

Falcon Cagers Maintain Court Supremacy Over NFHS Raiders

The Falcons of Farmington maintained their dominance over neighborhood rival North Farmington on the hardwoods as the two teams collided Saturday evening, December 5, on the FHS court with the home team winning a 66-53 decision.

Falcon coach Jack Quiggle had the Farmington five-man full court press most of the game and although North Farmington jumped off to an early lead it was in command of a three-point edge at the end of the first quarter's action, 14-17.

The Falcons' defensive strategy gradually asserted itself and FHS led at the half, 31-25.

THE FINAL two quarters of action were played almost on even terms, Farmington adding five points to its half-time lead with an output of 14 enroute in the third period and another 18 points in the final stanza. North Farmington kept the pressure on the Falcons by counting 13 points in the third period and 14 in the fourth quarter action.

ROY LEACH, a senior forward for the Falcons, came away with the top scoring honors by counting seven field goals and mastering the foul line with seven-for-seven free throw counts for a total of 21 points. Leach is one of the veteran performers for coach Quiggle and looks like he may run away with scoring honors for FHS in basketball as he did in the role of Pullback on the Falcon eleven this past season when he accounted for ten touchdowns.

A promising forward is sophomore Greg Drow who tallied nine points against the Raiders.

MIKE WILSON, a junior guard who quarterbacked the Raiders,

Falcon eleven this year, came behind Leach in the scoring column against North Farmington. Wilson collected four field goals for a total of eight points against the Raider cagers.

Wilson fouled out in the final stage of the third quarter and was capably replaced by Mike Mastala, a junior, who netted three field goals for six points. Quiggle credited Mastala's substitution performance with holding off a North Farmington rally in the final period of play.

Coach Richard Wilson of the Raiders enjoyed a decided advantage of team height in the game as the Falcons average just 5'9" per man.

BIG JOHN McDONALD of the Raiders, who goes 6'5", was checked for just five points. The lanky senior gave coach Wilson support over the backboards along with center Ron Watson who netted 11 points in the Raider effort.

RICK SCHULTZ grabbed high scoring honors for the Raiders with his effort of 17 points, which included a deadly 6-for-12 counters at the foul line. Rick Lorenz, brother of Bob Lorenz who starred in football and basketball for Farmington in 1962 and '63, counted 12 points from his Raider guard position. Lorenz was followed in the starting line-up by Watson, Bill Oldershaw with four points, Larry August and Gary Litig, each with two points.

The Falcons lost three of the fastest men through graduation last year (Neil Warner, Bob Lorenz and Dave Schlack) and coach Quiggle has been pleased with the performance of newcomers to their forward positions.

Farmington won't open the league campaign until after the Christmas recess when coach Quiggle feels action in the Annual Christmas Tournament will provide the team with solid experience to launch a bid for the Conference crown, won last year by Pontiac Northern.

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FALCON CAGERS are pictured above at a recent practice session in preparation for the 1964-65 basketball season which got underway December 4. This year's Farmington High School basketball team personnel is (L to R, front row): Tim Patrick, George Grimala, Roy Leach, Mike Wilson, Lloyd Nichols and Greg Drow. (L to R, back row): Mr. Dave Klepinger, George Habicht, Steve Moore, John Olander, Neil Stark and Head Coach Jack Quiggle. This year the Falcons have a 14-game schedule and will host the opening night of the Christmas Basketball Tournament, Monday, December 28.



THE NORTH FARMINGTON High School basketball team for 1964-65 is a young squad with 13 juniors and only four seniors in the ranks. Pictured above are (L to R, front row): Coach Richard Wilson, Larry Pederson, Rick Lorenz, Larry August, Andy Lawing, John Bye, Doug Shear and Bill Oldershaw; and (L to R, standing): Bob Curry, Kurt Schumacher, Rick Schultz, Ron Watson, Bill Bowles, Gary Ebert, John McDonald and Rick Norton. Lawing, Shear, Watson and McDonald are the seniors. The Raider cagers have a 16-game schedule this year.

Falcon Grapplers Edged By Redford Union, 25-24

Irony was present when the Farmington Falcon wrestling team opened the 1964-65 wrestling season with a home meet against Redford Union.

The Reserve team, in its 6:30 meet, got its season off to a good start, putting down the Panthers by a score of 14-13.

But in the Varsity meet, which followed the Reserves' victory, there was again a one-point margin of victory, but this time, Redford Union came out on top, 25-24. If this fact is not ironical enough, one needs only to think of last season when the FHS matmen journeyed to Redford Union and beat the Panthers on their home mats by a score of 25-21.

Redford Union jumped off to a quick 5-0 lead when 85 pound sophomore Gary Tudball was unable to hold off Tim Hickman of R.U., and was pinned at the 15 second mark of the second period. Conference champ Art Wheeler evened the score in his 103 pound match by pinning his man Dave Ewald, in 1:25.

Don McFadden, a 112 pound senior, made the score 16-5 with a slick reversal and then a pin just before the end of the first two minute period. Phil Angelina added to the Farmington lead with a 5-1 decision over a 120 pound opponent, Bob Costie.

The next three matches have to be called the turning point in the meet as the Panthers picked up 13 points on a decision, a pin, and a default.

Dennis Grover, R.U.'s conference champ, was only able to gain a 7-1 decision from Falcon Doc Wright, one of the most promising scorers ever to enter FHS. Then, however, Farmington's John Robinson was pinned by his 133 pound opponent in 2:10. In the 138 pound weight class, when it looked as if Tony Bugei was ready to pin his man, he injured his neck and was unable to continue his match. Therefore, Mike Still won his match by default, giving five points to Redford Union and making the score 18-12 in favor of the Panthers.

The only thing to mar the final five matches for Farmington was a 25 to 20 decision in a more Tom Dittman in the 180 pound weight class. Dennis Eakin, Rick Levy, and Don Kuffel all got under way at 4:30 p.m. in the Falcon gym, North Farmington, bowed to the Raiders last year.

North Farmington Cagers Edge Kettering Opener

North Farmington opened the 1964-65 basketball campaign on a winning note as they overcame a six point deficit to top the area basketball power Waterford Kettering, 56-51, Friday night at Kettering.

After three quarters of play it looked as if the outcome would be a repeat of last year's meeting between the two schools, in which Kettering dumped the Raiders.

NORTH FARMINGTON, faced with the problem of replacing All-Conference forward Mike Fleming lost through graduation, and top rebounding forward Tom Trausch, relied upon senior John McDonald and junior Rich Schultz.

Schultz came through with a hot shooting hand to pace the Raiders with 20 points, while McDonald did a good job of controlling the boards.

AFTER TRAILING Kettering for three quarters, North Farmington entered the final period with the short end, 30-33. The Raiders totaled 23 points to the losers 12 in the last quarter to provide the six point margin at the final buzzer.

After totaling only five points in the first three quarters, Schultz found the range and pumped in 15 points in the fourth quarter to top the scoring output of 12 points for the entire Kettering squad in that period.

NORTH FARMINGTON gained its winning margin at the foul line as they were outscored from the floor, 18-47, but hit on 22 free throws while Kettering picked up only 15. With rebounding power, and good shooting behind them, the North Farmington squad seems to be lacking in only one area, team leadership. Someone on the squad must be found to pull the team together and act as playmaker, a spot that was filled last year by guard and varsity captain, Skip Moore, but is as yet, vacant this year.

FHS to Host Debate Dec. 15

Farmington will play host to seven schools at the second of their debates, Tuesday, December 15.

The debates will be held six hours in various classrooms for student observation. The students will arrive around 1 p.m.

The seven schools, besides Farmington, included in the upcoming tournament are Southfield, Waterford, Waterford Kettering, Cranbrook, Pontiac Northern and Walled Lake.



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Special Award Given To Legion Commander

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The presentation on behalf of the council was made by Mayor Robert Lindbert recognizing Griffin's service as chairman of United Nations Day activities in Farmington on Oct. 24.

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