

# Spartans, Falcons Clash In Showdown

The big basketball showdown is at hand in the Inter-Lakes High School conference.

At the same time it was Stevenson over Southfield Lathrup, 68-55.

A FARMINGTON victory would mean more than pulling the Falcons into a tie with Stevenson for the loop lead.

What better way, too, to get even for an 86-74 loss Farmington suffered to Stevenson in the recent Christmas holiday tournament?

But, Boyles is concerned with the balanced Stevenson scoring and also the team's young rebounding.

"If you work on one or two of their men, somebody else will murder you," declared the Farmington coach.

In the Spartan camp, much attention in week's preparations are being directed at how to at least show Paul White, the sharp-shooting six-foot Farmington guard.

WHITE HAS become the No. 1 scoring prep in Oakland County and for that matter one of the highest in the state.

His 42 points against Waterford upped his season's output to 316 in 10 games. That figures out to a sizzling 31.6-point average.

What's more he has to be the hottest prep in the state when it comes to hitting on free throws. He's canned 101 out of 109 for a fantastic 92.7 percent.

Against Waterford he was 14 out of 15 from the charity line to go along with 14 baskets.

Waterford did lead early, 16-12, after one quarter, but then White drilled in 10 points and Mark Maniewski six in the second period to make it 37-32 for Farmington at the half and the Falcons rolled from that point on.

RANDY CLEVELAND again was the second half of

the Farmington one-two scoring punch. He had 18 points.

Maniewski and Bob Chapman each wound up with six points.

Stevenson hopes to have star guard John Jetchick, who has missed a few games with an injury, back for the Farmington battle.

Stevenson had a big first half against Lathrup and then cooled down in a very low-scoring second half in which a total of only 45 points were scored by both teams.

IT WAS in the second period that Stevenson pulled away to a comfortable lead. The Livonians led only 19-17 after one stanza but outscored Lathrup by 10 points in the second period.

Then followed a tightly-

played third period in which Stevenson scored 12 points to Lathrup's seven. It was 15-11 for Lathrup in the last period.

Mike Swift topped the winners with 15 points while Randy Hickerson had 12 and Paul Van Wagoner 11.

In the big second period in which the Spartans scored 26 points, Hickerson notched eight, Van Wagoner six, Swift five and Ted Exarhos four.

# Raiders' Streak Snapped After 17 Straight In Loop

All great things have to end sooner or later and for North Farmington High's basketball team its winning ways in Northwest Suburban League action were snapped by Oak Park, 64-60, Friday night.

The Raiders besides suffering their first loss of the current season after eight victories went down to their first reversal in conference starts dating back to the 1967-68 season.

North Farmington won its final four loop games in '67-'68 and then swept to 10 in a row and the undisputed crown last season.

Until clashing with Oak Park in a battle of league unbeaten, the Raiders had taken three more in loop competition this winter.

DESPITE THE setback at Oak Park, the Raiders still are convinced "we can come back."

"Wait until we get them on our own floor in February, it'll be a different story," several of the team members said after the loss.

Coach Dick Wilson had no alibis to offer. The facts were there. The Raiders simply couldn't get going. They made 11 points in the first period and 11 more in the second.

The 22-point halftime total was one of the lowest

in several seasons for North Farmington.

IN ADDITION, 10 first-half turnovers helped Oak Park to a 30-22 lead at the intermission when Wilson declared: "We simply weren't able to hit."

North Farmington did come back strong in the second half and with Doug Gilmour, Ken Kikka and Rick Herpich connecting, went ahead by a point, 34-33.

Sandy Glassman connected for Oak Park and his team took a 42-39 lead after three periods and held on the rest of the way.

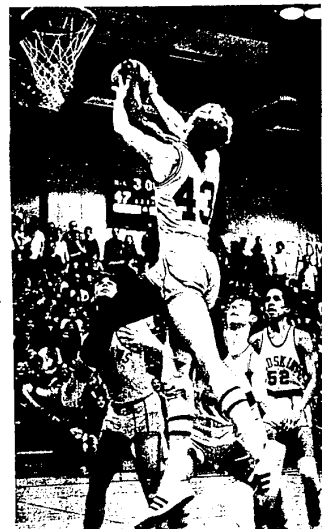
The Parkers put on a press in the last period and it led to three baskets, despite some fine work by Drew Mahalic and Kikka, who counted eight and six points, respectively, in the closing period to keep North Farmington close.

THE RAIDERS enjoyed a 35-28 rebounding edge with Mahalic netting 19 off the boards in addition to 13 points.

Kikka topped the North Farmington scorers with 15 and Craig Dhue tossed in 14.

Larry Sherman had 25 for the winners, who now are 4-0 in the league.

North Farmington stands 3-1 in the loop, 8-1 overall.



SNATCHING BALL off fingers of N. Farmington's Ken Kikka (43) is an unidentified Oak Park player. Kikka drove in for what looked like a sure two points until the Redskin defender made his move.

# Thurston Finish Halts Franklin

A strong blast in the closing moments paid off for Thurston High in a 63-56 victory over Franklin.

The win was the first for Thurston after three losses in Northwest Suburban League action and left Franklin with an 8-4 standing as the first round of play ends this week.

They were tied 13-13 after the first quarter. Thurston took a 33-29 halftime edge and was on top, 47-42, after three periods.

BUT FRANKLIN rolled back to get even at 48-48 and then 59-50.

However, a pair of baskets by Pat Woelke enabled Thurston to break the lead dead-end and pull in front for keeps.

"We just had a little too much size for them," said Coach Mike Pasternak.

Woelke topped the winners with 20 points while Jeff Gilen, the tallest man on the floor, added 13. Randy Lee

with 13 and Jeff Kind 12 paced Franklin.

FRANKLIN	B	F	P
Kasperek	1	4	6
Kind	5	2	12
Hollandsworth	1	0	2
Lee	4	5	13
Florida	3	0	6
Lehto	2	0	4
McMahon	3	0	10
Muliken	0	1	1
Porter	0	2	2
Totals	21	14	56

THURSTON	B	F	P
Keenan	2	3	7
Marshall	3	1	7
Gillen	4	5	13
Hayes	3	3	9
Woelke	7	6	20
Dapku	2	0	4
Mallon	1	1	3
Totals	22	19	63

Thurston	13	20	14	16-63
Franklin	13	15	14	56

# GC West Finds Defense Pays Off With Wins

To look at the box score only, one might draw the conclusion it was just a two-man show when Garden City West made it eight straight without a loss by downing Melvindale, 55-36.

All but five of the West points were fashioned by either 6-4 junior Dennis Leszczynski, who scored 25, and star center Rick Drewitz, who pumped in 24.

Yet, this was truly "a team" victory, said Coach Chris Babler.

"It took every man on the floor for us to do the job defensively," added the coach.

And it was quite a defensive performance. After Melvindale went ahead, 14-12, in the first period, West changed its defensive tactics to a zone defense.

WHAT HAPPENED? Melvindale didn't make a basket in the second period. Just two free throws.

As a result, West went from a 12-14 deficit to a 28-16 lead and never trailed the rest of the way. By the end of the third period, West was 19 points in front.

Besides their brilliance on offense, Leszczynski and Drewitz were towers on the boards. Drewitz hauled down 19 off the boards and also blocked nine shots while Leszczynski grabbed 12 rebounds for the No. 1 ranked West team in the Observer ratings.

BOB KOPIELA and Gary Nustad had two points each and Kirk Lewis the other point in the West scoring parade. The win enabled West to finish the first half of its Tri-Rivers League schedule with a 7-0 mark (The other win was over Garden City East).

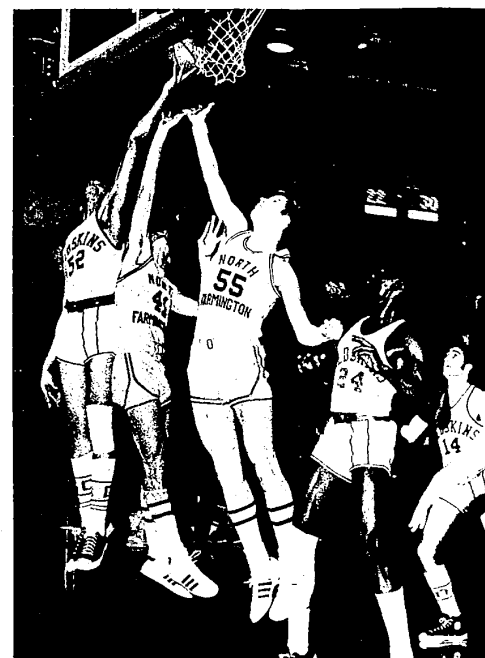
The second round began this week with games at Shafter Tuesday and at Southgate Friday.

Burgess zoomed in front, 21-9, after the first quarter and was in charge the rest of the way.

It was 44-29 at the half, 70-48 after three quarters and then the sub came on for Burgess, netting 7-3 and tied for second in the West Division of the Catholic League's A Division.

Mark Quay registered eight of his 22 points in the first quarter to get Burgess off in high gear.

Ray Sobocinski drilled in 20 and Ron Suder 11 for the winners.



NOT THIS TIME, N. Farmington's Tim Tollis (55) and Doug Gilmour (41) thought they had this rebound all wrapped up. Then an Oak Park player leaped over their outstretched hands to tip the ball back to a teammate. The Parkers snapped the Raiders' unbeaten streak in a mild upset.

(Photo by Warren Bopp)

# Trojans Drop 6th In League

Still minus star center and rebounder Ron LaMontagne, Clarendonville High's basketball team fell again Friday--this time to Waterford Kettering, 65-58.

It marked the sixth loss without a victory for Clarendonville in Wayne-Dekalb League action. Overall, Clarendonville has a 1-7 record.

Clarendonville got off to a 10-9 start against Kettering and trailed, 39-29, at the half.

A POOR THIRD period led to the rout of the Trojans. They were outscored, 16-11, and that proved the spread at the finish.

LaMontagne has been suffering from an injured foot.

Chip Meyers led the losers with 22 points while Bob Riding with 12 points was the only other Trojan finishing in double figures.

Kettering had a wide edge in field goals, 27-16. At the free throw line, Kettering made 11 for 25, while Clarendonville parried to the charity marker 46 times and hit on 26.

# Swim Winners

Scholcraft College totaled 68 points to beat Calvin College (59) and Auburn Hills (51) in a triangular swimming meet.

# Big Winners

Michigan has won 10 Big Ten wrestling tournament titles -- more than any other team in the conference.

# What's Doing In Prep Sports

## BASKETBALL

### Friday

Stevenson at Farmington  
Plymouth at Belleville  
Bentley at Allen Park  
Trenton at Redford Union  
Churchill vs. Carlson at Stevenson  
North Farmington at Franklin  
Garden City West at Southgate  
St. Agatha at Wayne-St. Mary's  
St. Florian at Our Lady of Sorrows  
Thurston at John Glenn  
Milford at Clarendonville  
Garden City East at Taylor  
Saturday  
Bishop Borgess at Gabriel Richard  
Tuesday  
Edsel Ford vs. Churchill at Franklin

### SWIMMING

### Thursday

Glenn at Thurston  
Farmington at Stevenson  
Allen Park at Bentley  
Franklin at North Farmington  
Redford Union at Trenton  
Belleville at Plymouth  
Tuesday  
Thurston at Hazel Park  
Inkster at Clarendonville  
Churchill at Franklin  
Garden City East at Wayne  
Garden City West at Glenn

### WRESTLING

### Thursday

Franklin at North Farmington  
Glenn at Thurston  
Allen Park at Bentley  
Redford Union at Trenton  
Farmington at Stevenson  
Friday  
Clarendonville at Milford  
Saturday  
North Farmington Invitational  
Monday  
Redford Union at Lutheran West  
Tuesday  
Franklin at Bentley  
Garden City West at Wayne  
Stevenson at Churchill  
South Lyon at Clarendonville  
Garden City East at Fordsdon

### GYMNASTICS

### Wednesday

Trenton at North Farmington  
Farmington at Taylor  
Kennedy  
Clarendonville at Taylor

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