

# Raiders start fast, blitz Falcons

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North Farmington outscored host Farmington 34-18 in the first quarter and left with a 70-61 win in boys basketball action Friday.

The Raiders improved to 5-7 overall and 3-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Farmington dropped to 1-11 overall and 0-5 in the WLA.

"It was a total team effort," North head coach Tom Negoshian said. "We played very hard and consistent. I told the kids if you play that way then good things will happen."

"You have to give Farmington some credit. When we went ahead, they very easily could have folded. They didn't do that, and that's an indication of the kind of job that Bob Kaump does with his team."

"I FELT pretty good about the game. The kids played very, very well the last three quarters. I hope this game helps us to turn the corner into getting us some wins," Kaump said.

"Matt (Filpatrick) did a good job hitting the three-pointers and all of the guards — (Corry) Lavery, (Brian) Afterbaugh and (Rob) Cook — did a good job."

The Raiders got the 34-18 first-quarter advantage with a 19-6 run over the last 3:02.

A pair of free throws by North's Todd Pawlowski put the Raiders

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ahead 17-12. After a basket by Farmington's Jay Jensen, North ran off seven straight points, including two baskets by Jon Sturtz, to lead 24-14 with 1:21 remaining. The Raiders ended the quarter with an 11-4 run on back-to-back three-pointers by Kaump and Clint White. Forward Bill Chwalki also scored at the buzzer.

"I WOULD guess that we had 10 turnovers easy in the first quarter," Kaump said. "We got into some trouble (by their press). The little people (the guards) couldn't get the ball to the open people."

"The pressure hit them, and we hit a couple of shots in a row. We hit a couple of three-pointers (in the first half) that didn't go down in the second half," Negoshian said.

Forward Steve Gallagher scored six points in a Farmington 11-5 run that gave North a 35-23 lead. The Raiders didn't get their first basket of the quarter until 4:22 on a layup by Chwalki.

Each team traded baskets to end the quarter, and North went into the locker room with a 44-34 advantage. The third quarter was all Gal-

lagher's. He single-handedly put Farmington back into the game, scoring 13 points in the quarter.

A THREE-POINT basket by Filpatrick, a junior guard, cut the Raider lead to 44-37 with 7:20 left. North's Chwalki hit a basket with 6:54, but Gallagher countered on Farmington's next two possessions — a three-pointer and a short-range post move that put the Falcons within four at 5:22.

Chwalki scored three straight points for the Raiders before the Falcons went on an 11-6 run to end the third quarter. Gallagher had eight points in the run, including a layup that tied it at 53 apiece with 43 seconds left.

A Chwalki basket with 23 seconds left gave North a 55-53 lead after three quarters.

Jason Tucker's three-point gave Farmington a 56-55 lead with 6:24 left in the game. It was the Falcons' last lead of the game. The next five minutes found Farmington held scoreless, with the Raiders running off seven straight points to put the lead at 62-56 with 3:18 left.

AFFLERBAUGH AND Jayson Childress combined on a three-point play that got the Falcons as close as they would get at 64-60 with 2:53 left. Afterbaugh hit a jumpshot from the left wing, but was injured on the hard foul by Todd Pawlowski. Childress, a forward, was inserted

and hit the free throw.

Gallagher was limited to only a free throw in the fourth quarter. Kaump said the major factor was Gallagher's fatigue.

"He didn't get a break the whole game," he said. "He had to bring the ball up the floor in the fourth quarter, and he wasn't always in scoring position. But there's a difference when I have to substitute for him. We need him for his offense. I tried to save him in the zone."

"IT SEEMED like when we went to the zone (a 1-3-1 zone) we did very fine. They kept going inside, but we did a great job of recovering. It was the best our zone has played all year."

Gallagher, a junior forward, led all scorers with 32 points. Filpatrick added nine points for Farmington. Chris White scored 21 points for North. Chwalki added 15 and Sturtz chipped in 14.

"One of the other coaches in the league told me he thinks that Steve is definitely one of the top 10 players in the league," Kaump said. "He's a junior, and he can't get anything but better. He's a very hard worker."

Negoshian said he felt the game was in doubt until the end.

"Every time we play Farmington you know it's going to be a hard game. They are very well prepared," he said. "I've been coaching for 20 years. I'm always worried until the horn sounds."

# Farmington whips Vikes in mat finale

Farmington finished the dual-meet wrestling season Thursday with a 3-2 record in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association after the Falcons gave visiting Walled Lake Central a 42-16 thrashing.

Farmington, 12-7 overall, won five bouts on decision and two with pins. The Falcons also received 12 uncontested points because of Central voids.

Farmington got early wins from Paul Anderson on a 4-2 win over Ron Heck at 103 pounds and Rob Sutton with an 11-1 decision over Jay Davenport at 112.

After losing the next three bouts, the Falcons picked up steam again in the middleweights. Brian Link (135) defeated Brian Brown 12-4. David Link (140) defeated Hick Westbrook 9-0 and Chris Kresl (152) defeated Anthony Snider 5-1.

Farmington outscored the Vikings 27-0 after the 145 bout. Mike Pallo (160) pinned Mike Bouchard in 1:21, and heavyweight Matt Siskosky pinned Steve Tokarski in 19 seconds. Steve Walter (171) and Ryan Adams (189) won on walkovers.

NORTH FARMINGTON was on the short end of a close match Thursday with visiting Livonia Stevenson, 39-30.

The Raiders were ahead 18-11 after the 135 bout, but the Spartans won the next three to take a 29-18 lead and stayed in front.

North's Marcus Brown and Stevenson's Brian Mitchell fought to an 8-8 draw at 135 before the Spartans put together a string of three pins.

Adam Carriere (140) pinned Shawn Andreas in 1:56, Tate Dobbs (145) pinned Mark Joseph in 5:33 and Doug Carmack (152) pinned Joe Meluzio in 2:34.

The teams divided victories at the next four weights as the Raiders failed to overcome the deficit. North's Aaron Lawrence (160) won by void, and Bob Chika (189) pinned Eric Kirkland in 5:01.

Stevenson countered with Chris Lehti's 12-4 defeat of Rob Chuba at 189 and Marco Desanto's pin (1:20) over Brian Ruby at heavyweight.

In earlier bouts, North's Mark McDonald (103) pinned Greg Kendall in 53 seconds, Jeremy Moy (119) defeated Bob Carter 14-3 and Eric Novak (139) won by void.

# Free throws make difference in defeat

The effort was great, for certain, but the odds were against St. Mary's College Thursday at Daemen College in Buffalo, N.Y.

Jimmy Bolden drove to the hoop in the closing seconds of the game, but his shot bounced out and time ran out on the Eagles before they could unleash another attempt as Daemen held on for a 106-104 men's basketball victory.

The non-district loss left St. Mary's with a 16-9 overall record. Daemen is 11-13.

The difference was evident. The Eagles didn't shoot well, but made seven more field goals (42-of-60, 40 percent) than Daemen (35-of-61, 57 percent). But Daemen shot 51 free throws, making 29 (57 percent), while St. Mary's was just 11-of-19 (58 percent) from the line.

DAEMEN WAS up 33-16 in the first half, but the Eagles closed to within 54-47 at the break. They continued to gain ground and took a 63-62 lead before Daemen responded, scoring eight straight points.

With three minutes left Daemen led 99-90, but St. Mary's kept battling. Jeff Suspek sank a pair of three-pointers and James Gillespie added another triple. Gillespie sank two free throws and Bolden made one to pull the Eagles to within a pair, 106-104. But Bolden could not coax his game-tying attempt into the hoop.

Garth Howard paced St. Mary's with 24 points. Gillespie added 23. Bolden got 20 and nine rebounds, and Suspek finished with 17 points. Rob Robinson's 37 points was best for Daemen. Russell John contributed 33.

St. Mary's hosts Concordia College at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Dom-browski Fieldhouse.

# Mott mashes S'craft

It wasn't pretty.

Mott Community College visited Schoolcraft College Wednesday, and the Bears stay was an unpleasant one for SC. They demolished their hosts 119-84 in an Eastern Conference men's basketball game.

The game showed why Mott CC is at the top of the conference (9-9; 17-4 overall) and SC is near the bottom (at 2-8; 10-12 overall). The Bears dictated the pace of the game and, consequently, the outcome.

"We tried to run with them," said SC coach Dave Bogataj. "I only have five timeouts. I kept telling (SC) to slow down, but they didn't."

"We just didn't play. In simple terms, that's the worst team effort we've had this year. The worst cohesiveness we've had."

Of course, Mott CC had something to do with it, particularly sophomore center Derek Groce. "He must've blocked about 10 shots," said Bogataj. Groce also scored 17 points.

Mott, which led 55-39 at the half, also got 25 points from Lonnie Perce and 21 from Tim Vandervelt. Top scorers for the Ocelots were Randy Watters, with 26; Kwesi McGill, with 25; and Mitch Fyke, with 14.

"They looked tough," said Bogataj of Mott. "They were good the last time to 135-98 rout suffered at Mott Dec. 15), but this time they were even better."

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# Salem wrestlers win division title

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Plymouth Salem remains the king of dual-meet wrestling in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Rocks won their ninth consecutive division title Thursday with an easier-than-expected, 37-18 victory over visiting Westland John Glenn in the final dual for both teams.

Salem finishes 5-0 in the Lakes, the Rockets 4-1.

"We had a real young team to start the season," Salem coach Ron Krueger said, "and I thought there was no way we could possibly win this year. But the kids worked hard and came a long way."

The Rocks pinned four Glenn opponents and won four decisions, including one at a weight they weren't expected to win. The Rockets had only one pin and when they did win other matches — Glenn also had four decisions — their Salem opponents wrestled well and held them to three-point wins.

"THAT WAS the big thing for us," said Krueger of the pins. "I instructed the kids in very tough matches to give away as little as possible and not to give up the six points."

"A couple of kids I figured were going to get

pinned by some of their real good kids didn't, and that made a big difference for us."

Glenn closed to within 25-18 after Tony Pietrzyk's 4-3 decision over Phil Haynes at 171 pounds.

The Rockets still had a chance to win the meet, but Salem sophomore Wade Langdon shut the door on Glenn with a pin at 189. He pinned Ian Cowen at 108 in the first period, and senior Ken Coker followed with a pin in the heavyweight bout to double the score on Glenn.

"I left Phil and Wade as question marks," said Krueger of the 171 and 189 bouts of his pre-meet estimate. "(Langdon and Cowen) are first-year kids. It was a tussle, then two giant trees fell. Wade came down on top and did a nice job keeping him on his back."

The Rockets started with a 3-0 lead as Tom Pace won a 5-2 decision over John Moran, but Salem rebounded with three straight wins to take a 13-3 lead.

SCOTT MARTIN blanked Jeremy Samples 6-0 at 112, Dan Bonnett pinned Brannen Udeil in 57 seconds at 119 and Chad Wilson scored a major decision (14-3) over Mike Pace at 125.

"I figured we would have to win the first four matches to win the meet," Krueger said. "Losing the first one put us on the defensive right away."

"I was hoping to be up 21-20. You work things out on paper a thousand times, and it never comes out the way you think."

"But that was a plus for them and how hard they wrestled. John Glenn-Salem matches are always good, hard matches."

Salem's Jeff Shumate pinned Chris Ponczak at 320 in the 135-pound contest, but the Rockets sandwiched a pair of 7-3 decisions around it to stay within 10 points, 19-9.

Glenn's Rob Wilson defeated Dan Phillips at 130, and Keith Jackson defeated Jeff Coleman at 140, but it was still a plus for Salem to hold the Rockets to three points each time.

IN A PIVOTAL match at 145, Salem's Josh Viaw edged Shane Hall 4-3, scoring a one-point escape with two seconds remaining in the match. Having already eliminated the possibility of a loss, Viaw averted a draw and gave the Rocks a minimum six-point swing with a 22-9 advantage.

"Josh Viaw did a real nice job," Krueger said. "I'd say that turned the match right around. That was a key win, we needed that one, because 40-45-52 is their real strong area."

"Phillips did a good job again. He only gave up three, and that was probably the best match Shumate has wrestled."

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