

Harrison's Dale Sklar leans into U of D High's Ray Lee. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)

## U of D's Cubs sideline Hawks

By TOM BAER

Ever the optimist, Farmington Harrison coach Mike Teachman had scheduled basketball practice for Monday afternoon.

That was a few minutes before his Hawks took the court against U of D High School in the finals of the state Class B district last Friday at Novi High. But by the final quarter, most of the Hawks knew they'd have their Monday afternoons free.

U of D's Cubs, displaying quickness and some hot outside shooting, eliminated Harrison, 61-43, to win the district and advance to the Class B regional tomorrow at Brighton.

The loss snapped Harrison's eight-game winning streak and put its final record at 15-6. The Cubs are 18-5 with three of those losses coming before the holiday break.

"There's nothing to hang your heads about," Teachman told his players after the game. "It was a heck of a game and a heck of a year. They knew they were in a ballgame."

The Cubs hit on 27 of 67 field goal attempts, but missed only 10 in the second half. Harrison went 17 of 46 from the field.

"I guess that's the name of the game," said Teachman looking at the shooting statistics on his clipboard. "They were just better at the skill that went on the scoreboard — the shooting."

"BUT WE CERTAINLY didn't take many bad shots. We took 30 shots in the lane by our big people, and 12 went in."

U of D's Scott Perry, called a "steady player" by head coach Frank Reeser, had the hot hand from the outside, finishing with a game-hit 21 points on nine field goals and two of three free throws.

Teammates Ray Lee and Doug Venable contributed 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Harrison's Steve Shanbon, a senior forward, scored 14 points, eight coming in the second quarter. Junior center Steve Hollatz, who missed some precious minutes because of foul trouble, followed with 12.

U of D pulled down 35 rebounds to Harrison's 26. John Myrick, the Cubs' 6-foot-6 center, grabbed 11. Hollatz and Shanbon each picked off seven boards for the Hawks.

U of D will face the winner of the Chelsea District at the Brighton Regional on Tuesday.

LADY OF LAKES 83  
NORTHWEST 52

Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes scored 29 third-quarter points on its way to an 83-52 rout of Farmington Lutheran High Northwest Thursday in the state Class D district at Pontiac Catholic.

Coach George Lemke's Northwest team closed out its first season in Farmington with a 1-18 record.



MIKE TEACHMAN: "There's nothing to hang your heads about. It was a heck of a ballgame and a heck of a season."

Northwest trailed by five points (19-14) after the opening quarter and by nine (35-26) at halftime.

"We played a very good first half," Lemke said. "In the second half, a lot of times we'd put the ball up and we'd have no rebounding strength."

"Lakes was getting the rebounds and converting when they got back to their end of the court. The game turned around very quickly that way."

Dave Austin and Mike Garrett provided half the losers' points, scoring 14 and 12 points, respectively. Mario Serra added eight points.

Jerry Cairns led Lakes with 16 points, and teammate Glenn Nuss contributed 12. Thirteen Lakers scored in the rout.

Pontiac Oakland Christian defeated Southfield Christian, 65-56, in the other district game at Pontiac Catholic Thursday.

Lakes, 11-10 with the victory over Northwest, was to play Oakland Christian for the district championship Friday.

## North Farmington axed

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Forget any upset in this district championship.

The Cinderella team from North Farmington just couldn't keep up with run-and-gun Southfield. The host Blue Jays won their second straight district basketball title, 59-45, Friday night.

The Raiders, who upset Detroit Henry Ford by one point (45-44) to reach the district final, couldn't compete with Southfield's overall depth and quickness.

North Farmington trailed by only two points, 8-6, after the first quarter, but Southfield raced to a 21-point second quarter to take a commanding 29-20 halftime advantage.

"I think the pace really got to them," said Southfield coach Greg Silwa. "We kept substituting, and the ball was really moving up and down the court. They (North Farmington) primarily use only six players."

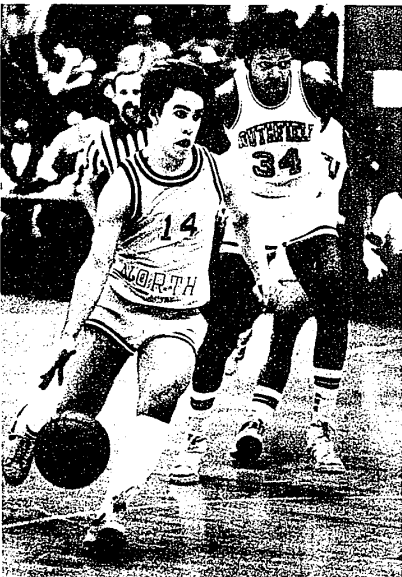
THE VICTORY raises Southfield's overall record to 15-7. The Blue Jays now advance to the Southfield-Lathrup Regional where they meet Observer & Eccentric's No. 1-ranked team, Birmingham Brother Rice, at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. Southfield is ranked fourth by the O & E.

Rice advances to regional competition after winning the Birmingham Groves District Friday night. The Warriors held off the slowdown tactics of West Bloomfield to win the title, 24-13.

But Silwa promises no low scoring or slow-downs against Rice tomorrow night. Southfield will rely on depth, transition play and speed in its attempt to upset the mighty Warriors. And the Blue Jays will be ready for this matchup.

They want revenge from last year's setback to Rice in the regional championship at Lathrup.

NORTH FARMINGTON never recovered after that second-quarter blitz. The Raiders trailed by 16 points after three quarters and made one late surge in the fourth quarter, but it was much too late.



North Farmington's Kevin Shaw (14) eludes Southfield's Ed Murden. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)

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