



Farmington's Kevin Nichols (23) keeps a close eye on North Farmington's Jaime Leon during last Thursday's basketball game. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Another 1-point win for Falcon cagers

By TOM BAER

OK, sportswriters . . . whip out the "close" verbs: edged, nipped, slipped by, squeaked past. Farmington High is winning the close ones.

Last Thursday, Jerry Liphardt sank a short jumper with 30 seconds left to play to push Farmington past back-yard-rival North Farmington, 55-54, in a non-league contest.

Returning to Inter Lakes League competition, Farmington last Friday used a couple of free throws by Kevin Nichols with 37 seconds showing to overcome a much taller Milford-Lakeland team.

"The kids played hard," said Farmington coach Rich Roy after the Lakeland game. "It was a good comeback for us. We were behind the whole ballgame."

Farmington trailed by five (31-26)

going into the final quarter, but then poured in 20 points to Lakeland's 14.

"Free throws did it for us," Roy said. "We made two of six in the first half, and we had only one in the third quarter. But we made eight of 10 in the fourth quarter, and that included six straight in the last 37 seconds."

Pete Mantyla led Farmington with 15 points, and Ken Faulkner added 10. John Lang led Lakeland with 15 points. Dean Banek had 11, and John Hazen threw in 10.

Farmington made 18 of 53 field goal attempts, and Lakeland made good on 17 of 52. Lakeland, now 8-6 overall and 3-5 in 3-5 in the conference, held a 29-23 rebounding advantage.

Against North Farmington, Faulkner led the winners with 16 points, and Liphardt had 10 — including the game-winning bucket. Tom Rennard, a 6-

foot-3 forward, led North with 22 points.

Farmington, now 9-8 overall and 3-5 in the ILL, led at halftime, 26-20.

North returned to Northwest Suburban League play last Friday, and downed Garden City East, 65-57. North is 2-6 in the NSL and 4-11 overall.

Rennard had another good night with 15 points, 12 coming in the first quarter. Jeff LaBelle had nine, and Bill Gravius eight for the winners. Roger Ferguson led East with 20 points, all but four scored in the fourth quarter when East outpointed North, 31-18.

On Tuesday, Farmington hosts rival Farmington Harrison. North is home to Waterford Kettering on the same evening.

HARRISON 75 CHURCHILL 67

Junior Steve Hollatz scored 21 points and pulled down 17 rebounds to help Farmington Harrison stop Livonia Churchill, 75-67, in the Western Six League.

Harrison and Northville are tied for the WSL lead with 6-2 records. The Hawks own a 10-5 overall record.

Goran Vasovski chipped in with 14 points and threw out 11 assists for Harrison, and teammate Steve Shanbon had 10 points and nine rebounds.

Harrison shot 57 percent from the floor, making 24 of 43 attempts. Churchill made 25 of 61.

Tom Gomolak scored 23 points for Churchill, which has a 5-3 conference record.

BAPTIST PARK 71 NORTHWEST 44

Farmington Lutheran High Northwest dropped its 13th game in 14 starts this season with a 71-44 showing against Taylor Baptist Park last Friday.

Farmington boxscores

FARMINGTON 55 — N. FARMINGTON 54

FARMINGTON HIGH (53) — Paul Kibel 2, 0-0; Jerry Liphardt 4, 2-2; 10. Pete Mantyla 3, 3-4; 9. Kevin Nichols 2, 2-2; 8. Mike Womack 0, 5-6; 5. Mark Orlando 1, 0-0; 2. Ken Faulkner 6, 4-4; 16. Steve Downey 0, 1-2; 1. Paul Hickey 0, 0-1; 0. T. TALS 19, 17-21; 55.

NORTH FARMINGTON (54) — Jim Franchi 1, 2-2; 4. Jeff LaBelle 1, 0-0; 2. Steve Young 2, 0-0; 4. Mark Rued 3, 0-0; 6. Tom Rennard 11, 0-0; 22. Bill Gravius 2, 2-2; 8. Mark Bortch 1, 1-3; 3. Jim Crowley 1, 2-3; 4. Ken Winemaster 0, 1-1; 1. T. TALS 23, 8-12; 54.

TOTAL FOULS — North 18, Farmington 15. FOULED OUT: Young (NF). FARMINGTON 12 14 13 16 — 55. N. FARMINGTON 9 11 18 16 — 54.

HARRISON 75 — CHURCHILL 67

FARMINGTON HARRISON (75) — Dale Sklar 6, 3-6; 15. Klay Dillon 0, 2-2; 2. Goran Vasovski 3, 8-11; 14. Mike Tarnaglin 1, 1-2; 2. Steve Shanbon 3, 4-10; 10. Steve Hollatz 7, 7-9; 21. Gus Kehagias 1, 2-4; 1. Tom Solomon 1, 0-0; 2. Art Wilhelm 1, 0-0; 2. T. TALS 24, 27-37; 75.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL (67) — Rich Baron 5, 2-4; 12. Steve Tracy 0, 2-2; 2. John Biels 1, 0-1; 2. Chris Harvath 1, 2-4; 4. Ron Reed 4, 1-12; 18. Walt Bour 0, 0-1; 8. Scott Conrad 3, 0-0; 6. Tom Gomolak 9, 5-6; 23. TOTAL FOULS 25, 17-30; 67.

TOTAL FOULS — Churchill 25, Harrison 23. FOULED OUT: Shammon (H), Harvath (LC), Reed (LC). HARRISON 20 18 17 18 — 75. CHURCHILL 8 21 15 23 — 67.

HURON VALLEY 65-NORTHWEST 38C HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN (65) — Zensner 2, 0-0; 4. Hoon 6, 2-2; 14. Clements 2, 1-2; 5. Sylvester 1, 0-2; 2. Robinson 10, 5-6; 25. Stobh 1, 0-0; 2. Gayle 1, 0-2; 2. Blunk 2, 0-0; 4. Luedtke 1, 1-3; 3. Bang 2, 0-1; 1. TOTALS 38, 21-38; 65.

LUTHERAN NORTHWEST (38) — Mario Serra 2, 2-2; 6. Dave Austin 2, 5-6; 9. Carl Payne 2, 3-4; 7. Mark Garrett 2, 1-4; 2. Andy Forch 2, 1-1; 5. Mike Ammon 0, 2-4; 2. Tim Farah 0, 2-2; 2. TOTALS 11, 16-25; 38. TOTAL FOULS — Northwest 16, Huron Valley 17. FOULED OUT: None. HURON VALLEY 8 19 22 16 — 65. NORTHWEST 7 11 13 7 — 38.

Raider swimmers sink RU

Jim Gasser won two individual events Thursday to pace North Farmington's 99-73 victory over Redford Union in Northwest Suburban League swimming. North is 6-3 overall and 5-0 in the conference.

Gasser won the 200-yard individual medley (2:08.7) and the 100-yard breaststroke (1:03.9). North's Steve White compiled 169.3

points to win the diving event, and teammate Glenn Spence won the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:06.4. North's 200 medley relay (Scott Ferriby, Steve Manderfield, Gerry Higley and Todd LaDouceur) finished first with a 1:53.0 clocking.

John Morgan and Jim Miloch doubled for RU. Morgan won the 500 free-style (5:00.2) and the 200 free (1:50.7),

and Miloch took the 50 free (2:3) and the 100 butterfly (57.0).

North travels to Westland John Glenn for a non-league meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

In another recent meet, Farmington Harrison's Ted Rudel did his usual thing — winning two freestyle events — but the Hawks fell to Northville, 49-34, in the Western Six League contest.

RUDEL, A sophomore, won the 200 free (1:56.0) and the 500 free (5:04.8). Steve Goodman of Harrison won the 100 butterfly (1:00.8), and teammate Al Babcock won the 100 backstroke (1:03.7).

Harrison's 400 freestyle relay (Goodman, Rudel, Linas Glyvidis and Babcock) won in 3:47.5.

Northville's Charlie Ramsey won the 100 free (52.1) and the 100 breast (1:08.3).

Harrison hosts Southfield High at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Brighton bested Farmington, 105-63, in another meet last Thursday. Farmington is 5-5.

Alec Campbell won two events for Farmington and swam on a winning relay. He finished first in the 200 IM (2:07.5) and the 500 free (6:02.7). The medley relay (Campbell, Dave Tupper, Mark Grover and John Uzelac) won in 1:48.1. Tupper won the 100 breast (1:06.7).

Farmington swims at Livonia Churchill at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Harrison gymnasts lose

Farmington Harrison's gymnastics team compiled its highest score of the year Thursday in its 92-2-83.55 loss to Northville. Harrison is 1-8 this season.

Harrison's Janine Glaus finished second on the balance beam (7.33), and teammate Dorene Keenan landed third (7.25). Kris Bissa of Harrison took second in floor exercise (7.85), and Keenan placed third (7.55).

Northville's Paula Broderick won vaulting (8.25) and floor exercise (8.4),

and took a third in uneven parallel bars (7.11). Teammate Amy Aaron won beam (7.65) and finished third in vaulting (7.85).

Harrison hosts Walled Lake Western tomorrow at 7 p.m.

In another meet Thursday, Celeste Herrington won three of the four events to help Walled Lake Central dump Farmington High, 96.3-72.95. Farmington is 5-4.

Herrington won vaulting (9.25), bal-

ance beam (8.3) and floor exercise (8.9). Connie MacDermaid, also of Central, won bars (7.95) and placed third in vaulting (7.75).

Farmington's Jo Smith took a second in floor ex (8.2) and a third on bars (7.25).

Clarencville High comes to Farmington for a 7 p.m. meet on Monday at the Farmington Training Center. North Farmington is home to Walled Lake Central on Monday evening.



North Farmington's Jim Gasser won two events to help his team win. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

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