



Farmington's Marcus Holman (right) scored a game-high 16 points and was a dominating force as a rebounder Tuesday against Lamphere.

## FALCONS

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over the last two quarters.

"Having that kind of lead gave us a chance to rotate more players in the game," Norgrove said. "We kept coming at them with different players, and they couldn't get a rhythm offensively. We kept them off balance most of the night."

Marcus Holman scored 16 points to lead the Falcons, who are 8-7 overall. Georgio Holt added nine and Matt Okopny seven. "Marcus once again dominated the boards, offensively and defensively," Norgrove said. "When we need somebody to step up and get a big rebound, he always seems to respond to that."

"We put Georgio on their best player, Jason Alysas, and he finished the game with two points," Norgrove said. "He's not a stand-in player, and that's not what we want to show up in the scoreboard."

"The difference is the guys

now are really starting to understand the game and what is expected of them."

The Falcons also had a key contribution from Jerry Shinkonis late in the first half, according to Norgrove.

"He blocked a shot and that really gave us a spark," he said. "Then we came down the floor and went to him in the post. He scored the basket and hit the free throw."

"Going into the half, he gave us a lot of energy that carried over into the second half."

Norgrove also cited the resiliency and determination of point guard Tim DePaulis, who suffered a broken nose Sunday but was back at practice Monday and played with a mask Tuesday.

"He fought through it well and went out there and did his job," Norgrove said.

Vinnie Manca scored 10 points and Joe Ryan nine points. Georgio did an outstanding job, and that's not what we want to show up in the scoreboard."

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## HOOPS

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periods.

Berkley scored with 40 seconds left to take a 54-53 lead, but North made a turnover and never got the ball back.

The Raiders had only two team fouls at that point and couldn't use up their remaining fouls fast enough to prevent the Bears (4-5, 7-8) from running out the clock.

"Hopefully, we learned we need to bring our A game to consistently compete and win at that level," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "I think we all learned something, coaches as well as the players."

"I think (Berkley) played a lot harder than we did. I can't remember the last game we had two teams fouls going into

the last minute and a half. "We were just unaggressive, I thought. I think it's as much my fault as it is the kids' - our lack of aggressiveness."

"(The Bears) played very well. I thought they got to all the loose balls; they had a lot of second chances, and they shot the ball well. They really took it to us. Yet, we had a chance to win even at the end."

The Raiders were 5-of-7 at the line and the Bears 1-of-3.

**Maples rout Hawks**  
Birmingham Seaholm started the game with a 21-2 run and coasted to an OAA Division III basketball victory Tuesday over host Farmington Harrison, 80-44.

The Maples, who scored 20 points or more in each of the first three quarters, led 43-17 at halftime and were ahead 63-28 going into the fourth period.

Harrison started slowly and had a poor shooting night. The Hawks missed their first 10 shots and were 5-of-25 in the first half and 13-of-54 for the game (24 percent). Harrison was just 1-of-17 from three-point distance.

Charlie Billingsley scored 23 points, Kyle Wood 14 and John Barrett 12 for Seaholm, which made 15 of 24 free throws.

Brandon Giles had 12 points and eight rebounds to lead the Hawks. Deante Thompsons had eight points, Stefan Burbridge seven points and nine rebounds.

Harrison was 17-of-30 at the line. The Maples, who had a 50-30 rebounding advantage, are 6-3 in the division and 8-7 overall. The Hawks are 0-9 and 1-14.

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Harrison senior Andy Wingert squares up and takes aim at the basket Tuesday during a game with Birmingham Seaholm.

# Trojans top Knights for Metro hoop win

Livonia Clarenceville boys basketball coach Kevin Murphy had plenty of "Game Balls" to pass around following Tuesday's 56-51 Metro Conference victory at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

The Trojans, who improved to 12-4 overall and 7-1 in the Metro, wrapped up the second seed behind Harper Woods in the upcoming conference playoffs, which start Friday, Feb. 21

at home.

Liggett, meanwhile, drops to 12-3 and 5-3.

Defense told the story as Clarenceville overcame poor foul shooting (9-of-22) to pull out the victory.

Clarenceville led 25-14 at halftime and 39-27 after three quarters before the Knights closed the gap in the final period with a 24-17 run.

One "Game Ball" went out to sophomore Bruno Shkret, who

held Liggett's high-scoring Thomas Greer to six points, well below his 25 point-per game average.

Leighton Williams led Liggett with 21 points.

Senior point-guard Josh Silvernail also got a "Game Ball" with eight assists and no turnovers against Liggett's constant pressure.

Despite being in foul trouble, Clarenceville's 6-7 senior Glenn Garratt finished with 18 points

and 15 rebounds, while 6-4 senior forward Pete Shaw nearly had a triple-double with 16 points, eight rebounds and six assists.

Needless to say, Garratt and Shaw also picked up "Game Balls."

"We played some of our best basketball of the year," said Murphy, despite a woe-of-2-for-13 at the foul stripe in the final quarter. "We really played good defense."

## WRESTLING

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the division champion. Harrison's strong team showing was made all the more impressive by the fact it had just eight wrestlers - all of whom placed in the top four.

Ramy Sulaiman (171) and Mark Wolff (145) were second. Wolff lost to Stoney Creek's Wayne Jacobs in the finals, 12-11, and Sulaiman lost to Lahser's Dave Baker, 8-4.

Chris Pyant (189) and Andrew Moulding (215) finished third and won consolation titles. Pyant defeated Dondoro's Pete Ayotte, 10-1, and Moulding pinned Stoney Creek's Gabriel Hernandez in 2:18.

The Hawks had a pair of fourth-place wrestlers in Matt Makowski (125) and Dan Frazier (122). Makowski defaulted due to injury to Lahser's Adam McHughart, and Frazier lost a decision to Madison's Kyle Holder.

"From where I'm standing, I think my kids wrestled really hard," Birkett said. "I look forward to the day we can actually get more kids out for the team."

"If we would've had 14 in the lineup like you're supposed to, like Lahser did, it easily would have been a different story."

**Bartlett wins 171 title**

Farmington High senior Courtland Bartlett won the 171-pound championship in the OAA Division II wrestling tournament Saturday at Roynl Oak Kimball.

Bartlett won a 15-12 decision over Waterford Mott's Adam Nuckolls in the finals to boost his season record to 35-5. Bartlett drew a bye in the first round and pinned Dan Hanson of Birmingham Groves at 2:43 of a semifinal bout.

"Courtland has a lot of heart," Farmington assistant coach Dick Cook said. "If he gets down in a match, he'll come back."

"He had a tough match with the Southgate kid who's a real quality wrestler and ended up beating him, 19-15."

"He was behind 7-2 in this (final) match and came back. He makes mistakes in his matches, but he comes back and wins."

"He's a kid with a lot of conditioning; he's very strong. He's the hardest worker we have at practice. He's done nothing but hard work this year to get where he's at."

Farmington's Jon Schwartz (130) was second; Steve Russo (112), Nick Belsky (189) and Max Mayer (275) placed third, and Lance Dawson (125) finished fourth.

Troy Athens won the division championship, Farmington was fifth in the eight-team meet. "For what we brought, we did pretty well," Cook said, adding the Falcons were forced to void four weights due to injuries. "We did better than we were seeded."

"The matches were so much closer than they were the first time around. I'm happy with the results."

**North has 2 runners-up**  
North Farmington had a pair

of second-place finishes by freshman Anthony Victor (119) and junior Derek Hartman in the OAA Division III tournament Saturday.

Sophomore Justin Eshaki (152) was third, and the Raiders had five fourth-place wrestlers in freshman Eric Weintraub (103), sophomore Jon Stenberg (112), junior Kendrick Petersen (135), senior Eric Shapiro (160) and Junior Avery Huckaby (215).

Eshaki lost his first match but then won his next three to remain alive in the tournament and capture the consolation title.

"That was pretty impressive to bounce back from a disappointing loss in the first round and move all the way through the loser's bracket," North coach Tom Seremet said.

"Of the eight kids who placed, only one is a senior. So, with all the young guys, it should be a good future if we keep developing and getting better. Things like that are a positive for us."

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## GRID HONORS

The 2002 football season was unparalleled in Farmington. All three schools earned a share of a league championship, had winning records and qualified for the playoffs in the same year for the first time. What follows is a list of the post-season award winners at each school.

**NORTH FARMINGTON**  
Most valuable player: The team. Coaches Award (most coaches): senior light ends Walt Hathaway and Rishi Bude. Most improved: senior and Alan Wertheimer. Outstanding offensive player: senior quarterback Bryan Smith. Outstanding defensive player: senior and Jon Wall. Outstanding offensive back: junior fullback Ken Yu. Outstanding offensive lineman: senior guard Chris Cyrus. Outstanding offensive receiver: senior and Marcus McComb. Outstanding defensive lineman: senior and Jared Kiksey. Outstanding linebacker: senior Steve Kahn. Outstanding defensive back: sophomore safety Scott Hiestrom. Outstanding special teams player: senior Brandon Sinto. Academic Award: senior center John Symulak. Scout Team Award: senior lineman Shaun Goodman and senior and Ashwin Raghu. Positive Mental Attitude Award: Spencer Wood and Rishi Bude. Senior Award (senior who best displays Rishi Pride): Cyrus. Bobanage Award (outstanding junior): Yu.

**FARMINGTON HIGH**  
Most valuable player: senior fullback and linebacker Brad Walsh. Most improved player: senior safety Tony Wilson. Granite Award: senior senior defensive lineman Courtland Bartlett. Elliott Award: junior defensive lineman Chad Burns. Outstanding lineman: senior tackle Jim Thruibis. Coaches Cup: senior linebacker Chase Kowalski and junior defensive back Jeff Fisher. Scout Team Award: junior back Eric Pierce and junior defensive lineman Martin Wilson. Big Play Award: junior defensive back Ben Bersche. Our Gang Award: backline Kevin Zerbe. Block of Granite Award: senior defensive tackle Nathan Struble. Outstanding special teams player: senior back Mike Sacha. Specialist Award: senior back Danny Preston. Pancake Award: junior guard Ben Collins. Captains Award: Kowalski, senior quarterback Brock Thompsons. Scholar Athlete Award: senior linebacker Mitch Huzar.

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