

# Pioneers fall to Norsemen

Back in December, an unheralded Oakland University men's basketball team visited Northern Kentucky, a team ranked among the top 20 in the NCAA's Division II.

OU ambushed the Norsemen 40-47 and things haven't been the same for them since. Northern has kept its record just over the break-even mark for the season, but that upset on its home court ached.

On Wednesday, the Norsemen got their revenge, taking control early and withstanding a late rally to whip the Pioneers 54-48 at Lepley Sports Center.

Freshman guard Shawn Scott did most of the damage offensively, scoring 16 points for Northern. Scott led a surge to start the second half that expanded his team's 31-21 halftime advantage to 41-22.

**THE PIONEERS** shot a dismal 38 percent from the floor in the opening half before finally catching fire. Scott Bittlinger led the OU charge with 2 baskets that narrowed the gap to 47-44 with 1:59 remaining.

But a free throw by Scott, 2 more by Dan Fleming and a basket off an offensive rebound by Willie Schlarman put the game out of OU's reach.

Schlarman proved instrumental in Northern's defense, limiting Chris Howze to 13 points, 1 rebound and 1 assist, far below his season's averages. Howze still led the OU scorers, and he also had 4

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steals. Bittlinger finished with 10 points and Rob Skinner had 9, while Randy Strunk collected 5 points and 7 rebounds.

Larry Lock contributed 14 points and 7 rebounds for Northern, with Fleming bagging 10 points.

Northern outshot OU, hitting 50 percent from the floor (22-44) to the Pioneers 41 percent (21 of 51). OU held Northern to 7 second-half field goals in 16 tries.

The loss dropped OU to 11-9 overall, while Northern improved to 11-8. The Pioneers host Lake Superior State Thursday.

**OU NOTES:** The Pioneer wrestlers remained unbeaten in Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) dual meet action with a 33-15 triumph over Grand Valley State.

The win pushed OU's record to 2-0 in the GLIAC and 3-3 overall. It also sends the Pioneers into the conference championship meet as co-favorite with Lake Superior State.

OU will host the GLIAC finals, starting at 11 a.m. Friday. John Solomon (177-pound weight division), Jerry Union (187) and Dave Wilgen (143) are the Pioneers' best hopes for titles. Ferris State, the 3-time defending GLIAC champion, and Grand Valley will also compete for honors.

Union is 13-0 so far this season. Wilgen sports a 14-2 mark and Solomon is 8-8 . . .

**OU'S WOMEN** failed to keep pace with host-shooting Aquinas Thursday in a 68-62 loss at Lepley.

Aquinas, 18-1 for the season and ranked 20th in the NAIA, used its pressure defense to maximum effect, forcing 30 OU turnovers. Nineteen of those came in the first half, and the Pioneers three guards — Julie Wilga, Toni Gasparovic and Margaret Boyle — accounted for 18 in the game.

The miscues resulted in a bunch of easy baskets for Aquinas, which shot 66 percent from the floor in the first half (16 of 24) en route to a 34-21 lead. For the game, the Rockets connected on 29 of 48 (60.4 percent), with forward Peg Harte (9 of 11, 20 points) and guard Anne Biermacher (8 of 10, 18 points) doing most of the damage.

Biermacher, who also had 6 rebounds and 5 steals, scored 8 points in a 14-5 surge that put Aquinas in front 20-11 with 10:26 left in the opening half. The Rockets eventually lengthened their lead to 63-40 with 8 minutes remaining before a late OU rally closed the gap.

Kim Nash's 16 points was tops for OU, with Brenda McLean and Sarah Knuth adding 12 each and Gasparovic 10. Knuth also had 5 assists.

The loss dropped the Pioneers to 9-12 for the season.

# Chiefs pin Falcons

Not this year.

The Plymouth Canton wrestling team made sure that history wouldn't repeat itself by bouncing Farmington Thursday, 42-25.

Last year, after the Chiefs had won an emotional dual meet with Plymouth Salem, they were joined by the ever-ready Falcons. Canton knocked off Salem again last week, but this time there was no let down at Farmington.

The Falcons started strong, getting pins at 98 from T.J. Armstrong and at 105 from Dave Hovey. But, the Chiefs' strength through the middle weights began to exert itself. Dave Dunford won on a fall at 112, Tim Birely scored a major decision at 119 and Frank Drabek won uncontested at 128.

Farmington got a big boost at 132 from freshman Paul Barrenger. He grappled Canton's Jay Pollard to a 2-2 tie — an unexpected 2 points.

But the joy ended abruptly for the Falcons at 138. Jim Parks won a close 5-2 decision over Mike Cody.

"We figured it would all come down to a couple key matches," said Farmington coach Barry Walsh. "We thought Cody might be able to take Parks."

The Chiefs went on to put the meet away as Scott Tasker (145), Doug Eldridge (155), Mike Graczyk

(185) and Jim Malson (heavyweight) all won their matches.

Malson, 290 pounds, pinned Farmington's Bill Critcher, 300-plus pounds, in 48 seconds.

Farmington's two top winners, Al Hazen (167) and Dan Partio (198) were both easy winners. Hazen is 21-1 on the year, Partio is 21-4.

Then at 215 on the year, Partio is 4-4 in the Western Lakes. Canton is 8-0 in the league, champions of the Western Division. The Chiefs are 8-2 overall.

**NORTH FARMINGTON** was handed its second straight Northwest Suburban League dual meet setback by Garden City, 45-27 Thursday.

There was a bright spot, though. Tom Enright, at 138, made his varsity debut for the Raiders. He responded by pinning his opponent in 2:54.

Other winners for Dick Cook's team were James Benda (132), Al Curtis (145), Brian Hood (185) and Chris Reed (198).

The Raiders are now 3-2 in the NSL, 4-5 overall. Garden City is 4-1 in the NSL, 9-5-1.

**FARMINGTON HARRISON** led Livonia Bentley 35-21 with just three events left Thursday.

## Clinic set

Eastern Michigan University will present its annual Golden Triangle Baseball Clinic on Sunday, Feb. 10, at Bowen Fieldhouse.

The featured speaker at the clinic will be EMU's Ron Oestrike, the 1985 president of the American Baseball Coaches Association.

The clinic begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 5 p.m. (lunch provided).

Preregistration, due by Thursday, Feb. 7, is \$8 for coaches and \$4 for students. Registration at the door is \$10 for coaches and \$10 for students.

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PREP BASKETBALL	MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 5	Wednesday, Feb. 6
Warren DeLaSalle at Oak. 7:30 p.m.	Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 8 p.m.
W. Central at Liv. Bentley, 7:30 p.m.	Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m.
Church at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.	<b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b>
Py. Salem at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.	Wednesday, Feb. 6
Liv. Glenview at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.	Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7 p.m.
G.H. Cranbrook at Glenview, 7:30 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 8
Garden City at Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.	Hazareth at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Hager Wab. at Ann Arbor Huron, 7:30 p.m.	Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 2 p.m.
Wayne Mem. at Red. Thurston, 7:30 p.m.	<b>PIEP HOCKEY</b>
Farm. Harrison at Wab. John Glenn, 7:30 p.m.	Tuesday, Feb. 5
H. Farmington at Pontiac Cent., 7:30 p.m.	Liv. Churchill vs. Southfield
Norville at Py. Central, 7:30 p.m.	at Southfield's Beech Woods Arena, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 7	Liv. Franklin vs. Midland Lakeside
Wab. John Glenn at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.	at Livonia's Edger Arena, 5:45 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 8	Thursday, Feb. 6
Bish. Borgess at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.	Liv. Bentley vs. Bloomfield Lakeshore
Farm. Harrison at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.	at Livonia's Edger, 8 p.m.
Py. Salem at Liv. Glenview, 7:30 p.m.	at Livonia's Edger, 8 p.m.
Liv. Bentley at Liv. Glenview, 7:30 p.m.	Friday, Feb. 8
Liv. Bentley at Liv. Glenview, 7:30 p.m.	Liv. Churchill vs. Bloomfield Lakeshore
Warren DeLaSalle at Catholic Cent., 7:30 p.m.	at Detroit Skating Club, 8 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.	Liv. Glenview vs. Liv. Bentley
Redford Union at Red. Thurston, 7:30 p.m.	at Livonia's Edger Arena, 8 p.m.
Farmington at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.	Saturday, Feb. 9
Saturday, Feb. 9	Liv. Glenview vs. Liv. Bentley
Py. Canton at Southfield, 4 p.m.	at Livonia's Edger Arena, 8 p.m.
St. Agatha at Flint Holy Rosary, 6:30 p.m.	Catholic Central vs. Trenton
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