

It's North vs Groves In Northwest Finale

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North Farmington's basketball team has to be hopping Santa Claus arrives early around Farmington High territory tonight.

North Coach Ken Dean has only one item on his "list" ... the Northwest holiday tourney crown.

It will be a 6 - 0 North Farmington crew against highly rated Birmingham Groves which is sporting a 7 - 1 record, at Farmington High tonight (Friday) in the Northwest finale.

Tip - off is slated for 8:30 p.m.

Birmingham Seaholm and Walled Lake Central precede the finale in a 7 p.m. clash. Over at Walled Lake Western tonight it will be Farmington against Western at 7 p.m. and Suburban Eight foes Redford Union and Bentley doing battle at 8:30 p.m.

Dean's Raiders got by



Walled Lake Western in their opening round, 70 - 50, and knocked off Central, 60 - 53, to move into the finale while Groves blasted Livonia Bentley and crushed Seaholm.

First round action saw WL Central down Redford Union and Seaholm crushed Farmington, along with the North win over Western and Groves' victory over Bentley.

Second round competition had Groves and North Farmington sparkle into the finale while Bentley trounced Farmington, 84 - 26, and Redford Union nipped Western in overtime, 61 - 59.

North's opening 70 - 50 win over Western saw the Raiders hit 51 per cent from the floor, Jim Fredericks pop-

ping in 32 points. The Raiders led after one quarter, 18 - 14, and opened it up to 38 - 24 at the half with Western committing 14 turnovers in the second quarter with North's press on.

An oddity was that Western did not take one free-throw as North was called for only eight fouls, four in each half.

The Central clash saw North jump to a 10 - 0 lead in the first four minutes and finish the opening quarter with a 20 - 11 lead, Fredericks and Dennis McCrary scoring eight each. It was 34 - 24 at the half and it stayed anywhere from seven to nine points the rest of the way. North hit 23 of 53 for 43 per

cent and Central 23 of 66 for 35 per cent, Mike Imhoff high with 32 points for the Walled Lake club.

Now comes North's first "real" test of the campaign. North is 6 - 0 but not one of the six wins has been against a team with a winning record.

"Our record is a bit deceptive," stated Dean.

"We are going to have to press tonight and run and run and run," the North coach added. "This will have to be our top performance yet."

"Groves kicked us around in the summer program so maybe our kids will be out to show them something this time when it really counts."

Groves' front line is 6 - 4, 6 - 5, and 6 - 4 while North's checks in at 6 - 3, 6 - 3 and 6 - 0.

"They (Groves) are big and we will have to run them and

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LAYING IT UP for two points is North Farmington's Jim Fredericks in the 60-53 win over Walled Lake Central in the Northwest holiday tourney. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Stevenson Surprises Salem; Churchill Bombs Thurston

Victories by Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson over Thurston and Plymouth Salem marked Tuesday's opening round of the Plymouth holiday basketball tournament as Churchill's Ken Landini set a school one-game scoring record with 30 points.

The 6-2 senior had been averaging 15.2 points per game for the unbeaten Chargers and his high mark of 30 paced Churchill to a 70-47 margin over Thurston. He broke a school scoring record

of 26 set by Mike Keeler in 1971.

Stevenson raced to a 21-6 first quarter lead over the ice cold host team from Plymouth. The Spartans were never headed as they handed the Rocks their second straight loss, 51-48.

The results left Churchill 5-0 for the season, Stevenson 3-3, Plymouth 4-2 and Thurston 1-5, with the winners meeting for the title.

Thurston made a real battle of it with Churchill throughout the first half,

leading at one point 21-20 and trailing at the intermission only 34-31.

The third quarter was a different story as Landini personally pumped in 11 points and defensively the Chargers limited the Eagles to eight points. After three periods Churchill led 51-39 and coasted in from there.

Also in double figures for the Chargers were Rich Van Wagoner and Don Braun, each with 10 points. En route to his record Landini netted

11 field goals and hit all eight of his free throws.

Plymouth coach Fred Thoman yanked his entire starting quintet after its poor first quarter showing. He found improved scoring punch in substitutes Jeff Ziel and Jim Ellinghouser, but the Rock comeback was too little, too late.

Summaries:

CHURCHILL	
Wayner, 3 --0-4 --6; Van Wagoner, 5 --0-3 --10; Braun, 4 --2-3 --10; Landini, 11 --8-0 --30; Forest, 4 --0-2 --8; Lesterin, 1 --0-0 --2; Foster, 1 --0-0 --2; Packard, 1 --0-0 --2.	Totals: 33 --10-20 --70.
THURSTON	
Polidori, 2 --1-2 --5; Fernandes, 1 --0-0 --2; Birta, 2 --6-11 --10; Bondie, 4 --2-2 --10; Roy, 4 --4-7 --12; Rodriguez, 1 --0-0 --2; Spillard, 0 --0-1 --0; Fazzini, 1 --0-1 --2; Janssens, 2 --0-0 --4.	Totals: 17 --13-24 --47.
Churchill..... 16 18 17 19--70	Thurston..... 17 8 8 47

STEVENSON	
Nolan, 3 --0-0 --0; Link, 4 --0-4 --10; Haberman, 5 --1-1 --11; Isenhardt, 3 --0-0 --6; Davis, 5 --4-9 --14; Gilland, 0 --4-5 --4; Mikula, 0 --0-1 --0.	Totals: 20 --11-20 --51.
SALEM	
Prupier, 3 --0-0 --0; Neu, 2 --0-1 --4; Agardy, 3 --3-6 --9; Laitrand, 1 --0-2 --2; Johnson, 1 --0-1 --2; Dillon, 2 --0-0 --4; Ziel, 0 --1-2 --4; Ellinghouser, 4 --0-0 --8.	Totals: 22 --4-12 --48.
Stevenson..... 21 11 8 13--51	Salem..... 22 14 14 48

Harrison Swimmers Win Relay Crown

Farmington Harrison captured three firsts and two seconds in winning top honors in the six school Farmington swimming relays.

Harrison totaled 77 points and was followed by Northville with 69, Livonia Stevenson 62, Detroit Redford 49, North Farmington 41 and host Farmington 18.

Meet records were set by Detroit Redford with a 2:07.4 clocking in the 200 yard breaststroke and relay and by Harrison with a 4:00.2 time in the 400 yard medley relay.

Results:

500 CRESCENDO RELAY: 1-Farmington Harrison (Paterson, Fischer, Hawthorne, Reed), 4:44.0; 2-North Farmington (Warner, Holcomb, Papez, Hatch), 4:48.3; 3-Redford (Grochocki, O'Neil, Dasey, O'Neil), 4:58.0; 4-Stevenson (Kloote, Mueller, Bieh, Burkler), 4:58.2; 5-Northville (Luk, Chama, Erdos, Luckett), 4:58.2; 6-	
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Farmington (Kuhnlein, Spjeldet, Mason, McCrall), 5:07.3.	4:15.8; 2-Harrison (Dolan, Humphries, Hoehner, Dudeak), 4:19.1; 3-Stevenson (Reid, Verpoort, Santo, Willbank), 4:31.5.
200 BACKSTROKE RELAY: 1-Harrison (Fischer, Kral, Humphries, Dolan), 1:58.5; 2-Northville (Kobe, Wright, Sways, Haynie), 2:00.4; 3-Stevenson (Santo, Reid, Carins, Evans), 2:04.9; 4-Redford (Klemmer, Tidington, Rylands, Lenz), 2:08.8; 5-North Farmington (Dreyer, Hartom, Davine, Amis), 2:11.0.	400 MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Harrison (Rado, Howe, Smart, Arnoldy), 4:00.2; 2-Stevenson (Santo, Kolodziej, Hult, Mueller), 4:07.2; 3-Redford (Hale, Miller, Makkonen, O'Neil), 4:07.5; 4-Northville (Haynie, Bloomhoff, Talbot, Erdos), 4:20.4; 5-Farmington (Huff, Graham, Johnson, Byar), 4:31.5; 6-N. Farmington (Dreyer, Roster, Kaye, Davine), 4:55.8.
200 BREASTSTROKE RELAY: 1-Redford (Hale, Grochocki, Makkonen, Miller), 2:07.4; 2-Harrison (Hoehner, Dudeak, Hornack), 2:11.0; 3-Northville (Bloomhoff, Wright, Dallah, Greenleaf), 2:12.0; 4-North Farmington (Tighe, Adams, Rosten, McKinney), 2:12.1; 5-Stevenson (Kolodziej, Rossbolt, Verpoort, Sieg), 2:17.1; 6-Farmington (Grham, Algis, Kuhnlein, McCrall), 2:18.8.	200 FREESTYLE RELAY: 1-N. Farmington (Warner, Holcomb, Papez, Hatch), 1:38.3; 2-Northville (Cook, Guider, Chaffin, Lefek), 1:40.3; 3-Stevenson (Younberg, Heckman, Zimmerman, Michman), 1:47.0; 4-Redford (Hawekumet, Farley, Slinkk, Rylands), 1:52.3; 5-Farmington (Spjeldet, Mason, McCabe, Byar), 1:45.8; 6-Harrison (Paterson, Arnoldy, Weber, Patjae), 1:49.0.
200 BUTTERFLY RELAY: 1-Stevenson (Kloote, Santo, Ducker, Hult), 1:48.1; 2-Northville (Talbot, Guider, Cook, Kelly), 1:47.1; 3-Harrison (Smart, Hawthorne, Dudeak, Hornack), 1:48.8; 4-Redford (Shumier, Pratt, LaFame, Farley), 2:07.0; 5-Farmington (McCabe, Johnson, Majestic, Huff), 2:14.0; 6-North Farmington (Slevens, Amis, Kaye, Naybac), 2:26.0.	400 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY RELAY: 1-Northville (Luckett, Cook, Greenleaf, Kelly)
500 DIVING RELAY: 2-Northville (Knapp, Cook), 5:48.0; 3-Harrison (Kral, Weber), 3:58.0; 4-North Farmington (Huff, Hoot), 4:48.0; 5-Farmington (Bowman, Bowman), 6:48.0; 6-Redford (Tidington, Kretschmer), winning points total 228.45.	

Top Player	
Paul Seal, a senior from Detroit Pershing High, was elected Michigan's most valuable football player. The 6-6, 218 pound played tight end.	

Schoolcraft Splits Weekend Series

Four trouble cost Schoolcraft College one game and for a moment it began to look as it would another.

But after losing star forward Tom Luch on fouls for the second consecutive night, the Ocelot cagers came fighting back to defeat Concordia Lutheran College of Ann Arbor, 92-79, to even the weekend at one all.

Schoolcraft is now 2-3 overall.

The Ocelots dropped a disappointing 99-87 decision to Washtenaw Community College. After taking a 46-43 halftime lead, Schoolcraft's hopes for victory dissipated in the second half when its

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entire starting front line of Luch, John Grigal and Mark Reed fouled out before the start of the fourth quarter.

With Schoolcraft's rebounders out of the contest, Washtenaw took control and pulled away to the 99-87 triumph. Luch, who tallied 32 points before fouling out paced Schoolcraft.

It looked like Schoolcraft was going to suffer the same fate against Concordia when Luch fouled out in the opening minute of the second half. But this time Grigal

picked up the slack and tossed in 12 second-half points to spark the attack. Grigal finished with 26 points.



Riverside 73, Clarenceville 44	
Franklin 78, QC West 187	
GC East 59, Farmington 48	
John Glenn 95, Southgate 49	
NORTHWEST TOURNEY	
WL Central 75, RU 81	
N. Farmington 70, WL Western 50	
Groves 82, Bentley 45	
Seaholm 59, Farmington 48	
RU 81, WL Western 58 (OT)	
Bentley 84, Farmington 26	
N. Farmington 60, WL Central 53	
PLYMOUTH TOURNEY	
Churchill 70, Thurston 47	
Stevenson 51, Ply Salem 48	