

Thurston steals win from North Farmington

The ball-hawking Thurston Eagles parlayed 18 steals and 27 North Farmington turnovers into an easy 63-52 win, last Friday night.

Relying on a full court press that never eased up, the Eagles raced to an early 17-7 first quarter lead and were never headed thereafter. By half-time Thurston held a 41-24 margin and breezed through the second half.

Seniors Dave Polderi and Gary Blenkins led the Eagle attack with 19 points apiece. Polderi and Blenkins also hauled in 23 rebounds between them as Thurston controlled the boards, both on offense and defense.

North Farmington got ten players in the scoring stats but as a team shot cold-blooded 30 percent from the

floor while Thurston was hitting 43 percent of the time. Kevin Gaisor, Joe Andronico and Tom Moore led the Raider cagers with 10 points each.

**THURSTON COACH** Bill Croteau was pleased with his team's performance.

"That's three in a row for us, now," said Croteau. "Our defense was excellent. And our kids are really starting to believe in themselves as a winning team."

Losing coach Ken Dean commented that his team had practiced against Thurston's expected full court zone press all week.

"We knew it was coming," said Dean. "But we still couldn't cope with it. It was pretty frustrating—what

with all the easy layups Thurston got and the number of turnovers committed."

**NORTH FARMINGTON** had 16 turnovers in the first half alone. The Raiders' usual high-scorer, Bob Patek, had his first shot blocked by Polderi and Patek made only one bucket thereafter.

One bright spot for North Farmington was the play of junior guard Kevin McCrum who entered the game in the fourth quarter and scored nine points in a losing cause. McCrum was the smallest player on the court, standing five-feet-seven, but led the Raiders in rebounds and may have earned himself a starting job.

North Farmington's next game is

with Berkley. Berkley is 15-0 on the season and the Raiders' chances of improving their 4-13 record look pretty dim. Thurston is currently 7-9 and is riding a three game win streak.

**THURSTON (63):** Polderi 8, 3-4; Blenkins 19, 7-11; Fazzini 1, 0-0; Rodriguez 4, 0-0; Croywada 1, 0-1; Polden 2, 1-1; Abends 1, 0-0; Biele 2, 0-0. 4 Totals: 23, 17-35, 62.

**NORTH FARMINGTON (52):** Gaisor 4, 2-4; 10; Solano 1, 2-4; Morrow 8, 1-2; 1; Andronico 4, 2-2; 10; B. Patch 1, 0-0; 2; Moore 2, 0-0; 10; Wessner 0, 0-0; 5; J. Patch 0, 0-1; 0; McCrum 2, 3-5; 9; Epstein 0, 1-2; 1. Totals: 18, 20-32, 52.

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Lathrup's Buck Crosthwaite set a pool record in the 500 free against Southfield.

Franklin blanks Southfield, 6-0

Lathrup hat trick wasted in 6-5 hockey loss

Lathrup's Ken Isaacson scored three goals in the third period, but the comeback wasn't enough as Livonia Stevenson defeated the Chargers, 6-5, in a Suburban Hockey League game last Thursday at Southfield's Beechwood Arena.

In another SHL game last week, Livonia Franklin blanked Southfield High, 6-0, at Livonia's Ford Ice Arena.

Isaacson, a left winger, took seven shots and connected on three. He had some help from Dan Lewis, who also scored in the third period. Unfortunately for the Chargers, Stevenson also tallied four times in the period.

"This is the second game in a row where we've gotten a hat trick from one of our players," said Lathrup coach Dave Butler, whose team is 0-10 this season. "We're getting goals,

but we're not stopping the other team from scoring."

Stevenson's Doug Smith was taken to Providence Hospital after being involved in an accident in the first period. He received facial cuts when he fell on a skate just after being penalized for interference at 6:30.

Lathrup outshot Stevenson, 31-22. Lathrup plays next on Feb. 19 at Wyandotte Roosevelt.

Southfield High also won the shot war, outshooting Franklin, 31-25. But Franklin made its shots count.

"I thought we played a pretty good game considering," said Southfield coach Art Carinci. "Our game plan was to check them and throw them off balance. I also wanted to stress offense—keep the play in their zone. But they came down, for their shots and scored."

Dennis O'Connor was in goal for

Southfield, which is 2-7-1 this season. The Blue Jays play next at home on Feb. 13 against Livonia Stevenson. The game begins at 8 p.m. at Beechwood.

**Scoring:** Stevenson-Reckling (DiRusso, McDonald) 4:06. Penalties: Finn (5) tripping 4:30; Smith (5) interference 6:30; Lax (L) interference 7:30; Lax (L) slashing 11:30; Lax (L) slashing 14:00; DiRusso (5) slashing 14:44.

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**Scoring:** Lathrup-McIver (Antezak, McCollough) 11:34; Stevenson-Finn (Reckling, McDonald) 14:58. Penalties: Kobe (5) double minor: roughing and holding 3:4; Isaacson (L) roughing 3:4; Reckling (5) charging 5:30; Finn (5) slashing 4:42.

**Scoring:** Lathrup-Reckling (DiRusso) 1:00; Lathrup-Isaacson (Lewis, Kelly) 1:44; Stevenson-Finn (Reckling, McDonald) 14:58. Penalties: Kobe (5) double minor: roughing and holding 3:4; Isaacson (L) roughing 3:4; Reckling (5) charging 5:30; Finn (5) slashing 4:42.

Harrison sinks Canton

Emerald Tide tankers toy with SL, 110-62

By TOM BAER

Birmingham Groves has a happy combination of first-line swimmers and depth which has resulted in 23 straight dual meet victories over the past two seasons.

Groves extended its streak by beating Southfield-Lathrup, 110-62, last Thursday in a Metro Suburban Association meet. The Emerald Tide won eight of 11 events. The outcome of the meet was never in question, according to Lathrup coach Pete Biglin, whose team fell to 7-3 overall and 2-1 in the MSA.

"He (Groves) coach John Wieck went easy on us, he really did," Biglin said. "He could go into most meets and wipe out everybody."

First places for Lathrup: Bill Dunn, 23.6 in the 50-yard freestyle; Buck Crosthwaite, 55.5 in the 100-yard butterfly; and Dave Smith, 53.6 in the 100-yard freestyle.

Earlier last week, Lathrup defeated city-rival Southfield High, 114-58. Crosthwaite set a pool record in the 500 freestyle with a 5:23.3 clocking. Southfield won the 200 medley relay in 1:49.2 with Eric Schechter, Jack Stowers, Steve Kushner and Ed Wilkie. The Blue Jays are 6-3 overall.

Farmington Harrison remains undefeated in the Western Six League after defeating Plymouth Canton, 97-73, last Thursday. The Hawks are 9-3 overall.

Harrison's Mark Peterson won two individual events and swam a leg on the winning 400 freestyle relay. "Things are looking good," said Harrison coach Mark Holdridge. "We're setting up for the conference meet (Feb. 28, March 1) and the state meet (March 4-5)."

"We swim Seaholm next week (Feb. 13) and we're not giving up on that one. Rochester Adams beat them, so we feel we have a chance."

North Farmington beat Livonia Franklin, 106-66, in a Northwest Suburban League meet last Thursday. Coach Pat Duthie's Raiders are 7-7 overall and 3-0 in league meets.

North Farmington had two double winners: Jordan Hatch and Mark Holcomb. Hatch won the 50 freestyle (2:23.6) and the 100 freestyle (5:09), while Holcomb took the 200 individual medley (2:11.5) and the 100 backstroke (1:00.1).

Earlier last week, Belleville High stopped North Farmington, 91-41, in a non-league meet, which had been rescheduled from December. The Raiders won eight of the 11 events including both relays in the losing effort.

**Lathrup-Southfield**  
200 Medley Relay - Southfield (Schechter, Stowers, Kushner, Wilkie) 1:49.2. Lathrup: Lathrup.  
50 Freestyle - Smith (L) 1:54.5. Bowen (SL) Katz (L).  
100 Individual Medley - Mansfield (L) 2:19.4. Atkins (L) Friedman (L).  
50 Freestyle - Crosthwaite (L) 23.2. Dunn (L) Kushner (L).  
Diving - Barnhouse (L) 188.73 points. Root (SL) Novack (SL).  
100 Butterfly - Smith (L) 54.4. Friedman (L) Appleman (L).  
100 Freestyle - Dunn (L) 52.4. Wilkie (SL) Erickson (SL).  
500 Freestyle - Crosthwaite (L) 5:23.3 (pool record). Bowen (L) Katz (L).  
100 Backstroke - Batten (L) 1:03.9. Schechter (SL) Bregrum (L).  
100 Breaststroke - Hicks (L) 1:10.8. Stowers (SL) Deussen (L).  
500 Freestyle Relay - Lathrup (Dunn, Smith, Batten, Crosthwaite) 3:28.3. Southfield, Lathrup.

**N. Farmington-Franklin**  
200 Medley Relay - N. Farmington (Dreyer, Rosten, Bob Arms, Randy Arms) 1:48.4. Livonia Franklin, N. Farmington.  
100 Individual Medley - Holcomb (NFHS) 2:11.5. Christie (LF) Demattia (NFHS).  
500 Freestyle - Knock (NFHS) 2:01.5. McKinney (NFHS). Hughes (LF) 50 Freestyle - Hatch (NFHS) 23.6. White (LF), Lynch (NFHS).  
Diving - Freeka (LF) 2:13.90 points. Wetters (NFHS). Pacheco (NFHS).  
100 Butterfly - Bob Arms (NFHS) 57.6. Smith (LF), Demattia (NFHS).  
100 Freestyle - Hatch (NFHS) 50.9. White (LF), Knock (NFHS).  
500 Freestyle - Christie (LF) 5:27.8. Fleummett (LF), Robins (NFHS).  
100 Backstroke - Holcomb (NFHS) 1:40.1. Iazaczi (NFHS). Dreyer (NFHS).  
100 Breaststroke - Dabecoe (LF) 1:10.0. Rosten (NFHS). McKinney (NFHS).  
500 Freestyle Relay - N. Farmington (Knock, Dreyer, Holcomb, Hatch) 3:27.4. Livonia Franklin, N. Farmington.

**Groves-Lathrup**  
200 Medley Relay - Birmingham Groves (Batchelor, Rumble, Wright, Puternick) 1:47.2. Southfield-Lathrup, Birmingham Groves.  
500 Freestyle - Bice (BG) 5:43.2. Crosthwaite (SL), Kizer (BG).  
100 Individual Medley - Gritton (BG) 2:13.9. McDonald (BG), Smith (SL).  
50 Freestyle - Dunn (SL) 23.6. Brackebury (BG), Mansfield (SL).  
Diving - Viglietti (BG) 227.30 points. Baum (BG), Barnhouse (SL).  
100 Butterfly - Crosthwaite (SL) 55.5. Brackebury (BG), Hansen (BG).  
100 Freestyle - Smith (SL) 53.6. Hick (BG), Blunden (BG).  
500 Freestyle - Tyler (BG) 5:37.8. Clark (BG), Mallin (BG).  
100 Backstroke - Koenig (BG) 59.0. Dunn (SL), Holm (BG).  
100 Breaststroke - Batchelor (BG) 1:04.8. Quill (BG), Mansfield (SL).  
500 Freestyle Relay - Birmingham Groves (Gritton, Kizer, Friemer, McDonald) 3:33.9. Birmingham Groves, Southfield-Lathrup.

**Harrison-Canton**  
200 Medley Relay - Harrison (Humphries, Jeff Hornack, Scheff, Hawthorne) 1:48.1. Plymouth Canton, Harrison.  
500 Freestyle - Peterson (H) 5:42.2. Smith (H), Salley (PC).  
50 Freestyle - Peterson (PC) 23.6. Hawthorne (H), Charlie Hornack (H).  
100 Individual Medley - Fisher (H) 2:16.2. Harris (PC), Weiland (H).  
Diving - Wales (PC) 197.73 points. Timmus (H), Hamlin (PC).  
100 Butterfly - Jeff Hornack (H) 59.3. Hoehner (H), Kenney (PC).  
100 Freestyle - Schiff (H) 52.4. Harris (PC), Charlie Hornack (H).  
500 Freestyle - Peterson (H) no time available. Weiland (H), Salley (PC).  
100 Backstroke - Humphries (H) 1:00.6. Kenney (PC), Fisher (H).  
100 Breaststroke - Peterson (PC) 1:07.2. Hoehner (H), Sullivan (PC).  
500 Freestyle Relay - Harrison (Jeff Hornack, Peterson, Hawthorne) 3:36.3. Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Canton.

Sports coming up

**Baseball**  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Berkley High at North Farmington, 2200 Thirteen Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Southfield-Lathrup at Hazel Park, 22400 Hughes, 8 p.m.  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Southfield High at Wyandotte Roosevelt, 540 Eureka, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Oakland Christian at Southfield Christian, 2570 Lahser Road, 7:30 p.m.  
**Hockey**  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Flint Icelanders at Southfield Chiefs, Civic Center Arena, 2000 Evergreen Road, 8 p.m.  
**Swimming**  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Hazel Park at Southfield-Lathrup, 19201 Twelve Mile Road, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Farmington Harrison at Pontiac Central, 250 W. Huron, 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Farmington High at Ferndale High, 801 Pincrest, 7:30 p.m.  
**Wrestling**  
Tuesday (Feb. 11) Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Harrison, 2995s Twelve Mile Road, 7 p.m.  
**Girls' Gymnastics**  
Monday (Feb. 10) North Farmington at Troy High, 3175 Livonia, 7 p.m.  
Wednesday (Feb. 12) Walled Lake Western at Farmington High, 2200 Shawnee Road, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday (Feb. 12) North Farmington at Birmingham Groves, Thirteen Mile and Evergreen roads, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday (Feb. 12) Farmington Harrison at Oak Park High, 17200 Oak Park Blvd., 7:30 p.m.

**Franklin-Southfield**  
First Period  
Scoring: Franklin-Pelagias (Said, Vanich) 6:57. Penalties: Stewart (S) elbowing 8:31; Bruder (S) roughing 12:36; Said (F) roughing 12:38.  
Second Period  
Scoring: Franklin-Juntilla (Franklin)  
Third Period  
Scoring: Franklin-Skindell (Juntilla, Sergison) 1:31. Penalties: Maslanic (S) holding 3:08; Garbutt (F) interference 5:31; Barta (F) boarding 10:30; Sergison (F) slashing 14:31.  
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**Volleyball anyone? Clinics at Mercy**  
A clinic for volleyball coaches and officials will be held from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday (Feb. 11) at Farmington Our Lady of Mercy High School, Eleven Mile and Middlebelt roads. Other clinics are scheduled for Saturday (Feb. 15) and Tuesday (Feb. 18). There is no charge for the clinics.  
Additional information may be obtained by calling Rose Swidzinski at Mercy.