

North crushes John Glenn

Farmington swimmers swamp Harrison



North's John Spangenberg splashes his way to a win in the 100-yard fly, as the Raiders overwhelmed John Glenn last Thursday. (Staff photo)

Falcons fly to 2nd straight victory; North surprised by Redford Union

By C.J. RISAK

When a team is suffering through a losing season, it can be very hard for them to look forward to their next game.

Farmington is having that kind of a season. And a week ago, it looked as if the Falcons might be considering dropping basketball from their athletic program all together if their performance in consecutive lopsided losses against North Farmington and Pontiac North-ern was any indication.

But those two embarrassing defeats (one at the Pontiac Silverdome) seemed to have brought out the fight in Farmington. The Falcons battled their way to a 68-62 win over Waterford (at Waterford) Thursday, the team's second straight success, if only their fifth victory of the year.

"We're picking it up now after a slow start," Farmington Coach Rich Roy said. "But next week we have Livonia Stevenson."

The Falcons were tough in the clutch Thursday, jumping out to a 14-10 lead after one quarter and doubling that margin at the half, ahead 36-28.

Waterford charged back to within three, 46-42, after three periods and threatened to end the Farmington one-game winning streak (the Falcons topped Farmington Harrison, 59-51, last Tuesday). But center Jim Bobey preserved the Farmington win, canning four straight free throws in the final minute.

Bobey led all scorers with 22 points, with Tom Harrison contributing 11 and Jerry Krist and Ron Sarcovich each adding 10. John Cole led Waterford with 18.

Farmington outrebounced Waterford, 39-30, and committed fewer turnovers.

HARRISON ALSO TRAVELED to Waterford last Thursday, but with less success, as the Hawks lost their third straight, 63-60, to Waterford Mott.

Even though his team lost, Harrison Coach Mike Teachman was not upset with their performance.

"I thought we played decently," he said, adding, "We gave an honest effort. We just lost it at the free throw line."

"We aren't the most talented team, but we'll give it all we've got."

Harrison was in the hole early and could never quite get out against Mott. Trailing by three after the opening quarter and down, 35-26, at the intermission, the Hawks crept back to within 48-46 at the start of the final period. But Mott's free throw shooting ended any Harrison hopes of a come-from-behind win.

Mott went to the free throw line 13 times in the last period and earned 11 of those chances to keep control of the game. Harrison closed to within two, but could come no closer.

Mott out-rebounced Harrison, 30-29, in the contest, and out-shot the Hawks, hitting 49 percent to 47 percent for Harrison. In the second half, Harrison was 16 of 32 from the floor to just even of 23 for Mott.

Scott Hendries led Harrison with 15 points, with John Tremonti adding 12. Mott's Tom Schaefer led all scorers with 19.

Harrison, now 5-12 on the season, plays at Highland Park Tuesday, while Farmington hosts Stevenson.

REDFORD UNION 60-NORTH FARMINGTON 59

This must be one of the most puzzling seasons ever for North Farmington's basketball team.

The Raiders got off to an impressive start before losing to a mediocre Redford Thurston squad. They struggled through the middle of the season, winning some very tough games, but getting beaten by some not-so-good teams.

North seemed to come alive the past few weeks, thanks to some inspired play by their 6-foot-7 center, Mark Biehl. After a midseason scoring slump, Biehl started coming on and, just last Tuesday, pumped home a school record 38 points.

But just when it seemed things were going well, it happened.

North was ambushed by previously winless Redford Union, 60-59, last Friday on Redford Union's court.

It was a close struggle throughout the evening. North led, 12-11, after one period, but Redford Union had the lead at the intermission, 29-28.

The margin stayed the same after three quarters. Redford Union ahead, 46-45. North never could catch up and finally succumbed when Redford Union's Mario Bravo sank a pair of free throws with four seconds left to give them a 60-57 lead. North hit for a basket at the buzzer, but it made no difference in the outcome.

"Bravo was the key for us," Redford Union Coach Bill Foley said after the win, his first at the team's helm. "He was great on both offense and defense."

Bravo was the leading scorer in the contest with 18 points, while Paul Babits hit for 14. Biehl continued his fine play, popping in 15, while Mike Howley managed to score 13.

North is now 12-4 overall, but has suffered all four losses in the Northwest Suburban League. For Redford Union, it ended a string of 14 straight defeats this season. Its record now stands at 1-14.

North now faces a big challenge, going up against undefeated Rochester Tuesday at Rochester. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Prep box scores

FARMINGTON 62 - WATERFORD 62

FARMINGTON (62) - Jim Bobey 8, 67, 12; John Dunn 1, 2, 4; Tom Harrison 3, 9, 11; Jerry Krist 4, 8, 8; Greg Kuskoide 2, 4, 4; Bill Johnson 3, 2, 4; Ron Sarcovich 4, 0, 4; 10 TOTALS 62

WATERFORD (62) - Tom Schaefer 4, 6, 4; Greg Patterson 4, 4, 4; Tom Schaefer 1, 1, 4; John Solon 3, 6, 2; Fred Edwards 4, 5, 11; Tom Schaefer 1, 5, 6; Tom Brown 2, 4, 6; John Cole 3, 3, 18. TOTALS 62

TOTAL FOUls - Farmington 21, Waterford 13.

FOULED OUT: Krist (7), Schaefer, Collins (7).

FARMINGTON	11	22	18	22	44
WATERFORD	10	18	15	19	42

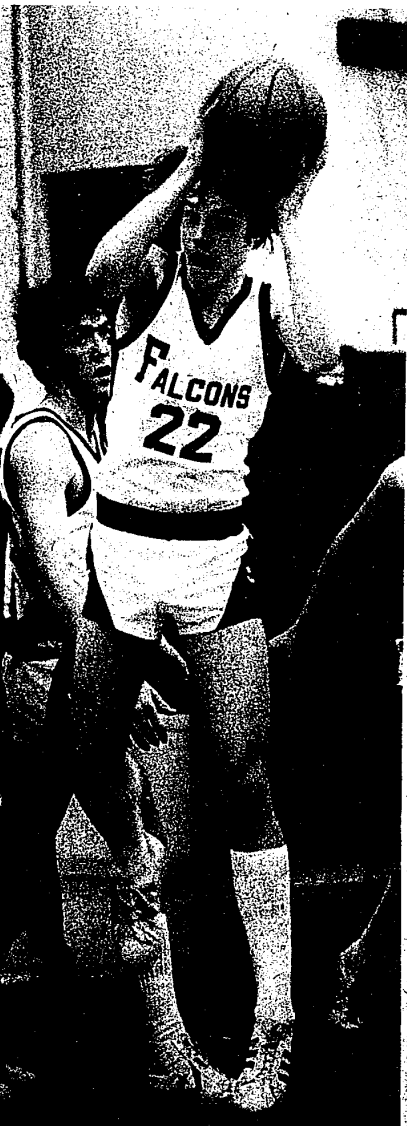
MOTT 61 - HARRISON 61

WATERFORD MOTT (61) - Tom Schaefer 6, 7, 19; Mike Hendries 4, 4, 4; Steve Jensen 6, 6, 1; Bob Hart 2, 1, 3; John O'Brien 1, 3, 3; Brian Harris 2, 2, 4; Ron Bates 2, 4, 7; TOTALS 61

FARMINGTON HARRISON (61) - Scott Hendries 4, 1, 1; R. Brian Burgess 3, 6, 1; Tom Schaefer 1, 6, 2; John Tremonti 4, 6, 15; Tom Schaefer 1, 6, 4; C. Dave Thurston 4, 6, 1; Scott Hendries 7, 3, 15; Brian Harris 2, 5, 4; TOTALS 61

FOULED OUT: Harrison 21, Mott 17.

FARMINGTON	18	19	13	16	46
WATERFORD MOTT	15	19	19	16	49



Farmington's Tom Harrison goes high for a rebound; Harrison scored 11 points against Waterford last Thursday. (Staff photo by Harry Maute)

By C.J. RISAK

Farmington Harrison's swim team continued to take their lumps, this time at the hands of crosstown rival Farmington, as the Hawks were crushed, 110-53, last Thursday at Harrison.

The Hawks haven't won a meet all year, their record standing at 0-12. Farmington, meanwhile, continued its success as the Falcons moved to 6-4 overall. They stand at 3-1 in the Inter Lakes League.

Against Harrison, Farmington had few problems, winning both relays and five of the nine individual events. The only bright spots for Harrison were John Rudel and Al Laforet, who combined to get all four of Harrison's first place finishes.

Rudel captured the 200-yard freestyle (1:50.1) and the 500-yard freestyle (4:59.2), while Laforet took the 100-yard fly (57.8) and the 100-yard back (1:07.8).

No one on Farmington's team took more than one individual event. Andy Kite won the 200-yard individual medley (2:20.2), Dave Uzelac was first in the 50-yard freestyle (56.0), Dennis Antishin was the winner in diving (214.40), and John Ehrman swam to a win in the 100-yard breast (1:30.7).

Dave Kiesty, Dave Uzelac, John Polus, and Bob Carruthers combined for a first in the 200-yard medley relay (1:53.4), and Polus, Antishin, Mark Wubbena, and Carruthers teamed for a win in the 400-yard freestyle relay (3:51.8).

Farmington's superior depth was a definite advantage for the Falcons, as they swept the first three places in both the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard breast.

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NORTH FARMINGTON WON its third straight Northwest Suburban League meet Thursday, as the Raiders swamped Westland John Glenn, 123-49, at Glenn.

FARMINGTON 110 - HARRISON 53

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY - Farmington (Dave Kiesty, Dave Uzelac, John Polus, Bob Carruthers), 1:53.4; Harrison, Farmington.

50-YARD FREESTYLE - John Rudel (H), 1:50.1; Dave Wubbena (F), John Ehrman (F).

100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - Andy Kite (F), 2:20.2; Al Babcock (H), Dave Tupper (F).

50-YARD FREESTYLE - D. Uzelac (F), 56.0; J. Uzelac (F), Dennis Antishin (F).

100-YARD FLY - Al Laforet (H), 57.8; D. Uzelac (F), Steve Polak (F).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - Kiesty (F), 54.6; Al Babcock (H), Dennis Antishin (F).

DIVING - Antishin (F), 214.40; Doug Anderson (H), Dave Uzelac (F).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - Rudel (H), 4:59.2; Wubbena (F), J. Uzelac (F).

100-YARD BACK - Laforet (H), 1:07.8; Kiesty (F), Kite (F).

100-YARD BREAST - Ehrman (F), 1:30.7; Tupper (F), Ward Steiner (F).

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY - Farmington (Polus, Antishin, Wubbena, Carruthers), 3:51.8; Harrison.

NORTH 123 - JOHN GLENN 49

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY - North Farmington (John Kite, David Paul, John Spangenberg, Scott Moore), 1:52.2; North, Westland John Glenn.

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Brad Mansfield (NF), 1:57.8; Stan Kase (JG), Paul Holmberg (JG).

100-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY - Jim Gasser (NF), 2:22.5; Gerry Higley (NF), Dave Luckert (JG).

50-YARD FREESTYLE - Spangenberg (NF), 56.0; Scott Whetter (NF), Gary Paul (JG).

DIVING - Scott Whetter (NF), 189.18; Bob Freeman (JG), John Mansfield (F).

100-YARD FLY - Spangenberg (NF), 58.8; Kite (NF), John Mansfield (F).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - K. Whetter (NF), 53.1; Holmberg (NF), Joel Carlson (JG).

100-YARD FREESTYLE - Higley (NF), 54.7; Mansfield (NF), Kase (JG).

100-YARD BACK - Kite (NF), 1:03.3; Luckert (JG), Chip Lev (NF).

100-YARD BREAST - Jim Gasser (NF), 1:30.7; Carlson (JG), Paul (NF).

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY - North (Whetter, Mansfield, Higley, Holmberg), 3:40.4; John Glenn, North.

Michigan is choice of North's Cohen

By C.J. RISAK

Jeff Cohen has enjoyed playing defense for North Farmington for the past few years. So it shouldn't be a surprise that he has decided to attend a school that plays a similar type of defense.

Oh, yes... there's one other thing North and Cohen's school come this fall have in common - they're both big winners.

If you haven't guessed by now, Cohen, an All-State grid star who played both offense and defense for

Coach Ron Holland's Class A finalist team, has picked the University of Michigan as his future location of collegiate endeavor.

"Anyone who's grown up in the state is impressed with Michigan," Cohen said after making public his decision last Wednesday. "They have class people and a winning tradition, and it's close to home so my folks can still see me play."

Cohen had narrowed his choices down to four schools - Michigan, Michigan State, Central Michigan, and Illinois.

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