Falcon Score Thrilling Upset Win Over 'Unbeatable' Berkley

The Falcons did what most considered impossible last Friday.

Taking on the Berkley Bears, the last of the State's unbeaten Class' A teams, they, scored a surprising 46-41 upset.

The loss was the first for Coach Eldon Rouse's Bears in 27 league starts and the first over Berkley in the last four years. Besides being a big accomplishment in itself, the victory clinched a second place tie for Farmington with Southfield in the Inter-Lakes League. Both concluded the season with records of six victories against four defeats.

COACH BOB BURTCH used six players throughout the contest. Starters were Frank Clappison, Ken Cobb, Neil Stevenson, Tom Grimshaw and Harvey Chapman. Chuck Thomson, Farmington's only substitute, saw action in all four quarters.

Playing started slowly with neither team being able to find the mark in the first period. At the end of the minutes of play each squad had collected only one point. Later in the period however, the Falcons began to hit and by period's end had built up an 8-3 lead. All three Berkley markers came via the free-throw line.

IN THE SECOND PERIOD both teams caught fire at once with a total of 35 points being scored. The Falcons, however faired best with 18. An 11 point spree by the FHS midway in the period gave them a 26-21 halftime edge.

As at the start of the game both teams started slow in the second half. At the end of the team had scored only two first three minutes of play each points. It was the Bears who showed the spark in this canto however, as the outscored the Falcons 10 to 5 to move within one point. The score at the end of the third period was 31-30 in Farmington's favor.

The last period was a wild, see-saw battle. During the first five minutes of play neither team enjoyed more than a two point margin of lead.

With only three minutes left in the game, the score was knotted at 40-40.

The Falcons added two points and began a stall. A free throw by Berkley made it 42-41.

Chuck Thomson was fouled in the Bear's effort to get the ball and promptly sank two gift tosses to move the Falcons out front 44-41. It was ruled, however, that Thompson had committed a technical foul on Berkley's Bob Ross after the whistle. Ross also made his gift shot making the score 44-42.

With Farmington in possession of the ball and time running out Berkley again fouled. Tom Grimshaw, calm in the clinches, sank both free shots to give the Falcons their 46 points and the victory. Big Dave Burris sank a field goal for Berkley just before the final buzzer to make it 46-44.

Leading the Falcons to scoring were their two guards, Harvey Chapman and Tom Grimshaw. Chapman hit for 19 while Grimshaw collected 15 although Cobb and Clappison scored only three points, total, their defensive play and rebounding made them standouts in the Falcons' victory.

Success at the foul line was the winning factor for the Falcons, 36-22 from the floor. The Falcons notched 24 of their total points via 35 attempts at the free throw line for a 68 percent average. Also a big factor was the Falcons' rebounding strength. They grabbed 53 off the boards to Berkley's 36.

Bob Ross lead the Bears in scoring. His long jump shots kept them in the game til the final buzzer. Dave Burris followed him with 15 points.

JUBILANT Falcon cagers let out with a hearty yell Friday night as they hoisted a wrangled Coach Bob Burtch onto their shoulders.

"Advancement—improvement in condition—is the order of things in a society of equals."—Abraham Lincoln (1859?).

FALCON CHATTER

By GEORGE EVANS

Just before the start of the Berkley basketball game Friday night Coach Bob Burtch looked out at his fired-up ball club as they were warming up and commented, "They're as ready now as they ever will be." Needless to say, they were ready!

The high scoring Berkley cage squad failed to make a field goal in the first quarter and only six in the entire first half. This certainly is a tribute to the fine defensive work of the Falcons.

Farmington's prowess at the free throw line made the difference Friday night. They made 24 of their 46 point total via the free toss route whereas Berkley could only muster eight. Berkley out-scored the Falcons 36 to 22 on field goals.

The rumor going 'round that Coach Bob Burtch is a bit superstitious is totally unfounded. He wore that same blue blazer, grey flannel trousers and cordovan shoes during the last ten Basketball games simply because he likes the ensemble!

Berkley went into the contest with a record of 27 consecutive wins in league competition that covered more than two seasons. They had won 15 straight this season and were rated fifth in the State Class "A" standings in AP and UPI polls.

Farmington's two second place finishes clinched over the weekend gives them an outstanding record so far this school year in league competition. A first place finish in football and seconds in basketball and wrestling are marred only by a low finish in cross-country.

Some mighty fine Falcon basketball players made their last home court appearance Friday night. Farmington fans can well be proud of Senior cagers Frank Clappison, Neil Stevenson, Tom Grimshaw, Ken Cobb, Jim Larson, Dan Maehan and Al LeSage for the fine team and individual records they have helped establish during their high school careers.

The super-market fire at Bel Aire indirectly affected Farmington's final point total in the league track meet held at Farmington High Saturday afternoon and evening. One of the Falcon grapplers who was scheduled for an evening appearance got tangled up in the rerouting of traffic and as a result Coach Gene Freed was forced to forfeit to his opponent.

Big George Fawcett's early season wrestling bout with Southfield's Dave Marsh resulted in a tie but George had very little trouble in the heavyweight finals Saturday night. George outpointed him by a substantial margin to win the league heavyweight championship.

We want to congratulate two fine coaches for leading their teams to high finishes in Inter-Lakes League competition this winter. Basketball Coach Bob Burtch and Wrestling Coach Gene Freed deserve Farmington's admiration and thanks for a job well done.

WINNING first place honors in the league wrestling tournament were, left to right, Dan Ressler, Jerry Cassell and George Fawcett.

Take Three Firsts, Falcons 2nd Best in League Tourney

Three Farmington matmen garnered first place honors in wrestling tournament held at Farmington High last Saturday.

Three other Falcon matmen placed second in their respective weight classes and another took third place honors.

DESPITE their fine showings, however, the Falcon team was not able to overcome powerful Berkley men who walked off with six firsts for the league title. Southfield took two firsts, good for third in the tourney.

First place winners for Farmington were: Jerry Cassell, 138 lb. class; Dan Ressler, 165 lb. class; and Big George Fawcett, Unlimited class. Taking second places for Farmington were Don Hendryz, Tom Peckham and Jack Callahan. Dave Timm took a third place award.

FARMINGTON'S Tom Peckham, it could be said; sacrificed individual honors for team honors by wrestling eight pounds over his weight. The feeling expressed was that if Peckham had wrestled in his normal 112 pound weight class he could have then an all-league slot easily.

Jerry Cassell also wrestled out of his class but he made it pay off. He went in two weights over his class and was successful in taking a first in doing it.

This Friday and Saturday, the wrestling mats at Farmington High will really be getting a workout. Boys from 20 different schools, including Farmington, will be competing in the State Regional meets.

THE FIRST round of activity will be on Friday afternoon after school and the second Saturday afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m. The finals will be staged Saturday evening starting at 7:30 p.m.

Boys will be competing for individual honors and will not be wrestling as members of their school's team, it was pointed out.

Pedestrians should not panic if caught in the middle of a busy street by changing traffic light. Keep walking toward the other side and safety. Motorists observing your actions generally expect you to continue on across, rather than halt or turn back.

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Trojans Start Comeback Drive Late, Lose Friday

Clarenceville's fighting Trojans dropped another notch in the league standings Friday night as they lost to Clarkston, 62-56, on the Wolves home court.

The Trojans followed their usual pattern of play. Play was close at first but the opponent pulling away towards half-time and during the third quarter. Then the Trojans put on a fourth period "catch-up campaign."

Against Clarkston, C.H.S. was trailing by as much as 13 points going into the last few minutes of play. This they reduced to four points in a closing drive but just didn't have time to overcome the entire deficit.

Although the Trojans scored one more field goal than did Clarkston, the Wolves' superiority at the free throw line was pronounced in the person of Parks, who made 10 out of 11 charity opportunities.

Sophomore Tony Giacobazzi spakled for the Trojans. He led all scorers with 24 points and also was Clarenceville's leading re-bounder. Simons added 17 for CHS.

Next Friday marks tournament time and the Trojans will meet the winner of the Bloomfield Hills - W. Bloomfield game at Bloomfield Hills.

CLARENCEVILLE	FG	FT	Pts.
Warren	2	1	5
Hanaford	2	0	4
Giacobazzi	9	6	24
M. Roberts	3	0	6
Simons	7	3	17
Total	23	10	56

CLARKSTON	FG	FT	Pts.
Landon	2	0	4
Hellman	1	2	4
Hennie	3	0	6
Powell	1	1	3
Parks	0	10	10
Campbell	7	2	16
Porril	8	3	19
Total	22	18	62

FHS to Meet Bentley Friday

Farmington, drawing a first round bye, will go against Livonia Bentley Friday night in a bid for a District Class A Basketball Championship.

Bentley's win over Waterford Tuesday night, 70-50, moved them into the second round of play against Farmington for the district title.

Farmington is the underdog team. After their showing last Friday night in upsetting Berkley, however, it would be unwise to say they have no chance of taking the district crown.

Victory would move them into Regional competition.

The game will be played at 8:30 p.m. at the Southfield High gymnasium.

"Television is called a medium because so little of it is either rare or well done."
—Mrs. Deane Binder.

Bus Falters, So Does Trojan JV Cage Squad

Due to mechanical difficulties the start of the Clarkston-Clarenceville Junior Varsity game last Friday was delayed.

A bus was sent from Clarkston to pick up the Clarenceville players and cheerleaders about 20 miles from Clarkston, because the brakes on the Trojans' bus burned out. By the time they arrived at Clarkston it was 7:15, so the coaches cut the JV quarters down to six minutes.

In the first quarter of play Clarenceville scored nine points while their opponents scored 12.

During the second quarter the Trojans scored 11 points to Clarkston's 12.

In the third and fourth quarters the Junior Trojans slipped behind three more points to lose to the Wolves 40-47.

BOX SCORES

Clarenceville	FG	FT	Pts.
B. Freels	1	0	2
D. Rutila	1	3	5
J. Yates	1	2	4
J. Nye	1	1	3
J. Dowdy	8	1	17
D. Norricks	0	1	1
R. Blovet	4	4	8
Total	16	8	40

CLARKSTON	FG	FT	Pts.
Wilson	3	4	10
Lundy	9	2	20
Anderson	1	2	4
Joseph	1	2	4
Neston	4	1	9
Total	18	11	47

Falcon JVs Get 12th Victory

The Farmington J.V. finished their season by skinning the Berkley Bears, 45-34 last Friday, February 27. Junior Falcons turned in a splendid year with a record of 12-2, taking top spot in the Inter-Lakes J.V. competition.

A strong lead was build up quickly by Farmington in the first quarter to make a lopsided score of 16-4. Although cooling off a bit in the second period, the Falcons were still able to keep their 12 point lead, and the half time score read 27-15.

Again in the third quarter, as in the first, the Falcon J.V. poured it on, dumping in 11 points to Berkley's five. Another cool spell in the last period saw the Bears trying desperately to catch up. Although they were too late, the Berkley five managed to outscore the Falcons 14-4 in the period.

Top man in the point column for the game was Darryl Allen with 10 tallies. He also took scoring honors for the season with 179 points.

Kiwanis Bowl Tourney Set

Bowlers of the local Kiwanis Club received the announcement last week of the 24th annual Michigan District Kiwanis Bowling Tournament to be held at Crystal Lake, Beulah.

Applications and entry forms have gone forth to the 177 Kiwanis Clubs in Michigan, from Roy Bowman, of Beulah, secretary for the Tournament. It is an A.B.C. sanctioned contest for five man teams, doubles and singles and all events.

Only Kiwanis Club members are eligible. The tournament will be run on weekends during April, beginning the first week end in April. Entries must be in March 21.

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ART AND ATHLETICS may not seem like subjects that are too closely related but really they can be. Members of the various basketball teams at Farmington Junior High gained the devoted attention of students in Mrs. Adelaide Henault's art class for more than a week recently. The paintings of various team members and their coaches around the walls of the gymnasium are the result of this art project. Standing beneath one section of paintings are top members of the junior high's eighth grade cage team.

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