

League foes roll 300 games in head-to-head competition

Rick DeLuca's bowling team, Hard Knox, had just won their third of three over Doug Lobbi's Delta Diamond in the Daniel Lord & of C League last Monday night at Merri Dowling Lanes in Ilwaco.

It was time to start Game No. 2, and Rick and Doug started each other strike for strike.

As the game went on, neither competitor weakened, and

both went on to fill all 12 squares with strikes, matching up perfect 300 games against each other.

This time it was the Delta Diamond team with the win, and the final results showed Doug's team on top for the totals with five of the seven points.

That is a rare feat, two opponents coming through with a pair of 300s against each other in the same game.

It gave everyone in the house a lot of excitement, just to watch the scenario unfold.

Congratulations to both bowlers. Enjoy your American Bowling Congress awards.

Team Farmington Special Olympics will host its 11th Annual Bowl-A-Thon

Saturday, Feb. 15, at Drake's Lanes on Grand River.

There will be a pair of sessions, starting at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The format will be three games of nine-pin no-top. Refreshments will also be provided.

No bowling expertise is required, just a desire to help raise funds to keep the many programs going for kids involved in the Team Farmington Special Olympics.

The organization receives no government funds, relying on support from the community, schools, churches, local businesses, civic groups and individual contributors.

Local police and firefighters have been supportive for many

years by providing teams and raising money to support this worthy program.

The benefit to young people involved in Special Olympics programs is immeasurable," Bowl-A-Thon chairman Mark Fisher said.

Fisher, himself, is a parent of son, Ryan, 23, who has been involved in Special Olympics for years.

He has had the opportunity to see that hand, through the benefits that result for youth with mental and physical disabilities, affording the opportunity to participate in team sports made possible through Special Olympics.

Special Olympics is an international program created in 1968 by the Joseph P. Kennedy

Foundation.

Team Farmington offers training and competition in 12 different sports.

It's a year-round sports training program open to all athletes who are mentally challenged and who are involved in the special education programs run by Farmington Public Schools.

To sign up your team or individual bowlers or to learn more about the event, call Nancy Meloche at (248) 688-5021.

Last Wednesday morning, as the Men's Senior Classic league resumed play during the second half of the season, I had just changed shoes when there was a great big cheer going on a few lanes over.

With my curiosity aroused, I ventured over to see what was going on.

All eyes were on Ed Patrick, who had just rolled the 11th strike on his way to a perfect game.

The 12th ball was the only one I saw, but it was right in the pocket and gave Ed his first 300 game, coming after about 50 million years of trying.

The cheers were much louder, and this kind of excitement is a part of what bowling is all about.

It couldn't happen to a nicer guy.

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BASKETBALL

Ten Pin Alley
Al Harrison

have one senior who got varsity minutes last year.

"I really think the guys are starting to believe in what we're doing and believe in each other. As a coach, those are the two most important things to me.

"It was by far the most spirited we've played all season. If we can keep the same intensity we had today, we're going to turn this thing around quick."

"I understand building a program takes time, but I don't

want to take time. These kids want to win now. We're just in the process of some growing pains."

SEAHOLM 68, HARRISBORO 54: On Friday night at Birmingham Seaholm, the Maples roared out to a 26-9 lead after one quarter and never really were threatened by Farmington Harrison.

Seaholm forward Kyle Wood spearheaded the team with 21 points, including five three-pointers. Forward Drew Balmeyer chipped in 12 points.

For the Hawks, junior forward Scott Campbell had an outstanding all-around game: 15 points, 13 rebounds, five blocks and five steals. Senior forward Andy Wingert scored 11.

The Maples improved to 2-4 overall and 1-0 in the Oakland Activities Association Division 11, while the Hawks dropped to 1-5 and 0-1 in

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duplicated some of those qualifying efforts Thursday.

The quality performances by the North swimmers have made the team successful in the early season, too.

The Raiders are 2-0 against Oakland Activities Association Division I opponents and 3-0 overall.

"I'm not surprised at the results with these first two (OAA) teams, but there's definitely some stiffer competition ahead of us," Duthie said.

"We've got Andover and Lahser (Tuesday and Thursday of this week), and I'm sure those are going to be more difficult meets.

"But we're just excited with the way we're swimming right now, the attitude of the kids and the way things are coming together for us.

"I think the kids are having a good time. They're pushing the dickens out of each other; they're pushing themselves in practice. From a coaching standpoint, we're always happy to accommodate them when they want to get a little faster."

North's Jason Bank, Jeff Mataya and Brad Smith had two state cuts each in the

Rochester meet.

At the meet, the 200-yard freestyle and the butterfly; Mataya was first in the 100 freestyle and second in the 200, and Smith placed second in the IM and breaststroke.

In other state-qualifying swims, Glenn Legacki won the IM, Mohamed Bachrouche the 50 freestyle and Matt Newman the breaststroke.

Thomas Naughton, Newman, Bachrouche and Lucas DiGin made a state cut in winning the medley relay, and North's all-freshman team of Andrew Warnick, Smith, Ronnie Asmar and Alejandro Valtierra did the same in third place.

The frosh foursome just missed last week, finishing a second off the qualifying standard at 1:50.59, but they were well under the cutoff time Thursday at 1:48.16.

Bank, Bachrouche, Valtierra and Jones won the 400 freestyle relay and made a state cut in the process.

The Raiders competed in the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday.

They host Andover Tuesday and visit Lahser Thursday.

"I think this is going to be a special game in terms of working with the kids," Duthie said. "I'm not sure how special in terms of the overall record, but we're pretty successful in

the way the team is coming together. Individually and collectively, they seem to have a good, positive attitude about things."

NORTH FARMINGTON 129 ROCHESTER 51
Jan. 9 at North Farmington
200-yard medley relay: 1. M. Farmington (Thomas Naughton, Matt Newman, Mohamed Bachrouche, Lucas DiGin) 1:48.99 (state cut); 3. M. Farmington (Andrew Warnick, Brad Smith, Ronnie Asmar, Alejandro Valtierra) 1:49.16 (state cut).
200 freestyle: 1. Jason Bank (NF), 1:52.29 (state cut); 2. Jeff Mataya (NF), 1:53.86 (state cut).
200 IM: 1. Glenn Legacki (NF), 2:10.13 (state cut); 2. Brad Smith (NF), 2:10.15 (state cut); 3. Alejandro Valtierra (NF), 2:13.05.
50 freestyle: 1. Mohamed Bachrouche (NF), 2:38.16 (state cut); 2. Lucas DiGin (NF), 2:44.0; 3. Thomas Naughton (NF), 2:44.46.
Diving: 1. Paul Weisner (NF), 10.35; 2. Mike Wilman (NF), 10.50.
100 butterfly: 1. Jason Bank (NF), 59.64 (state cut); 2. Ryan Podges (NF), 59.75.
100 freestyle: 1. Jeff Mataya (NF), 51.64 (state cut); 3. Alejandro Valtierra (NF), 52.42.
500 freestyle: 1. Glenn Legacki (NF), 5:18.45; 2. Ryan Podges (NF), 5:27.95.
200 freestyle relay: 1. M. Farmington (DiGin, Doug Anderson, Bank, Legacki), 1:38.20; 2. M. Farmington (Mataya, Asmar, Phil Carlisle, Jason Wozniak), 1:43.64.
100 breaststroke: 1. Keith Jones (NF), 1:09.30; 3. Thomas Naughton (NF), 1:02.83.
100 breaststroke: 1. Matt Newman (NF), 1:04.01 (state cut); 2. Brad Smith (NF), 1:05.67 (state cut).
400 freestyle relay: 1. M. Farmington (Bank, Bachrouche, Valtierra, Jones), 3:25.58 (state cut); 3. M. Farmington (Billy Hayes, Brandon Eck, Ross Mataya, Podges), 4:05.27.
Dual-meet record: North Farmington, 3-0, 2-0 OAA Division 1.

New addition helps Whalers win, 4-2

Newly-acquired center Chris Thorburn gave the Plymouth Whalers something they never surrendered Friday against the Windsor Spitfires.

A lead.

The Whalers went on to defeat the Spits 4-2 at Plymouth's Compuware Arena, giving them a 26-7-7-1 record in the Ontario Hockey League, first in the West Division, Windsor is 25-14-2-1.

Thorburn's first goal as a Whaler came at 12:11 of the first period; for Thorburn,

acquired last week in a trade with Saginaw, it was his 20th of the season. Martin Cizek and David Liffiton assisted.

Chad LaRose made it 2-0 10:13 into the second period (Cole Jarrett and goalie Paul Drew assisting), but five minutes later Windsor got on the board with a power-play goal from Rob Hennigar.

Plymouth countered with a power-play score from Karl

Stewart, who took a pass from LaRose and scored to make it 3-1 at 11:02 of the second period.

LaRose's second goal of the game at 16:51 of the third period (from Ryan Hamsay and Stewart) increased the Whalers' lead to 4-1.

A second power-play goal by Hennigar late in the game narrowed the gap, but wasn't enough for Windsor.


Plymouth hosts Kingston at 7:00 p.m. Friday at Compuware Arena.

WRESTLING

DUAL-MEET RESULTS
ROCHESTER 29 FARMINGTON 21
Jan. 9 at Farmington
132: Robert Kammer (F) dec. David Iha, 8-4; 102: Steve Russo (F) pin. Ryoake Iha, 0-4; 119: Zach Reid (S) pin. Andrew Anderson, 1:15; 125: Lance Dawson (F) dec. Jeff Leene, 1:13; 130: Nathan Wersching (S) dec. Jon Schwartz, 13-4; 132: Brian Lumetta (S) pin. Andrew Bernicki, 0-20; 140: Ian Turk (S) pin. Kyle Mason, 2:37; 145: Mike Fish (F) pin. Brett Foreman, 3:50; 152: James

Berrie (S) won by hold; 160: Adam Krieger (S) pin. Cam Mullanand, 5:10; 170: Courland Bartlett (F) dec. Tom Cotant, 11-4; 189: Nick Belay (F) pin. Ben Lehr, 0:59; 225: Pete Bate (S) pin. John Ledbetter, 2:52; 275: D.J. Frey (S) won by forfeit.
WATERLOO 107 FARMINGTON 18
Jan. 8 at Farmington
102: Mike Searith (M) pin. Robert Kammer, 3:58; 122: Joey Lopez (M) pin. Steve Russo, 4:25; 130: Joe Lawson (M) pin. Robert Scott, 1:30; 132: Lance Dawson (F) pin. Julian Hall, 1:02; 30: Blake

Searith (M) dec. Jon Schwartz, 17-9; 132: Jared Dean (M) pin. Andrew Bernicki, 0:53; 140: Andrew Stamps (M) pin. Kyle Mason, 0:54; 145: Mike Fish (S) won by hold; 152: Jim Foster (M) won by hold; 160: Cam Mullanand (F) dec. Anthony Hodges, 11-8; 170: Courland Bartlett (F) dec. Adam Mucklo, 9-5; 189: Wes Graham (M) pin. Chris Lopez, 3:02; 225: Josh Tatopoulos (M) pin. John Lebetter, 3:27; 275: Eric Chapman (M) won by hold.
Dual-meet records: Farmington, 13-0 OAA Division 1; 9-4 overall.



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