armington poised to rule city's mats

Prediction: The Farmington wres-ting team will rule the city this season. Fact: Farmington coach Barry Walsh has six solid, experienced wres-tiers returning from last year's team that placed third in the Western Lakes. Prediction: North Farmington is two or three years away from serious cooperating.

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three wrestlers return from last year's varsity. Prediction: Farmington Harrison's program will get back on its feet this year after three dismal seasons. Fact: The Hawks have two pluses: a strong, talented nucleus of returning wrestlers and the optimism and enthusiasm of a new coaching staff.

GIVEN THAT, the Farmington city wrestling meet (Thursday, Dec. 12) should be fairly interesting. The new couch at Harrison is Earl Hall — a standout wrestler at Farmington High for both Walsh and North coach Dick

Cook.

"I learned a lot from both those guys," said Hall, a 1976 graduate of "Farmington, 'Barry Walsh taught me a lot about discipline, and Dick Cook is a pure technican. I can't wait to go up against those guys."

As for the Western Lakes race—Westland John Gienn, Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton, walled Lake Western and Livonia Churchill are the

teams most area coaches point to as the favorities.

Of the three Farmington district schools, the Falcous perhaps will have the greatest impact on the league standings.

Here's a preseason look at the three teams:

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Walth, in his eighth season at the helm, has a history of producing strong wreathers. He lost three of them to great the season at the helm has been dead to be a season at the helm of the season at the season at the force at the season at the

Mike Cody (138).

"It's really hard to say how we'll do,"

Walsh said. "I think we'll bold our own.

We don't have any real outstanding
wrestlers, but we have a lot of good

ones.

Three sophomores are also expected to score consistently for the Falcons: Paul Barringer (middleweight), D.J. Armstrong (105) and Steve Lee (112).

Another unexpected surprise was the return of John Augustine. The 198-pounder had a successful sophomore season before sitting out last year.

NORTH FARMINGTON

Dick Cook built powerhouse wres-tiling teams at Harrison a few years

back. 'He's attempting the same thing at North.

After a relatively successful season a year ago, Cook finds himself with only three returning starters.

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We're very young and the league is
awfully tough," be said. "I don't think
we will be a contender — not this year.
The league is too tough, too loaded. But
we'll be competitive."
Seniors Pat Gallina (138) and Brian
Haack (185) along with junior Paul
Cook (138) are the returnees — odly
Haack posted a winning record last
year.

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The first step for Hall was to get enough bodies out to fill a team.

"The program has been real down since Dick cook left," Hall said. "There wann't a whole lot of Interest."

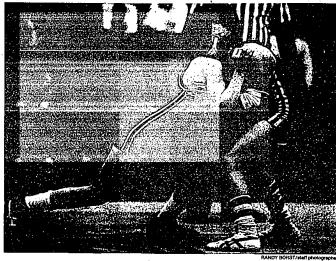
But Hall was able to get 25 people out for the team and four of those have proven laier.

out for the team and four of those have proven tallent. The Hawks "state contender," ac-ording to Hail, is 105-pound junior Cliff Alcantara. He was runnerup at the Western Lakes meet last year. He is a very strong and aggressive wres-tler.

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Others key performers are seniors
Pat Dugas (187), Mike Dann (185-187)
and Pat McFadden (185).

Harrison will compete in the Class B
state tourney.
All three schools open their seasons
on Tuesday, Dec. 3. The Hawks will
boot a three-way meet against Walled
Lake Central and Southfield, North will
travel to Walled Lake Western, and
Farmington will host Northville.



Cliff Alcantara (right) is one of several performers that have raised hopes in the Farmington Harrison wreatling camp for 1905-88.

Franklin club hosts national indoor tournament

. What do professional tennis players
Lisa Bonder, Carling Bassett, Kathy
Rinaldi, Stephanle Rehe and Michelle
Torres all have in common?
They've all heen past participants in
the Girls 14 National Indoor Tennis
Championships at the Franklin Racquet Club and Spa in Southfield.
The 1985 tournament will start
Wednesday, Nov. 27, and conclude with
the championship round Monday, Dec.
2. It's the seventh straight year Franklin has hosted this prestigious national
event.

event.

"These are the top 14-unders in the country," tournament director Jon

make a name of themselves in either college or professional tennis." The Giris 14-National Indoors is one of four national tournaments held each year in the various age divisions. The others include the hard-court, clay-court and national championships. Players are eligible for these tournaments via a series of qualifying rounds, starting at the local levels and advancing through the regional tevels. In the case of Michigan residents, players qualify through the Scotheastern Michigan Tennis Association (SECMTA) tournaments and move up through the Western tourneys (a live-state regional area that includes the states of Indiana, Chio, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan).

"A NATIONAL EVENT like this receive the top pres on the circuit," being a little pressure on them, Flocher there to five years, will be some of the top pres on the circuit, he said. "They are the pres who they might be watching on TV some day. More than a few of these players have gone on to

tennis

A total of 128 singles players (there is also a doubles tournament) will participate in the main draw at Franklin. They'll be representing the entire

ricipate in the main draw at Franklin.

"They'll be representing the entire country, from California to the cast coast," he said.

There also will be four foreign entires—one from Canada while the others will be players currently living in the United States.

Robberta Ann. Engles. The

the United States.

Rochester's Amy Frazier won the
1934 tournament but can not return to
defend ber title. Frazier, 15, now must
compete in the Girls 18 Indoor Tennis
Champlonship that will be held next
week in Finshing Meadows, N.Y.
Meredith Geiger of Oklahoms, Deborah Moringiello of New Jersey and
Carrie Cumingham of Livonia figure to
be among the top-seeded group of players. All three of those girls were highly

ranked 14-under players last year.
Cunningham, who attends Frost Middle School in Livonia, is considered one of the state's premier junior players. She practices at both Franklin and the Wintuledon Hacquet Club of St. Clair Shores

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Carrie's a very smart player and carrie's a very smart player and player. For a small player, she plays very offensive tennis. She good because she doem't give away points. She moves well on the court and al-ways seems to be in her matches."

LOCALLY, THERE are four other

Heuston and Vitale are coached by Keith Cullen, who is in charge of the junior tennis program at the Beveriy Hills Racquet Club.

Hills Racquet Club.

Heuston, a first team member of the
1985 Eccentric All-Area Girls Tennis
Team, played this past fall for Birmingham Seaholm Righ School.
The 5-foot-of freahman logged a 21-d
record for the Maples at the No. 1 singies position. Heuston defeated Grosse
Pointe South's Courtney Kotas — another product of the Beverity Hills junlor program — at the Class A Michigan
High School Athletic Association's
(MISSAA) state meet after losing to her
twice during the regular peason.

(MHSAA) state meet after losing to her twice during the regular season. Heuston, 14, tuned up for the nation-als at the Bay Valley Girls 14-tourney played over the weekcod by defeating Sara Aktar of Midland in straight sets. In 1934, Heuston was ranked in both the Westerms (27th) and nationals (92nd).

the Wesseria (1920).

"She has tons of power. She hits the ball extremely hard and has an excellent forehand," said Calien, who has been in charge of the Beverly Hills juniors for 10 years.

"MISSY HAS A a powerful serve — probably more powerful than 95 per-cent of the boys in our program. Her biggest weakness is her consistency level and footwork.

me nationals II she controls her emo-tions and shows a little more consisten-cy," he said. "She can overpower oppo-nents."

nents."

Vitale, whose sister Sheri will compete in the Under-12 Girls Nationals the same week, is ranked 13th in the Westerns. Vitale's previous national experience, said Cullen, was at the national hard courts last summer in Callfornia.

"Terri's made great leaps the past two or three years," said Cullen. "Two years ago she had no ranking at all in the Westerns.

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"She's an extremely hard worker with an excellent backhand and an excellent service motion. Her biggest weakness is not staying mentally strong enough. Her concentration tends to lapse a bit.

"But I think both Missy and Terri can do well... at least win a couple rounds. But a lot depends on the draw." Play begins 8 am. each day of the tournament, which is sponsored by the Franklin Requet Club and by Prince. The tournament is anottoned by the United States Tennis Association. Admission is free.
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Schoolcraft cagers suffer 1st defeat

The Schooleraft College men's basketball team split a pair of games during the weekend at the Fliatt Mott Community College Bruin Classic. The Occloirs routed Jamestown (N.Y.), 101-71, Friday but fell to Lake Michigan 88-72 Saturday. The sethest to Lake Michigan 88-72 Saturday. The sethest to Lake Michigan was the team's first loss that exactors, which was nationally ranked a year ago. Schooleraft rattled off 10 annawered points to come back from a 19-18 deficit. Schooleraft, which shot 47 percent from the floor in the first half, led 42-31 at intermission. Harold Martin finithed the contest with 30 points for the Ocelois, who shot 67 percent from the floor in the second half. Derrick Kearney added 18 points in the second half. Derrick Kearney added 18 points in the second half as Schooleraft held a 34-point advantage at one time. in the second half as Schoonsand advantage at one time.

The Ocelots outrebounded Jamestown 43-18.

FOUL TROUBLE plagued Schoolcraft Saturday against Lake Michigan. A total of 40 fools were whistled against the Ocelots as six players fouled

Lake Michigan hit 40 of 52 free throws in the second half to overcome a 32-26 deficit at the half. Schoolcraft was 16 of 50.

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Schoolcraft, which shot an abyamal 25 percent from the field, trailed by only five points with three minutes left. Kearney, a transfer from Louisana Tech, scored 20 points and Martin added 19 for the

Martin fouled out along with Clarence Jones, Brad Turner, Ernie Zeigler, Mike White and Dwight

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