

Rocky Scores, Gadge Rebounds As Falcons Edge Waterford

A tremendous first quarter scoring binge saved the Farmington Falcons last Friday as they staved off late Waterford rallies to take their first league victory of the season, 35-28. The Falcons were outscored in the remaining three quarters, but their 13 point first-period lead was too great for the Skippers to overcome.

Farmington is now tied with Pontiac Northern, who beat Walled Lake 66-21, and Berkey, who defeated the Skippers 58-35, for the Inter-Lakes lead after one conference game.

Six foot five center Rocky Cleveland scored nine points in the first quarter as the Falcons flew off to a startling (Waterford) 20-7 lead, and from then on prevented the Skippers from coming any closer than five points.

Waterford came back in the second quarter, and outscored Farmington 14-0, narrowing down the lead to 10 points, with the scoreboard showing 32-22.

Again in the third period Waterford outscored the Falcons 12-0. The brunt of their attack was supplied by veteran center Bob Reader, who also quarterbacked the Falcons in the fourth quarter. With eight minutes remaining, Farmington led 43-34.

The Skippers tried valiantly in the final quarter to vanquish the Falcon nine point lead, but forward Chuck Gadge continually gathered in the rebounds to thwart the Waterford hopes. They did, however, outscore Farmington 16-12 to make the final outcome a meager five point margin, 55-50.

Waterford's rebounder of the game was Russ Cleveland with 18 points, 14 rebounds, and an all around fine game.

High for Waterford was Bob Reader with 16 points.

Guards Paul Czalka and Mike Fleming were the leaders for Farmington with 12 and 11 points, respectively. Forward guard Chuck Gadge played a tremendous "team" game, although tallying only four points. Grabbing off 11 rebounds, Charlie was a continual thorn in Waterford's side throughout the game.

Tomorrow "night" will be a real test for Farmington as they must defeat the Pontiac Northern Huskies to remain in the league, for an early league loss can turn out to be disaster late in the season. The one highlight that especially must be stopped is All-Conference forward Gary Hayward, who is currently averaging 21 points a game. —L.M.



FALCON DICK FUSCO (white uniform) probably knows better than anyone else on the Farmington High School basketball team why Waterford fared better in football this fall than they did in their meeting with the Falcon cagers Friday, December 14. Fusco ended up with the rebound in the scrap pictured above but he and his teammates won the game, 55-53.

Mike Fleming Leads Raiders In Victory Over Cherry Hill

Tremendous team effort, Mike Fleming leading the Raiders, outscored Cherry Hill 24-22 in the Tri-River conference game in the Tri-River conference.

North Farmington played hard but over anxiously in the first stanza, and fumbled and passed away the ball 50 times. They were able to gain a 12-9 advantage going into the second quarter.

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OLS Wrestlers Take 3rd Place In OCI Tourney

Coach Dan Peters' Our Lady of Sorrows wrestling team equaled themselves extremely well last week in winning one dual match and placing 12th in the two-day, 16-team Oakland County Invitational Tournament held at Pontiac Northern High School, Dec. 14 and 15.

The four matmen handily dispatched their counterparts from Grosse Ile, 31-21, on Dec. 12 before capturing 20 points in the weekend tourney, finishing third in the scrap pictured above but he and his teammates won the game, 55-53.

STAN SECOYSKY was the big gun for the Lancers as he won the 135-pound Championship by taking five straight matches in the OCI Tourney. Secosky had scored in the heavy 145 pound division against Grosse Ile and succeeded in pinning his opponent in a grueling 5:33 second match, his 15th straight win in the contest.

Dave LaFond was edged in the finals of his 135-pound division by a close 4:2 decision after winning three straight matches. LaFond did not seem off second-best in the Grosse Ile match, however, as he jumped to the next weight division (168-pound) and gained an impressive win in 1:59 seconds.

OLS ALSO TOOK honors at the OCI Tourney from performances by Rick Reda and Chuck Dobos. Reda lost in the 105-pound division consolation final, 5-4, to gain a fourth place finish while heavyweight Dobos came in a strong second.

Lance Williams in the 168-pound match were Pat Buelie, 85-pound class, pin (1:28); Reda, 103-pound, pin (4:46); Pat Doyle, 123-pound, 8:2 decision on riding time; D. LaFond, 138-pound, pin (5:59); Stan Secosky, 145-pound, pin (5:53); Mike LaFond, 154-pound, 8:2 decision on riding time.

The OLS wrestling team now begins a well-deserved holiday recess, standing 2-1 in dual meet competition.

Pick Christmas Tournament Sites for Basketball Action

Southfield Senior High and Bentley Senior High will be the sites of this year's Christmas tournament, which will be held on December 26, 27, and 28. The remaining two teams playing in the tourney are L'Ansonia-Bentley, who previously "haunted" Farmington with sharpshooters Wayne Stevens, and host team Southfield, with Joe Considine and Harry Glass, and first in the Tri-Rivers conference by beating Cherry Hill 63-27.

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Raider JV Wins Handily, 63-27

North Farmington's Junior Varsity Basketball team chalked up their second win of the year, and first in the Tri-Rivers conference by beating Cherry Hill 63-27.

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Spartan Cagers Win Two From Lola Valley

The Farmington Junior High basketball teams took two decisions from the Lola Valley cagers last Thursday, December 13, 30-14 and 20-17.

The Spartan junior varsity, led by Gene Roth who collected six points for high game honors, routed Lola Valley in the 30-14 clash.

Ron Cleveland produced six points for the varsity to take high scoring honors in the 20-17 cliff hanger. The Lola Valley cagers lost a half time lead in the third quarter when the Spartans notched the score, 15-16, and then saw the final stanza end in the Farmington quintet's favor.

FHS Reserve Cagers Bow to Skippers

The JV Falcons suffered their second straight defeat last Friday as they bowed to the Waterloo Skippers by a 32-29 score. It was a close ball game until midway in the second quarter when the Skippers opened the game with some good outside shooting.

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