

Falcons' Title Chance Gone Unless Berkley Comes Alive

The Berkley basketball team had better play a lot sharper tomorrow night than they did last week against Farmington, at least that's the hope of Coach Jack Quiggle and his Falcons cagers.

The Falcons ran away with last week's game, 73-66, with 12 players seeing action, and 10 of them breaking into the scoring column.

The Bears will take on an even more formidable opponent tomorrow when they journey to Pontiac Northern for the last game of the season. If the Huskies win, they will also win the Inter-Lakes crown. But if they succumb to the Bears, and if Farmington can defeat Waller Lake, the Falcons will share the title with Northern.

In the past couple of seasons, the Inter-Lakes teams haven't been too stingy about the championship. In fact, Pontiac broke the ice with a three point last time to cop the title outright with a 10-0 mark in the 1959-60 campaign. In 1961 Northern and Waller Lake split the title, and last year it was Farmington and Berkley who divided the crown.

Berkley jumped off to a quick 2-0 lead against the Falcons last week on Dick Ramsdell's outside shot, but that was the last time the Bears saw the lead on their side of the scoreboard all night. Walt Grimala knotted the score, and from then on it was Farmington's game.

Paul Chatzka, Dale Pitcock, and Chuck Gaddie each scored five points in the first eight minutes in aiding the Falcons to a 19-10 first quarter lead.

Farmington hit a dry spell in the second quarter and displayed sloppy, lackadaisical play. The Falcons went nearly four minutes without scoring a field goal until Pitcock broke the ice with a three point shot, leaving the Bears in a 21-19 lead.

Dick Fusco then entered the game and quickly hit two jump shots to hike the lead to 30-18. Junior Bob Lorenz made it 32-18 with two free throws, but Berkley guard Dick Kikkuri came back with a jumper, making it 32-20. The two teams then traded baskets to make the halftime score 34-22 in favor of the Falcons.

Farmington liked the lead to 40-24 in the third quarter on a layup by Pitcock and later raised it to as much as 20 points. The Falcons held a 19 point lead, 53-34, with only the final eight minutes remaining in the game.

In the last quarter, the Farmington crowd went wild as Gaddie continually cleared the boards and cunningly faked the Berkley defense. Even the Falcon bench was upsetting the Bears. Coach Quiggle cleared the bench, and Junior Dave Schick made the best of this move as he led the Falcon charge with six points. He connected on a layup after taking a courteous pass from Greg Wilson to give Farmington its largest margin of the game, 63-43. However, the Bears left their starters in the game and finally narrowed the lead to 71-60. Wilson hit a jump shot with just three seconds left, leaving the final score at 73-60.

This was certainly a different Farmington team than the one that was thoroughly embarrassed by Berkley earlier in the season. This time it was an all-out team effort.

Pitcock led the Falcons' balanced scoring attack with 15 points. Grimala and Chatzka followed the lanky forward with 12 points each. Fusco and Gaddie also added 10 and eight, respectively.

Berkley center Gary Ross, who bulldozed his way around the basket, equalled Pitcock's game high of 15 points. Dick Kikkuri was close behind with 14.

In other league action, Pontiac Northern took care of Southland, 66-40. Pete's big ambition was to hit another perfect game in one week, but he was out of luck. He works at Northwest Lanes and has done it not only once but twice within the same week. He bowled perfect games on Feb. 17 and Feb. 21. The only unfortunate part about the whole thing is that both times it has been while not rolling in league competition and as a result he does not qualify for any of the top prizes awarded, to a bowl or hitting a 300 game in league competition.

The proprietors at Nor-West Lanes on Northwestern Highway near 14 Mile Road where young Zerkhan bowled both of these perfect games as one and won one. The win was sweet, however, that they were very much on the "up and up." Several witnesses saw him chalk the perfect game up, they said.

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PETE ZERKHAN demonstrates his bowling delivery here as three friends look on directly behind him. They figure this record in bowling two perfect games in one week qualifies him as one of the best instructors they could have. The friends looking on (left to right) are Greg Scherer, Bill Cole and Greg Rayman, all of Farmington.

15 Year Old Bowls 2 300 Games in Week

Bowling a 300 game is quite an accomplishment and only a very small number of adults who have been bowling for years have ever done it.

But, young Pete Zerkhan, 17, a 15 year old, tenth grader at North Farmington High had done it not only once but twice within the same week. He bowled perfect games on Feb. 17 and Feb. 21. The only unfortunate part about the whole thing is that both times it has been while not rolling in league competition and as a result he does not qualify for any of the top prizes awarded, to a bowl or hitting a 300 game in league competition.

Raiders Split In Two Meets

In action last week the North Farmington High Raiders lost these perfect games as one and won one. The win was sweet, however, that they were very much on the "up and up." Several witnesses saw him chalk the perfect game up, they said.

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Falcons to Play Edsel Ford in Tourney Here

Again this year Farmington High School will play host to seven other high school basketball teams in the Michigan High School Athletic Association District Tournament this coming week. Teams will be in action on the Farmington court on Tuesday and Wednesday nights and again on Friday and Saturday.

The Falcons drew the first game of the tourney this year when representatives of the eight schools (including Farmington) met on Tuesday of this week to determine how the teams would be matched up.

At 7 o'clock Tuesday night, March 5, the Falcons will be in action against Edsel Ford High. The second game on Tuesday night which will be at 8:30 will find Inkster High pitted against high ranking Robichaud.

A total of 250 tickets are already out for students from the Farmington schools for advanced sale for the Tuesday night action. Athletic Director John Cotton stated.

TICKETS FOR adults to see the Farmington game will be sold in advance. Cotton said: A total of 100 adult tickets will be available and will go on sale at the Farmington High ticket office starting at 11:30 Monday morning. They will be sold on a first come first serve basis. Cotton said.

On Wednesday night, March 6, Fordson High will go against Lowrey at 7 p.m. and Dearborn will meet Garden City at 8:30.

The winners in Tuesday night's two contests will have their playoff game on Friday night, March 8, at 8 p.m. and the winners of Wednesday night's games on Saturday night, March 9, at the same hour.

The winners in the Friday and Saturday night encounters will move on to Regional competition.

If you want to get even with somebody, try getting even with those who have helped you. —Pana (Ill.) News-Palladium

N. F. H. S. Raiders Win Over Birmingham, 56-51

North Farmington closed out its home basketball campaign last Friday, and did it in style by downing the Falcons of Birmingham Groves, 56-51.

Raider Coach Dick Wilson used a two-platoon system against the birds, and it paid off well. Starting for the Raiders were Mike Fleming, Ron Bennett, John McDonald, Joe O'Donnell, and Skip Moore. However, at the end of the first quarter Groves had a one point advantage, 12-11.

Raiders Jim "The Shot" Uhl, L. Schreffler, Lindsay Letcher, Gary Wolf, and Andy Lawton, took over for eight minutes and by outshooting run it up to a 25-24 NFHS intermission lead.

Third period play clinched NF's victory as the first platoon outscored the Falcons 20-12, giving North Farmington a nine point bulge.

Birmingham, now playing a desperate brand of ball outscored the Raiders by four points, but with the fresh unit, and shooting of Jim Uhl, North Farmington retained a five point lead for the victory.

Northern's all-conference center, Mike Fleming, took game honors with 17 points. Nine of the ten other Raiders that played also scored. High for the birds was center Bill Stephenson with 12 points.

If North Farmington can beat Dearborn Hoston tomorrow, and Birmingham beats Cherry Hill, NFHS will have a third place finish in the Tri-Valleys League.

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REAL SPIRITED PLAY was demonstrated by the North Farmington Raiders last week in chalking up a victory over Birmingham Groves. Players were snarled here a scramble for a lost ball. The NFHS player on the bottom of the heap could not be identified. No. 20 is Gary Wolf and the other player coming in at the right is Larry Schreffler.

Photo by Judy Woods

Wrestlers Set For Tournament

Our Lady of Sorrows and North Farmington High wrestlers will be journeying to River Rouge High School on Friday and Saturday of this week, March 1 and 2, for tournament competition.

Eleven Class "B" schools are entered in the tourney and nearly all of them will have entries in all 12 weight classes, it was indicated.

Action on Friday will run from 2 until 10:30 p.m. On Saturday there will be wrestling competition from 1 until 7 p.m.

Sorrows will be running a special spectators bus over to the tourney finals on Saturday. The bus will leave the Our Lady of Sorrows School parking lot at 5:45 p.m.

TRY A CLASSIFIED AD

Record Setting OLS Wrestler Dave LaFond Closes Out Career

Dave LaFond closed out his high school wrestling career for Our Lady of Sorrows last Thursday evening when the Lancer matman scored a 29-21 victory over Class A Warren Lincoln in the winner's gym.

Coach Dan Potter's wrestling team notched their eleventh dual meet victory against just one loss in closing out the schedule to complete their most successful season in the four-year history of the sport at Sorrows.

LaFond's FINAL match ended just 3 minutes and 20 seconds after it began when he pinned his 133-pound opponent from Warren Lincoln. It was the 28th straight dual three year match for the OLS senior without a defeat.

Although just one of three fine senior wrestlers for Sorrows this year, the others are 120-pound Fred Phillips and heavyweight Chuck Dobos. LaFond's record of victories extends back over a four year period.

A total of 36 individual dual meet victories are credited to LaFond since he started out as a freshman back in the 1959-60 season. He has sustained only seven losses, five coming in his first year and the other two coming in his second season as a Lancer wrestler.

Since the fall of 1951, the Lancer has wrestled about 100 times in his own weight many times and on one occasion was held to a draw, but he never suffered a defeat. In his last three years he has compiled a 34 and 2 record which is sure to make a school record for many seasons to come. In addition this fine wrestler for Sorrows, LaFond also was a regular on the Lancer football team at defensive halfback.

COACH POTTER's wrestling team will still pack plenty of power next season with the return of Stan Secosky, a 133-pounder who has a streak of undefeated dual meet matches, now totaling 23 to his credit. His latest victim was a 145-pounder from Warren Lincoln who fell in rights commission in the United States with broad powers.



DAVE LAFOND

The pin added five points to the Lancer cause.

Secosky's undefeated streak extends over a three year period and he'll have a full season as a senior to add to it. He is also the quarterback for the Our Lady of Sorrows football team.

Heavyweight Chuck Dobos, a year and a half of wrestling, has accumulated a respectable 11-3 record, winning nine of his matches this season against just two setbacks. He will be missed greatly next season.

FRED PHILLIPS, a senior, who usually competes in the 120-pound weight division for the Lancers, commands a season's record of 7-4. He finished the year especially strong.

The point winners for Sorrows against Warren Lincoln were 55 lbs. Pat Ruelle, 11-2 decision; 105 lbs. Rick Reda, 1-59 pin; 120 lbs. Fred Phillips, 5-2 decision; 133 lbs. Dave LaFond, 3-36 pin; 138 lbs. Mark Kurzinski, 3-01 pin; 145 lbs. Stan Secosky, 3-48 pin; and 151 lbs. Mike LaFond, 6-0 decision (7-0 for the season).

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