyle, Mohamad Bachrouche in the individual medley, Michael Millman in the 100, Jeff Mataya in the 100 freestyle, Keith Jones in the 500 freestyle and Brad Smith in the breaststroke.

"We had some kids who got to take a bit of a rest," North coach Pat Dutchie said. "They've been going pretty hard in dual meets lately. Some got to rest and swim some different things. I was pleased with a lot of the performances."

Dutchie cited Fodges, who dropped seven seconds in the 500 and was within a couple seconds of a state cut.

Ronnie Asmar in the backstroke and Mohamad Bachrouche in the IM also had significant time drops.

"We were pleased with the meet overall," Dutchie said. "We weren't severely tested,

but we were impressed with some of their (Western) kids. They have some nice swimmers over there."

The Raiders have a make-up meet tonight at Clarkston.

ROCHESTER SINKS CC

Transportation issues to the pool led to problems in the pool for Redford-Detroit Catholic Central on Tuesday night as the Shamrocks lost to host Rochester, 98-87.

"Our bus never showed up and we had to drive ourselves," CC coach Jeff Baker said. "Three of our kids didn't make it there until halfway through the meet."

"We were down from 17 swimmers to 10 anyway because of illness and injury. But the three who showed up late made the difference."

"If those three kids had been there for the first half of the meet, we would have made up the 11-point difference."

Andrew Carlin, Dan Jones and Rob Cyrek figured in three wins each for the Shamrocks (1-4).

Carlin won the 200 freestyle (1:59.81) and the 500 freestyle (5:20.59); Cyrek won the individual medley (2:15.85) and the breaststroke (1:09.51), and Jones won the 100 freestyle (52.40) and the 50 freestyle (23.76).

The three also teamed with Chris Banas for a win in the 400 freestyle relay (3:46.23) while Joe Rebe was also a winner, taking diving with 181.50 points.

NORTH FARMINGTON
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 62
Jan. 28 at Walled Lake Western

200-yard medley relay: 1. North (Naughton, Newman, Asmar, Bachrouche), 1:48.00; 2. North (Marrick, Smith, Bank, Villaveria), 1:51.95.

200 freestyle: 1. Ryan Fodges (NF), 2:01.82; 2. Jason Muccilli (NF), 2:04.16; 3. Phil Caralis (NF), 2:10.16.

400 individual medley: 1. Mohamad Bachrouche (NF), 2:11.02; 2. Drew Marrick (NF), 2:16.11.

500 freestyle: 1. Steve Holswell (NF), 5:23.25; 2. Matt Naughton (NF), 5:25.25; 3. Steve Holswell (NF), 5:29.39; 4. Jason Bank (NF), 5:32.2; 5. Villaveria (NF), 5:33.2; 6. Jeff Mataya (NF), 5:38.2; 7. Thomas Naughton (NF), 5:2.80; 8. Glenn Legato (NF), 5:34.

500 freestyle relay: 1. North (Claudia Hernandez, Malaya, Villaveria, Bank), 1:40.19; 2. North (Brandon Eick, Thomas Naughton, Legato, Diga), 1:40.58.

100 backstroke: 1. Jason Savage (NF), 59.50; 2. Ronnie Asmar (NF), 1:01.63; 3. Drew Marrick (NF), 1:05.06.

100 breaststroke: 1. Brad Smith (NF), 1:05.02; 2. Ben Wier (NF), 1:10.14; 4. Doug Anderson (NF), 1:13.54.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Western (Hall, Savage, Belsore, Holswell), 3:41.49; 2. North (Malaya, Diga, Eick, Legato), 3:42.23; 3. North (Bachrouche, Jones, Hernandez, Bank), 3:42.54.

Warriors plan to remain county champs

Brother Rice is ready for the challenge.

The Warriors enter Saturday's Oakland County Boys Swimming and Diving meet as the two-time defending champions. Undefeated Rice (6-0) will be among the favorites again this weekend when the action gets underway 1 p.m. at Royal Oak Dondoro.

Rochester Adams, which captured the county crown in 2000, has placed second to the Warriors the past two years. The Highlanders are a bit down this winter, so it appears as if Rice's stiffest challenges will come from Oakland Activities Association powers Birmingham Groves, North Farmington, Birmingham Seaholm and Bloomfield Hills Lahser.

"We don't get a chance to swim against any of the OAA teams since their schedules are full with their league and crossover races," said Brother Rice coach Mike Venos. "We don't get a chance to see the Birmingham Groves, the North Farmingtons or the Lahsers."

"I'm a big believer in you only get better by swimming the best," he said. "Right now in the county those are the best teams. We really, really look forward to seeing those teams at this time of the year because that is our only chance."

Brother Rice's top swimmers include senior David Lessard, who owns the state's second-

fastest times in both the 200- and 100-yard freestyle events. Senior Brandon Goad and sophomore Brent Snell are among the team's other top swimmers.

The Warrior captains are seniors John Sisk, Mike Armour, Ryan Simmons and Goad.

Other area swimmers expected to challenge for individual event titles include Scott Thompson (Groves), Danny Priestley (Seaholm), Jason Davis (Groves), Mike Desautels (Aubrey), Jason Bank (North Farmington), Paul Ellis (Lahser) and Matt Newman (North Farmington).

Brother Rice has the area's top times in all three relays - the 200-yard medley and the 200- and 400-yard freestyles. "More so than winning, the county meet is to see how we perform against other kids who are swimming fast," said Venos, whose team tuned up for the county meet with a convincing 58-point Catholic League triumph Tuesday over University of Detroit-Jesuit.

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POOL PARTY

WHAT: Oakland County Boys Swimming and Diving Championships.

WHEN: 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 1.

WHERE: Royal Oak Dondoro High School.

DEFENDING CHAMPION: Birmingham Brother Rice.

TOP CONTENDERS: Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham Groves, North Farmington, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Birmingham Seaholm.

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However, that won't be the case this year.

Lahser and Groves moved down to Class B this winter, while Rice was granted its request to remain in Class A even though it was originally slated to compete in Class B due to its enrollment.

"We kind of set things up where we like to peak for our league meet and the state meet," said Venos. "So the county meet is a nice gauge to swim against fast people and see where we are."

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Players Corp	6	9	1	13
Plyons	6	9	1	12
Hissan Automotive	6	10	0	12
Stackers	0	15	0	0

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Team Name	W	L	T	Pts
Valves Inc.	15	8	38	38
Team 5	16	10	5	37
Team 3	13	12	6	32
Wanna Bees	13	12	6	32
Stones	12	15	4	28
Mich. Heritage Bank	9	19	3	21

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Thursday, Jan. 30
Redford CC at Windsor St. Anne, 1:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 31
N. Farmington at Riverton, 1:30 p.m.
Berkley at Farm. Harrison, 7 p.m.
Clawson at Farmington, 7 p.m.
Clareville vs. A.A. Greenhill, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Jan. 30
Farmington at Birm. Groves, 7 p.m.
Rochester at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Southfield, 7:30 p.m.
Mercy at Ledywood, 8:30 p.m.
Clareville at Lutheran East, 7 p.m.

WRESTLING
Saturday, Feb. 1
Adams, Etel Ford at Redford CC, 10 a.m.
PREP SKIING
Friday, Jan. 31
Mercy, CC at Mount Brighton, 4:30 p.m.

OHIO HOKEY LEAGUE
Friday, Jan. 31
Whalers vs. Toronto (Compucon), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
Whalers at Owen Sound, 7:30 p.m.

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 30
N. Farmington at Clarkston, 6:30 p.m.
Farmington at Berkley, 6:30 p.m.
Redford CC at A.A. Huron, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
Oakland County Championships, 18A.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Jan. 30
Rochester at Farmington, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 1
Canton Invitational, 9:30 a.m.

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