

Falcons fall shy of upset

Farmington didn't look anything like a wrestling team in a rebuilding phase Tuesday in a dual meet with perennial power Westland John Glenn.

The Falcons, who graduated nearly their entire starting lineup from a team that won the Western Lakes Activities Association championship last year, put up a good fight before losing 38-30 to the host Rockets.

Farmington, 0-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-3 overall, was that close to winning despite voiding three weight classes.

"We did better than we anticipated," Farmington coach Al Byar said. "We won six of the 10 matches that we wrestled. We're getting better as time goes on."

The Falcons won the first match, taking a 6-0 lead on Chris Neville's pin of Jim Hall (0:41) at 103 pounds.

But Farmington fell behind 21-9 after the 135 bout when the Rockets posted wins at four of the next five weights. Jason Parnuchowski (130) defeated Glenn's Mike Lewis 6-5.

The Falcons rallied to win the next bouts by pin and lead 29-21. Mike Prough (140) pinned Rob



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Pinning move: John Amayo of Harrison pinned Livonia Churchill's Eugene Barber at 189 pounds to enable the Hawks to rally and tie.

Pace (139), Mark Mason (145) pinned Jason Carpenter (151) and Nate Adams (162) pinned Germain Simoneau (0:39). Mike Reeves won a 17-2 decision at 160 to get the Rockets with a point (27-29), but that was Glenn's last victory earned on the mat.

Farmington's Scott Holliday (189) defeated Jim Lock 3-0, and the Falcons were forced to void the 171 and heavyweight matches.

■ HAWKS/RAIDERS

Farmington Hills Harrison managed to rally and tie Livonia Churchill 36-36 in wrestling Thursday when 189-pound John Amayo pinned his opponent (1:08) and heavyweight Dave Gloetzer won by void.

The Hawks picked up early points when Charles Moran (103) and Brian Atkinson (112) won by forfeit, also.

Harrison's Derek Jaeger (125) pinned Matt Slowik (1:29) and Darrell Priemer (135) pinned Chris Sedor (1:04).

Churchill wrestlers won four bouts by pin and two by decision. The Chargers received one forfeit.

North Farmington had four winners in its 51-22 loss to Walled Lake Central Thursday. The Raiders are 0-2 in the Lakes Division and 0-4 overall.

Ivo Gaspareto (103) won by void, Dave Orw (125) pinned his opponent, Mark McDonald (130) earned a favorable decision and John Leasway (189) also posted a pin.

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

■ MERCY SKIING

Sophomore Nicki Gable was the overall winner Thursday in Farmington Hills Mercy's first ski meet of the season.

She finished in first place at Mount Brighton with a combined score of 36.24. Gable was 14th in the state last year.

Mercy's Jen Bussler was 12th in the slalom, Maggie James 15th and Allison Vigi 16th. Brighton was first in team scoring. Mercy second and Hartland third.

■ SOCCER SIGN-UP

Registrations forms for the Farmington Soccer Club's spring season are available at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department and the Farmington Hills YMCA. The season starts Friday, April

23, and lasts eight weeks. The fee for new players is \$50, for returning players from last fall \$30.

The deadline to register is Monday, Feb. 18. Any registrations received after that date will be assessed a \$5 late fee. For information call Jan at 563-8691 or Vince at 474-4541.

■ PLAYERS WANTED

Girls premier soccer players who have no team to play for in the spring season should call Tom Coyno (427-3336). Linda Hamilton of the U.S. women's national team, and Coyno will provide an opportunity for girls to train and compete.

■ BASEBALL TRYOUTS

North Farmington-West Bloomfield will have baseball tryouts for an 11- and 12-year-old travel team. NFWB plans to enter a team in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation for the first time. For information call NFWB manager Bob Sopo in the evening at 661-6276.

Raiders were OT winners over Mott

(Editor's Note: Due to a computer malfunction last week, the following basketball report involving Farmington teams did not appear in the Thursday edition of the Farmington Observer.)

Two baskets in overtime by senior forward Todd Anderson helped North Farmington prevail in a 65-64 thriller over Waterford Mott Tuesday at North.

The Raiders (4-2) blew a 10-point lead with just over two minutes left in regulation time. After a basket by Chris Ward gave North a 61-50 lead to start the extra period, Anderson scored four consecutive points.

The Corsairs (1-6) cut the margin to one and had an opportunity to win the game, but a three-point attempt bounced off the rim with :05 left.

The game clock did not start on

the ensuing inbound pass. After a lengthy discussion, the Raiders were able to run out the clock.

Junior guards Doug Dolak and John Pennala led North with 20 and 12 points, respectively. Anderson added 10 for the Raiders, who trailed 23-21 at halftime before taking a 41-34 lead into the fourth quarter.

William Martin scored a game-high 34 points for Mott.

■ LAKELAND 46, HARRISON 44: Farmington Hills Harrison dropped to 0-6 with its loss against visiting Milford Lakeland Tuesday. The Eagles won the game on a layup off a back-door play by sophomore Kyle Baldwin with eight seconds remaining. Lakeland (2-5) capped a rally, which saw them recover from a 36-33 deficit entering the fourth quarter. Jeremy Teachman and Keye

Smith scored 10 points apiece to lead Harrison. Jason Van Buren's 11 points paced Lakeland.

The Hawks' inside game was shut down and accounted for only six points — a statistics coach Mike Teachman knows must improve.

"We only had six points inside, and you're not going to win too many games doing that," he said. "We had mental lapses all over the place."

"It was a kind of ragged game. From our end, the outcome was obvious. We didn't practice hard the last two days after two tough games, and we thought we could walk in and win."

■ CIVILLE 66, LIGGETT 54: Livonia Clarenceville got a taste of what life without Dedrick Harrington would be like Tuesday

with its victory at Grosse Pointe University-Liggett.

The Trojans played their first game without the sophomore point guard who recently transferred to Farmington Hills Harrison. Harrington averaged approximately six points and six assists and "was the team's floor leader and best defensive player," according to Clarenceville coach Rob White.

"He will sorely be missed," White said. "But the team responded well tonight without him and were in control the whole game."

The Trojans (3-1) led by as many as 20 points in the first half and their lead never left double figures in the second half.

Junior guard John Kalaj netted 21 points for Clarenceville. Junior forward Mark Kalaj and senior center Mario Ivezaj added 14 and 13 points, respectively, for the Trojans. The Knights remain winless in seven games.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Jan. 19
Del. Trinity at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Garden City at D.H. Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Dun. Fordson at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Waterford Mott, 7 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.
Redford Union at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Westland Glenn at Taylor Center, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Birm. Groves, 7:30 p.m.
Bishop (Borges) at Del. DePomars, 7:30 p.m.
St. Agathe at Holy Redeemer, 7:30 p.m.
N. Farmington at Birm. Seaham, 7:45 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Pky. Christian at Wald. Marshall, Jr., High, 8 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 22
Livingston at Fry. Apple, 6:30 p.m.
Lutheran Westland at Farmington, 7 p.m.
B.H. Cranbrook at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Taylor Truman, 7 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Pky. Canton at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at West. Glenn, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Pky. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Redford Union, 7:30 p.m.
Southgate at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.
Bish. Borgess at W. DeLaSalle, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at H.W. Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m.
St. Florian at St. Agathe, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at D.H. Fairlane, 7:30 p.m.
Pky. Christian vs. B'lied Christian at Lowell Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 23
Toledo CC at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 20
St. Clair CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Alpena CC at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23
Macomb CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Fani Mott at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Jan. 20
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 21
UM-Dearborn at Macomb, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23
Concordia at Macomb, 9 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Jan. 20
Liv. Churchill at St. Clair at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 22
Liv. Franklin vs. Liv. Stevenson at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 23
Liv. Franklin vs. Hartland at Grand Oaks Arena, 5 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Grosse Pte. South at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

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fouls each, Farmington got back into the game with a 20-4 run. Mensler gave the Falcons their first lead, 37-35, when he converted a layup with 2:53 remaining in the 4th quarter. Inside baskets by Hayes and Lewis in the closing moments of the third preserved a 42-39 Farmington lead.

The lead changed hands three times in the fourth quarter. A pair of free throws by April with less than 10 seconds remaining in regulation gave the Falcons a 60-57 lead, but Jon Woodward (26 points) drilled a triple from the top of the paint with one second left on the clock to force overtime.

■ 'This makes us 2-0 in the league which is exactly where we wanted to be after this game. We've been playing pretty well at home, but we've had our problems on the road.'

Denny Mikel
Falcons coach

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Recreation and Community Services
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