

Farmington, Bentley Sweep Into State Regionals

It's No. 3 for Falcons

For once Coach Jack Quiggle of Farmington high was happy to see a "visiting team" win in the Farmington high school gym.

That's because for the district Class A finale at Farmington, the Falcons were listed as the visiting team against North Farmington, which wore the garb of the home club.

Strange? Perhaps. But before each tournament game the teams flip to decide which will be on the scoreboard and in the color of uniforms they wear.

In scoring a 67-63 win

over North Farmington, Farmington:

- 1—Copped its third district crown in five years under Quiggle.
- 2—Gained this week's regionals at Franklin.
- 3—Had to fight off a

North Farmington rally which prompted Quiggle to pay the highest compliments to the opposition from "across town."

The championship game

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4 Area Preps Reign As State Mat Kings

"Our finest hour..."

Such was the comment of wrestling coach Jim Knotts of Thurston after four area schoolboys carried off state championships.

"This truly was a great accomplishment and shows how far our schools have come in wrestling," added Knotts.

The four area champs:

CLASS A

120 pounds—John Cessel of Farmington.

132—Dave Pike of Redford Union.

138—Randy Ault of Thurston.

CLASS B

127—Ray Wehner of Clarencville.

All scored four consecutive victories in the state meet—the Class A at Annapolis, the Class B at Lansing.

Ault stopped Tom Hines of Ypsilanti, who had captured 32 consecutive matches before running into the Thurston star.

Pike won in the finals over Larry Smith of Ypsilanti while Cessel downed Ed McMullen from Port Huron in his deciding match.

While Wehner carried off a Class B crown, two of his teammates placed second. Don Ythello was runnerup at 112 pounds and Dave Kaipio placed second at 138 pounds.

Carl Watkins, 133 pounds, also picked up one victory for Clarencville which took second in the team race with 36 points as

Okemos carried off the "B" crown with 46 points. The Class A team title went to Pontiac Northern.

Thurston finished well up the list among the 110 schools, which entered the competition, with 15 points.



FLYING HIGH with eyes on the basket is Clarencville's Mike Nye who drives in for two points in the state tournament game against Riverside High.

Trojans Lose in Finale On an Improving Note

Improvement satisfies a coach, almost as much as a victory.

For Clarencville high basketball team, that was the 1966-67 story.

The Trojans started slowly, winning only two of their first seven games in the Wayne-Oakland League.

In the second half, their record boomed to a brilliant 6-1.

actually was a two-part affair. Farmington dominated in the first half, North Farmington in the second half.

The total score, fortunately for Farmington, went in its favor, but not until North Farmington with a team comprised for the most part of underclassmen twice led in the final period after falling behind by as many as 17 points in the second half.

"You just have to take your hat off to the way North Farmington played for Dick Wilson," said Quiggle. "They made a tremendous rally and we were very fortunate to win."

Farmington took a 22-12 lead at the end of the first quarter and led, 40-23, at the intermission.

Then North Farmington went to work.

The Raiders piled up 23 points to seven for Farmington in the third period and it was Farmington by a slim 47-48 margin entering the final period.

Twice North Farmington took a lead in the last period, once by two points, the second time by a point.

Then a basket by Mike Thompson and two free throws by Greg Dorow put Farmington three up. However, not until George Grimaldi hit two free throws with 30 seconds left was the issue finally settled.

Tom Wirtz registered five baskets and nine foul shots for 18 points and Mike Ames had eight of his 18 points in the last period to top the winners. Dorow was right behind with 17.

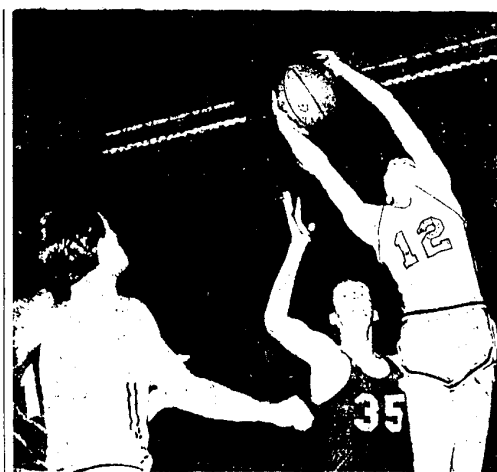
Faller had 27 for the losers, hitting nine baskets and nine free throws. He made 21 of his points after the intermission to pace the North Farmington comeback.

For Farmington, its victory No. 3 in the districts.

The Falcons had started by downing Michigan. Then followed a 75-54 win over Plymouth in a game in which the Falcon's weren't pressed too much.

Farmington gained a 15-12 lead after the first period, outscored Plymouth 22-12 in the second and 19-13 in the third to pull away to a handsome margin.

Four of the Falcons counted in double figures with Tom Wirtz making 14, Mike (Continued on Page 3B)



SNAGGING A REBOUND is Stevenson hand to his teammate during this action in High's Dave Lowe (12) while Bentley's regional final at Franklin High. Bentley Dan Doyle (35) moves in to tie up the ball. Bentley won. Neil Exarchos (32) appears ready to lend a

Sad Season Closes for Collegians

What started out as a season with hope ended in gloom for Schoolcraft college.

But there's still a touch of hope—for next season.

The collegians won three of their first eight games. Then came the first-semester break and a flock of ineligibilities, plus some dropouts.

Coach Bob Leggat found it necessary to rebuild in mid-season.

Schoolcraft carried on, but never won another game. When the season ended last week in a 101-81 loss to Delta College, the first Schoolcraft record stood out at 3-20.

"Nobody can knock the effort our kids put out for the college," said Leggat. "But we lacked size and experience. Some of our boys never had played any high school basketball."

Looking ahead, Skip Moore and John Felmet, two top scorers, should be back next year. Hopefully, two or three players, will regain their eligibility and maybe a few with prep backgrounds and with some size will enter the college.

Felmet had 27 points against Delta and Lance Hahn 18. Moore fouled out early, after making only eight points in the closing game.

Sorrows' Walsh Runnerup in State Tourney

Frank Walsh, one of four representatives of Our Lady of Sorrows High School in Farmington at the Class C state championship wrestling tournament in Lansing, was runnerup in the heavyweight division.

Walsh lost out in the finals to Roger Lambert of Union City by a decision.

Sorrows finished 11th in the standings among the 28 teams competing at Eastern High. The team championship was won by St. Michael's High School.

Nearly Perfect

Mickey Stanley enters the 1967 Tiger season with only one American League error against his record.

Iron Man

Don Wert, Tiger third baseman, had played 261 straight games when forced out of the lineup by illness in June, 1966.

Observing SPORTS

By George Markin

Very few love a sports umpire or referee. Sometimes, not even members of their own families.

Dolph Schayes, who heads up the referees for the National Basketball Association, was standing in a hotel lobby in New York the other evening.

His 12-year-old son David was boiling. "Dad, your referees stink," said David. Schayes tried to stop his son short. But, he failed.

Young David isn't the only one popping off these days about basketball or any other sport officiating.

John Bennington, the cage coach at Michigan State, was quoted the other day as saying that "referees in the Big Ten were incompetent."

Other Big Ten coaches have suggested that maybe the games would improve if there were no referees used; just let the players solve matters their own way.

You hear complaints about the work of referees in hockey and football and baseball umpires constantly are being ripped apart.

IT'S NOT LIKELY the beefs ever will cease. Just as it isn't possible we'll see the day when games are staged without referees or umpires.

Yes, we have yapped at officials. But, somehow in our older days we have mellowed considerably. One or two yells a game... that's tops. And, never after a game is complete do we corner a referee or umpire and tongue lash him because of a defeat for the Pistons.

If you have been around long enough, and you understand the game, or games, you suddenly realize that no matter how bad the officiating may be, the men in striped shirts or blue serge suits don't win or lose the games.

The players lose 'em. Their coaches and managers lose 'em.

This is why we get so annoyed over what happens in Little League games.

There was an incident in which a young pitcher on two successive plays threw wildly to third base in extra innings. On one toss, the tying run scored; on the second the winning run came across.

As the teams stepped off the diamond, the umpire was rushed by the losers.

"Your call beat us," came the scream.

That the young pitcher made two inexcusable throws, that his manager and coaches never took a moment to walk to the middle of the mound and caution the pitcher to be careful and not peg the ball needlessly... why, who can remember these incidents?

The umpire had to be the culprit.

But the situations aren't much different on the high school or college or even professional levels.

We've watched scores of basketball games where players missed on easy shots, or made bad

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Stevenson Whipped In Finals

An old story: Bentley High district Class A basketball champion.

For the eighth time in 10 years Bentley copped the flag Saturday night when they downed Stevenson, 61-62, in the championship game at Franklin.

Thus Bentley moved on to this week's regionals at Franklin with Farmington, Catholic Central and Edsel Ford.

Stevenson, the surprising team of the area—the segregation without a senior—had upset Garden City West to gain the title game.

But against mighty Bentley, Stevenson just found matters much too rough.

It was Bentley by 25-15 after the first quarter and never in serious trouble thereafter, thanks to some great work from the free throw line.

Stevenson had the edge in baskets, 26-24, but at the charity marker, it was Bentley notching 33 out of 41 while Stevenson wound up with only 10 successes on free throws.

"Give that Stevenson team a great deal of credit," said Bentley Coach George Fettes.

The played aggressively all the way and never let up. They'll be tough as soon as they add a senior class."

As was the case throughout the tournament, Ken Bollin was the high man for Bentley with 23 points while Mike McCauley chipped in with 19, 11 coming from the free throw line.

Big man for Stevenson was Paul Pender, who hit for eight baskets and six free throws.

Bentley had blitzed Franklin, 78-59 and Garden City East, 63-40, in earlier action in the districts.

After jumping on top, 17-9, in the first period, Bentley reached halftime with 35-23 edge. Then the North Livonia crew erupted for 21 points in the third period and the issue was well in hand the rest of the way.

Bollin with 22 points carried off scoring honors against the Bentley rivals from the south side of town. McCauley chipped in with 12 along with Grimm. Macy had 10 to give Bentley four men in double figures.

Steve Atkinson caged 14 points for Franklin and was followed by Chris Wendrick with 13 and Tom Reicin with 12.

Another third-period explosion by Bentley settled matters in the game with Garden City East.

The teams had reached the intermission with Bentley clinging to a 24-20 advantage as East wasn't able to hit with any degree of success with its shots.

After the intermission, Bentley fired in 22 points while East could get only eight in the third period. Bentley had the game in the bag.

In the last period, all of Bentley's points came on baskets with Bollin getting four and Macy three.

Bollin again finished as high man with 21 points, Macy with 12 and Grimm with 10 rounded out the Bentley players in twin figures. Joe Huber had four baskets and seven characters for 15 points to top East.

Some "half-time talking" changed the style of play for Stevenson going into the

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CLARENCEVILLE SECOND N. Farmington State Gymnastics Champs

North Farmington and Clarencville placed one-two, respectively, over the weekend in the state high school gymnastics tournament at North Farmington.

The champion Raiders piled up 147½ points to 145½ for Clarencville. Taylor Kennedy was a distant third with 43 points, while Ann Arbor had 72 and Allen Park 32. Only

Here's Chance To Get Tips On Umpiring

Umpires will be needed for the area baseball and softball program during the summer.

Realizing this, the Suburban Umpires Association is holding clinics the second and fourth Friday of each month in room 110 at Plymouth High. The sessions start at 7:30 and continue until 9:30 p.m.

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