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Double win: Scott Brown helped Farmington beat Edsel Ford Thursday by taking first in both the 100 free and 100 backstroke.

Young Falcons gain 1st victory

SWIMMING

The Farmington swim team suffered its first loss before the season even started. All-Area freestyler Jon Rood and fellow senior Mike Langdon decided not to swim this season to concentrate fully on academics.

The second loss came in the season-opener on Tuesday against Dearborn, 109-71.

All of that made Thursday night's 127-58 win over Dearborn Edsel Ford that much more special.

"We swam as well as we can at this point," Coach Ross Bandy said. "We aren't where we were a year ago, but we'll be fairly competitive. The younger kids will step up and do well."

Don Bellanger and Scott Brown

stepped up Thursday, winning a pair of events each. Bellanger won the 200-yard freestyle (1:56.5) and the 100 butterfly (59.50). Brown took the 100 free (52.56) and 100 backstroke (59.70).

Other winners were Todd Benivenga in the 200 individual medley (2:20.92), Jeff Thomas in diving (202.40 points), Matt Crawford in the 500 free (6:47.49) and Chris Owen in the 100 breast stroke (1:06.66).

The Falcons took the 200 free relay with Crawford, Shawn Hopper, Steven Scanlon and Ken Krepf swimming in 1:41.9.

Scanlon, Bellanger, Mark Alonzo and Matt Beukelsere won the 400 free relay in 3:49.21.

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Chris Bailey won the 100 backstroke (1:03.44) and Matt Walker won the 100 breast stroke (1:13.16). Mike Schaner took the 500 free (6:37.58).

The trio joined Justin Barringer to win the 400 free relay in 3:58.28.

Bailey, Walker, Robin Trombley and Mike Kirby won the 200 medley relay in 1:58.48.

J.T. Stove won the diving competition with 137.4 points.

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