

# Raider Matmen Boost Season's Mark to 5-4

The North Farmington High School wrestling team, coached by George Hobbs, snapped their three-game losing streak and went on a winning rampage in their last three outings to notch three impressive victories over Clatsop opponents.

In surging to capture their last three team decisions, all by run-away scores, the Raider matmen pushed their season's mark over 500 and now own a 5-4 record.

**THE FIRST VICTIMS** of the resurgent Raider grapplers were Hazel Park reserves and Southgate, who fell 31-23 and 32-18, respectively.

Livonia Franklin found the Raider light brigade too strong and bowed 29-21 in what proved to be the most exciting meet of the North Farmington triumph.

**DAN MCCUTCHEON**, the Raider heavyweight who joined the squad late this season and has posted some impressive wins, was dealt a disappointing 14-13 head-scratcher after he nearly had pinned his man in the final 15 seconds of the match. The All-County and All-County football player, dressed a belated fat and had the match last ed longer than the regulation 30 minutes, many felt he would have earned it.

The earlier winners, for the Raiders who put the contest out of Franklin's reach were brothers Dennis and Dan Vartanian and Randy Haydel.

After a leggers gained wins over Raiders Gary Forkel, Jim Mitchell, Brett Hendricks and Don Phillips, North Farmington's Rick Dunne, Larry Roberts, Mike Cotes and Al Voss tied the team victory by scoring wide-margin wins in their matches.

**THE RESULTS** of the Franklin meet: 95-pound Dennis Vartanian, and Randy Haydel, 112-pound, swept their matches by 17-0 and 18-0, respectively. 105-pound Cora Billing hit 703 and Harold Koenig rolled 693.

## STRIKES AND SPARES

Dave Darcy and Pat Byerson turned the strikes on Sunday for a big 1,326 series in the Sunday morning Jack pot doubles at Farmington Lanes Bowling Alley.

Tony Ferrante and Dick Shaefer were a distant second with a total of 1275. The doubles are played every Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. and anyone with an average is welcome to compete.

Top scores for the week in the Junior Girls League were Marilyn Conner's 164 and Diane Stephens' 160. Diane's 48 pins over average was, however, followed by Betty Conner with 46 and Georgia Yant with 38 pins over average.

**JIM FLYNN** EARNED himself a high score arm patch with a 195 game in the Bantam Boys League. Greg Mollett just missed a patch with a 172 effort.

Steve Clogg was high in the Junior Boys League with 204. Ray Roy followed with 202 and Carl Hunt went with 194.

Two of the bowlers from Farmington Lanes are headed for the finals of the March of Dimes Tournament. In the semi-finals, Cora Billing hit 703 and Harold Koenig rolled 693.

# Blue Jays Turn Tables on FHS Jr. Varsity 5

The Southfield Jay squad did a complete "about face" in the way they handle a basketball. They changed from a lackluster, unorganized group of individuals into an aggressive, poised, and polished unit that devastated the JV Falcons by a 39-45 score in an earlier meeting between these two squads the Falcons completely outplayed the Jays as they won in a 20 point run.

Farmington's troubles started early in the game as they found themselves down 14-8 at the end of the first period. Terry Taggart, provided the Falcon punch in that period by scoring all eight points and by grabbing most of Farmington's rebounds. He chucked in three field goals (two layups and a short jumper) and a pair of free throws for the Falcons' scoring.

In the second period the Falcons began to function as a unit. The Falcon's Neil Stark opened the quarter with a pair of free throws and a short jumper to get the Falcons rolling. Then, the Falcons really began to put the "wheels in motion" as Terry Taggart, Neil Stark, and Brian Dates all combined to cut the Jays lead to four points as the score stood 25-22 at halftime.

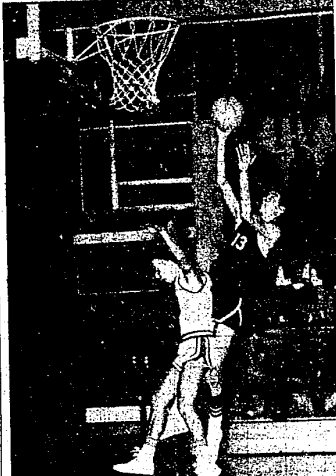
In the third period the Jays increased their lead to eight points by firing in six field goals and a pair of free throws. The Falcons were too much for the Falcons to offset. Farmington was able to muster only nine points as the period ended with Southfield in front 39-21.

The Falcons opened the fourth period as if they might make a last ditch comeback. Larry Roberts, Larry Roberts, and Mike Cotes opened the scoring by flashing down the court and popping in a short jumper. However from this point on, Southfield took complete command of the game.

Falcon coach Don Nichols inserted his first string in the second period in an attempt to catch up but it was to no avail. The Falcons new unit was hard pressed for points and they just couldn't put them in. The Falcons aggressive tactics led to many fouls and these fouls virtually sealed the Falcons' fate. The Jays shot an excellent percentage from the free throw line as they sank 15 free throws in the final period to sew up the 39-45 victory.

Stating the Falcons' scoring attack was "very sluggish" and Neil Stark with 21 points apiece. Then followed Mike Mollett with 12, Fred Charles with 5, Brian Dates and Chris Christianson with 4 apiece and Rick Smith and John Blazner with two points apiece.

This Friday the JV Falcons will journey to Berkeley with the game starting at 6:30.



NORTH FARMINGTON'S John McDonald is shown above out-maneuvering a Southgate cager enroute to scoring two points for the Raiders. The efforts of McDonald, Skip Moore, and stand-out, Ron Bennett, all moved up and Junior Varsity for the league title, were not enough to stem the Southgate tide.

# Brown and Gold Cagers Bow to Southgate 68-50

North Farmington's varsity basketball team, starting three sophomores and two juniors, lost to league leader Southgate, 68 to 50, last Friday, giving them a 1-2 record in the league.

Southgate, which has a four-win and ten-loss season record, were down at the end of eight minutes of play 21-8.

**RON BENNETT**, sophomore center, who led the Raiders in scoring, started hitting in the second stanza but at intermission.

North Farmington did an extraordinary job at the foul line as they made 18 out of 23 to Southgate's 6 out of 18.

Sophomore Ron Bennett, held 19 points in his first varsity game. Game honors, however, were taken by SHS's All-Conference forward, Larry Allobell, with 30 points.

North Farmington will try for its third league victory tomorrow night against Birmingham Groves on Northern's terra firma.

# Blue & White Grunt 'n Groan Squad Pinned

The Falcon wrestling team dropped another meet to a tougher than usual Fitzgerald squad by the score of 27-17.

Art Woehler started things off for the Falcons as he put his man away early in the second period of their match. Ron Morienson, Farmington's 209 lb. wrestler, lost a close decision to his opponent by the score of 6-4. Dave Richey won his third match out of his last four starts by beating his man 5-3, in the 112 lb. bracket.

Sophomore Bill Cassehl wrestling in the 120 lb. spot, won a 10-0 decision over his man, Tony Bugni, another Sophomore who wrestles in the 127 lb. class, dropped a close decision in the last few seconds of the third period, by the score of 4-2.

John Burley, regularly the varsity 127 lb. wrestler, was moved up to a weight class in the 135 lb. division because of a forfeit at 135 lbs. Despite the weight advantage over himself, John took care of his man in good style by decisively him 8-3. Dick Sprague also forced to wrestle up a weight, was unable to come up with a win as he dropped a 1-2 decision.

Mike Crane, wrestling in the 154 lb. division, ran up against some stiff competition and as a result was pinned by his man in the second period of the match. Mike Gilder, 165 lb., seemed to be back in the swing of things as he defeated his opponent 4-3.

"Largo Fred" Burton, wrestling in the 180 lb. spot, put up a good fight but was unable to come up with a victory as he was decisively 9-2. Harry Walkley, the controversial Falcon heavyweight, put forth a good effort but still lost an 8-3 decision.

Junior Mike Trout led the FHS ski team to victory last week in a 113-school meet with Southfield and Milford. Farmington defeated the two other teams in both the slalom and the downhill events by more than 12 seconds in each as Trout captured two first places. In fact, the FHSers took the first three places in each race.

# FHS Wrestlers Land in Cellar

The Farmington Falcons came in a disappointing last in the Inter-Lakes Conference meet which was held last Saturday at Waterford High School.

REPRESENTING Farmington were Art Woehler, 85 lbs; Ron Morienson, 103 lbs; Dave Richey, 112 lbs; Bill Cassehl, 120 lbs; John Burley, 127 lbs; Dick Sprague, 133 lbs; Tony Bugni, 138 lbs; Mike Crane, 154 lbs; Mike Gilder, 165 lbs; "Largo Fred" Burton, 180 lbs; Harry Walkley, 197.

Art Woehler, Ron Morienson, Mike Gilder, and Fred Burton, all drew byes for the first round of competition. This slight advantage didn't seem to help much as only Woehler, Burley, Morienson, Burton, Gilder, and Walkley made it to the quarter finals. Out of these six, not one made it to the semifinals, and only Walkley, Woehler, and Burley were able to capture a meager fourth place.

Pontiac Northern took individual and team honors as they scored a startling 94 points compared to the Falcons' six points.

Senior Mike Martilla is finally back in action with the Detroit Junior Red Wings after a two month layoff as a result of an injury sustained before Christmas.

# Gadde Tallies Near Record 31 As Falcons Win

Chuck Gadde scored a near-record 31 points last Friday night against Southfield in saving Farmington from near-disaster. The Falcons, finally defeated the Blue Jays, 7-63, but it took a 40 point second half, 18 by Gadde, to do it.

"We've been waiting for this all season," commented assistant Don Nichols, concerning the performance of the scrappy 6'3" forward. Chuck's previous high game was last week's 21 points against Pontiac Northern.

"They were just dropping in for me," explained Chuck after the game. However, this seemed to be an understatement. All totaled, Gadde hit 14 of 20 shots from the floor — a fantastic 70 percent.

Gadde's 31 points were the most ever scored by a Farmington player since Harvey Chapman hit 36 against Pontiac Central in the 1950 campaign.

Although the Falcons just eeked past the Jays on the scoreboard, they convincingly outscored the Blue Jays 31-14, with Gadde, 18, and Gray, 10-28, with Walt Grimaldi picking off 24 and Gadde 18.

The first two periods were close throughout as neither team could pull away from the other. The first quarter score was knotted, 14-14, but after the next eight minutes, Southfield had gained a 33-11 halftime lead. Gadde paced Farmington to the midway point with 13 points, after connecting on five of six shots. Grimaldi, who controlled the boards most of the evening, followed with eight.

Farmington stole the lead, 41-39, early in the third quarter on a set shot by guard Paul Chatzkie. The Falcons kept the two point bulge until Dale Ponticock failed at a four pointer, 41-47, with a jumper at the buzzer. Grimaldi and Gadde combined for 12 points in this lead.

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