

# Raiders nip Falcons

By TOM BAER

North Farmington basketball coach Ken Dean called last Monday's Raider-Farmington High game "the battle of the nothings."

Dean was joking. He was in a good mood after watching his squad nip Farmington High, 61-56, in triple overtime in the second game of the Farmington Holiday Tournament. Many people thought the city battle would be a lackluster affair, but both teams played well and provided some exciting basketball.

In the tournament's first game, Redford Union used superior rebounding and a strong running game to defeat Farmington Harrison, 78-54.

The Farmington-North game was close throughout. Coach Bruce Brown's Farmington team led never by more than eight points. The score was knotted at 13 all after the first quarter. Farmington went up by four points (23-19) at halftime.

North rallied from a 37-31 deficit at the beginning of the fourth quarter and outscored the Falcons, 12-6, to tie it at 43 and send it into overtime. North's Mike Morrow made a layup with 2:11 left in regulation play to tie the game. Teammate Dan Werner deserved an assist on the play. The Raiders remained tied through two, three-minute overtimes—47 all after the first, 51 all after the second. In the third overtime, North went up by a point when Werner sank one end of a one-and-one. Then Fielding Epstein made a layup and was fouled by Farmington's Rick Mihizer with 1:40 left.

NORTH'S MIKE Garcia didn't score a point during the overtimes, but he came through with 15 in regulation play to lead the winners. Epstein added 11, while Werner, Kevin McCrum and John Patek each provided six.

Farmington's Mihizer led all scorers with 19 points on nine buckets and one of one from the free throw line. Brian Stusloff added eight points and Bob Finnell had seven.

North Farmington shot 40 per cent from the floor and made 13 of 25 free throws. Farmington shot 33 per cent and made 14 of 19 free throws. North held a 44-30 rebounding advantage. Stusloff grabbed 16 rebounds for Farmington.

"We beat ourselves," Brown said. "We didn't play one of our better ball games, but I'm still proud of our kids. We're a lot better team than our 2-51 indicates."

Harrison coach Bob Sutter also admitted that his club didn't play up to snuff against Redford Union.

"I don't know what to say about it," said Sutter, whose team dropped its second game in five starts. "We were flat. We just didn't play a good game."

RU jumped to a 20-6 lead after one quarter and then extended the margin to 28 points (43-15) at the half. Harrison made a comeback of sorts, outpacing the Panthers 20-14 in the third quarter.

Tom Sweeney, RU's 64 scoring ace, didn't hit his first bucket until late in the third quarter, but he controlled the boards, grabbing 16 rebounds and blocking eight shots. His quick outlet passes helped Redford Union's running game.

RU got all the scoring it needed from Steve Schultz, Gary Stafford and Ted Akerman. Schultz, a 6'1 forward,

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was the game's leading scorer with 28 points on 11 field goals and six of eight free throws. Stafford and Akerman, both guards, added 13 points each.

Harrison's Mike Styles scored 10 points, eight coming in the third quarter. Larry Pump added eight points.

Harrison made 20 turnovers and shot just 33 per cent from the field.

### N. Farmington-Farmington

N. Farmington (61): Dan Werner 2, 3, 5, 6, Mike Garcia 6, 3, 5, 15, Fielding Epstein 5, 12, 11, Mike Morrow 4, 4, 12, Mark Thompson 2, 4, 4, Kevin McCrum 2, 4, 4, John Patek 2, 2, 4, 4, Dan Lorenz 0, 12, 1, Matt Kurajan 0, 4, 0, 0 Totals: 24, 12-25, 41

Farmington (56): Mike Danna 1, 4, 2, 2, Rick Mihizer 9, 1, 1, 19, Randy Meier 3, 6, 7, 12, Brian Stusloff 4, 4, 2, 8, Dick Radatz 1, 4, 3, 8, Bob Finnell 2, 3, 4, 7, Tom Harrison 1, 4, 2, Totals: 21, 16-19, 36

Total Fouls: Farmington 21, North Farmington 15, Fouled Out: Mihizer (Farmington), Garcia (North Farmington)

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Farm. 13 10 16 0 4 4 5 36

### Redford Union-Harrison

Redford Union (78): Gary Stafford 6, 1, 1, 12, Tom Sweeney 4, 4, 3, 8, Jim LaLonde 1, 2, 2, Steve Schultz 11, 4, 4, 20, Ted Akerman 5, 3, 4, 13, Doug Lowry 1, 2, 4, Mark Ryder 1, 4, 2, John Gately 0, 2, 2, Perry Kingsbury 1, 4, 2, Bill Barnes 0, 3, 4, 2, Jeff Bennett 0, 4, 0, 0 Totals: 30, 18-28, 38

Harrison (54): Mark Brown 1, 1, 2, 3, Mike Styles 5, 4, 4, 16, Larry Pump 4, 4, 8, Jeff Otto 2, 2, 4, 6, Paul Balkman 2, 1, 2, 5, Mike Redford 3, 4, 6, Paul Chamber 1, 1, 1, 3, Bryant Gilbert 2, 1, 1, 6, Paul Kober 1, 1, 2, 3, Greg Mathiak 1, 2, 4, 8, Rob Storch 0, 4, 0, 8, Scott Faeder 0, 4, 0, 0 Totals: 23, 12-22, 34

Total Fouls: Harrison 19, Redford Union 16, Fouled Out: None

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Harrison 6 9 20 19 54

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