

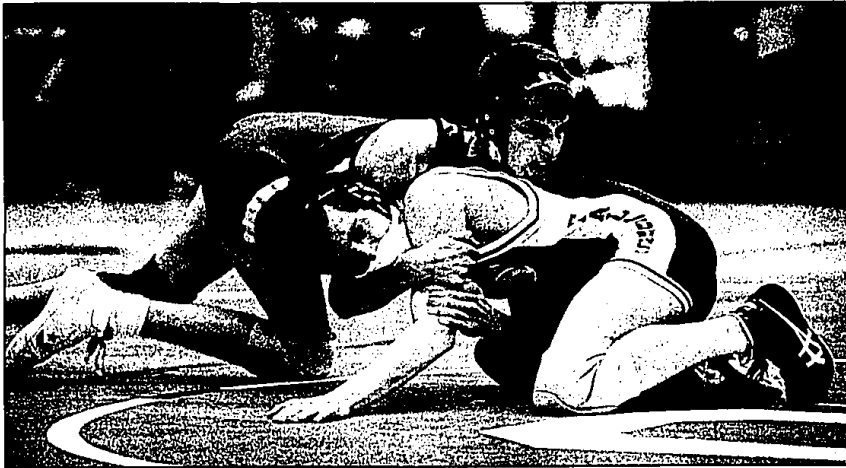
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Sean Wells of Churchill and Chris Phillips of Farmington went head-to-head in the 112-pound bout Tuesday night. Phillips eventually dropped the match.

Streak of pins lifts Raiders over Canton

wrestling

North Farmington finished with 24 consecutive pins — all coming on pins — to gain a 44-27, come-from-behind victory over Plymouth Canton in interdivisional wrestling Tuesday.

The Raiders trailed 27-20 before Rob Jamrog (160), Chris Servio (171), Neal Budman (189) and heavyweight Zaim Cummulaj pinned their opponents.

Jamrog stopped Hans Kozykoski as the first period ended. Servio pinned Mark Meszarus in 1:08, Budman needed 1:07 to end his match with Frank Rozak and Cummulaj kept his record perfect when he pinned Mike Kelly in 1:25. Cummulaj has won all six bouts by pin this year.

Following Jason Fortin's pin at 1:11 over Jeremy May in the 103-pound bout, North's Marcus Brown (112) pinned Brian Fortman in 24 seconds, and Jack Beal (118) won by technical fall over James Carnes, 16-0.

Canton won four of the next six bouts to forge a seven-point lead. Scott Swartzinski (125) pinned Brian Walny in 2:51, Liam Rentr (135) pinned Matt Thompson, Jim Jack (140) edged Adam Cook 2-1 and Nick Purzer (152) pinned Gary Evangelista in 3:08.

The Raiders stayed in the chase with Lucian Van Cleave's pin over Tom Burke (9-37) at 1:30 and V.J. Matulj's decision over Mike Golchuk (12-8) at 1:45.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL came from behind late in Tuesday's match to beat Farmington, which felt the sting of having to void a weight class.

Marcus Collins won on a walk-over at heavyweight as the Chargers edged in front for a 35-30 victory. Churchill had positioned itself for the final step when 189-pound Ryan Hickman pinned Paul Woytowich in 3:30.

The Chargers raced to a 24-3 lead, but that gradually disap-

peared as the Falcons won six straight bouts from 135 to 171 and turned the deficit into a 30-21 lead.

"We needed a pin down the stretch," Farmington coach Al Beyer said. "But we now have a heavyweight; we've been without one all year. He took his physical; this week he's ready."

Churchill's early points came from Craig Shepley, who scored a 19-4 victory over Brian Beatty, Chris Brown (119), Darin Dyder (115) and Casey Krause (130) on three straight pins. Brown pinned Joe Goudesune in 1:10, Darin pinned Brian Link in 5:53 and Krause pinned Mike Pallo in 1:30.

Farmington peeked away at the Chargers' lead, winning three of the next six bouts on decisions. Todd Jacobs (145) defeated Eric Shellenbarger 8-3, Chris Kresl (152) defeated Mark Pearce 11-7 and Steve Walter (160) defeated Jeff Dellise 11-7.

The other wins came on pins by Rob Cavagnoli (135) over Mike Georgi in 5:45, Dave Winey (140) over Kevin Whalen in 2:51 and Jason Smith (171) over Shawn Donaldson in 1:28.

WESTLAND JOHN Glenn ran his dual-mat wrestling record to 6-1 as it thumped outmanned Farmington Harrison 60-16 Tuesday.

The Hawks gained the early lead with three victories. Dave Prusinski (103) decisioned Scott Laffer 13-3, Ray Pudlik (112) pinned DeJohn Connor in 1:03 and, after Glenn had taken a 12-11 lead, Ted Prusinski (130) pinned Brian Cwikla in 3:23.

The Rockets got their early points from Karl Pace (119), who won by forfeit, and Eric Ewing (125), who pinned Dylan Perkins 1-07.

Salem tops at North Invite

wrestling

Plymouth Salem caused its stock in Observerland wrestling circles to surge upward Saturday when the Rocks toppled Westland John Glenn to win the North Farmington Invitational.

Instead of the traditional tournament format, North conducted the event as a series of dual meets, and Salem defeated the Rockets 33-28 in the final.

"A lot of people were surprised," said Salem coach Ron Krueger, who received his 200th win by beating Glenn. "We were pleased to get to the finals, and our kids went out and wrestled really well."

"We're real young behind the front lines," he added. "But nobody got hurt, and the way (his charges) wrestled they deserved to win."

The host Raiders were third followed by Milford, Wallied Lake Western, Farmington, Lincoln Park and Farmington Harrison.

THE ROCKS, who defeated Western 39-31 and Milford 37-29 in earlier matches, jumped in front of Glenn by winning four of the first five bouts.

Matt Koneski (103) and Craig Richardson (112) decisioned Scott Laffer and Tony Pietrzyk

by 8-3 and 28-10 margins, respectively, before Glenn's Karl Pace (119) pinned Jeff Shumate in 40 seconds.

The Rocks, however, came back with victories by Julian Cell (125) and Mike Shumate (130) to build their lead. Both wins came on points, Cell taking a 21-15 decision from Eric Ewing and Shumate beating Nate Kempplinen 8-2.

Glenn's Rob Matigian (135) defeated Ron Miller 12-0, but Salem again won four of the next five weight classes, losing only at 145 on a void.

Ed Barlage (140) and Pete Israel (152) pinned their opponents, and brothers Steve and Brian Burilson won by decision in back-to-back bouts at 160 and 171. In one of the key matches, Steve edged Kraig Kuban 10-9, and Brian outpointed Garnett Woody 17-2.

The Rocks made up ground in the last two weights, with Derek Tharp and Joe Williams

scoring pins. Both wrestlers missed their team's first two matches, because they were taking college entrance exams earlier Saturday. They arrived at North in time for the most important match, but the contest, ironically, was decided by the time their names were called.

KRUEGER ADDED the season is still in the infant stages, and the Rocks can't stop striving for improvement despite their latest success.

"The one that counts is in the league," he said.

"I'm sure the next time we wrestle John Glenn they'll be ready."

Six wrestlers went unbeaten for the Rocks — Craig Richardson, Julian Cell, Mike Shumate, Ed Barlage, Pete Israel and Steve Burilson — but it was actually seven in Krueger's eyes.

Brian Burilson would have won all of his bouts, but he was cited for an illegal slam in the Western match. Krueger said he thought the controversial call was unjustified, but WLW was awarded the points when his wrestler didn't return to the mat. Burilson was ahead on points at the time.

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Harrison stays perfect with win over RU

Chad Burgess catches footballs during the fall for Farmington Harrison, but no Hawk player releases a basketball any better than the 6-foot-2 senior.

Burgess scored 29 points Tuesday for the undefeated Hawks, who ran their record to 4-0 by beating host Redford Union 73-59. The Panthers are 2-2.

Burgess, who had eight points during the decisive third quarter, sank a pair of 3-point shots as Harrison outscored RU 23-14 in that period and turned a seven-point halftime deficit into a 59-57 lead.

Mill Coleman scored six of his 10 points

during the third quarter. Jason Lichtman scored 13 points and dished out eight assists for the Hawks, and Bryan Wauldron added 11 points.

"The two (Burgess and Coleman) turned the game around," RU coach Tim Smathers said. "Burgess did some things we didn't expect after seeing the scouting report. We didn't expect 3-pointers from him, and he drove the lane often instead of the baseline."

Kevin Whitman led four RU players in double figures with 20 points and nine rebounds. Joe Delgaut scored 14, and Chris Warzecha and Steve Nowak added 11 and

10, respectively. CLARKSTON 58, FARMINGTON 41: Senior forward Kevin McCormick scored 35 points Tuesday for visiting Clarkston, which improved to 3-1 overall.

Farmington hasn't won in four games. Mike Meyers, a senior forward, led Farmington with 16 points and seven rebounds, but the Falcons finished in double figures. Jason Brown also had seven rebounds for Farmington.

Farmington fell behind 16-4 after one quarter. There was any consolation in defeat for the Falcons, it's that they held the high-scoring Clarkston bunch to a reasonable 48-point total.

"We haven't been scoring a lot, but we feel good about holding them low," Farmington coach Bob

Kaump said. "They have beaten some good teams this year."

DEARBORN 76, CANTON 55: The free-throw line helped decide this game Tuesday.

Host Dearborn made 35 of 43 free throws, including 24 of 27 in the fourth quarter of its non-conference win over the Chiefs. Canton went to the line only 12 times, making six.

The Chiefs nailed seven 3-point shots in an effort to make up for their free-throw deficiency. Brian Paupore led Canton with 24 points, including three triples. Troy Waldron added 16 points before fouling out.

Sophomore forward Mohammed Abdration led Dearborn with 21 points and nine rebounds. Ricky Gontenk added 17 points for Dearborn. Tim

Nalodka had 12 and Rob Sekulich scored 11 for the Falcons.

JOHN GLENN 72, SOUTH LYON 48: Westland John Glenn ran away with the non-conference win Tuesday at South Lyon behind the 20-point effort of junior guard Bobby Lawrence.

Greg Anderson added 14 points for the Rockets who won their first game against three losses.

Glenn coach Bob Killingsbeck will take the win but he wasn't pleased the way he got it. The Rockets 23-19 at halftime and 40-30 after three, but didn't put the game away for good until both teams entered their benches.

"We emptied our bench and our bench was better than theirs (so that's why the score's so lopsided)," he said. "We didn't play very well at all."

Panther shooting woes cured at OCC's expense

By C.J. Risak staff writer

What afflicted Oakland Community College's basketball team Wednesday was a dose of its own medicine.

That out-of-control type of play the Raiders often display is actually their planned-and-plotted style. As ragged as it looks, it almost always leaves them with the higher score.

Need evidence? Check OCC's records the past two seasons. Two second-place finishes in the Eastern Conference regular season, behind Highland Park CC, then victories over the Panthers in the state tournament both times.

But HPCC likes to play that shot-a-second style, too. And last night, the visiting Panthers played it much better in swamping OCC 115-85.

While several factors contributed to the Raiders' demise, their taking their style to heart was most prominent. They not only looked out of control, they were out of control.

"WE BROKE down mentally," said OCC coach Lynn Reed, whose

basketball

team is now 6-6 overall and 1-1 in the conference. "Everybody was so up for this game that when things started to break down in the second half, they all wanted to do it themselves. Everyone started going one-on-one.

"Our inexperience really showed tonight. We got down and panicked." Of course, it didn't help that HPCC picked this game to end a shooting slump. "Against Macomb we shot 28 percent," said Panther coach Bob Dawson. "We worked hard on that. For the last two days we ran all sorts of shooting drills."

The extra work paid off. And it made the defensive strategies Reed planned look silly. The OCC coach had scouted HPCC several times, and he figured forcing the Panthers outside would be OCC's best chance.

Had. At half the score was 55-48 in the Panthers' favor, with guards Willard Dean, Andre Johnson and Chris

Rollins combining for five HPCC three-pointers.

"FOR THE first half, I thought we played pretty well on defense," said Reed. "They just shot so well."

The second half was horrible for the Raiders. From the 16-point mark until just 6:14 remained, OCC scored just one basket — a put-back by Ed Pasque. The rest of the Raider points in that stretch came on 10-for-12 free-throw shooting. HPCC outscored them 23-12 and led, 92-49.

So much for comebacks. "I think our pressure defense was the key tonight," said Dawson, whose Panthers improved to 11-4 overall and 1-1 in the conference. "If you're shooting a good percentage, it's usually because you're getting a lot of layups off your defense."

Five players on each team scored in double-figures. Leading HPCC were Dean with 16, Earl Lewis with 12, Deon Boyce with 11 and Solomon Patray and Dennis Small with 10 each. Top scorers for OCC were Bobby Dinges (18), Eric Hawkins (16), Mike Bailey (15) and Tim Robertson and Ron Woods (14 apiece).

OCC plays at Detroit Jordan at 7:30 p.m. Monday.

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