

Former Franklin cage great starts for Titans

By KEN VOYLES

The lights go on, the crowd roars in approval and the players enter the arena dressed in flashes of red, white and blue. Soon, the starting lineup is announced and the game called basketball begins.

The contest flows and ebbs, taking good turns for one team, then suddenly slipping over to the other. It is almost like a battle. Tactics are discussed, players barked and once again the two teams collide, fighting for every inch of the court.

Injuries are sustained, tensions flare and, all in all, the two teams give everything they can to know that sweet smell of victory. The end comes, however, as one team walks off the court the victor, the other, the vanquished.

Basketball is a great game to watch for every single movement, every shot, every fast break. It can and does offer the excitement that makes any sport popular.

Last year, Titan levered took control of the area as the University Detroit basketball team enjoyed a fine season,

making the NCAA college playoffs only to be knocked off by the University of Michigan.

The fever is still strong this year, as the Titans roll to victory after victory, four in a row, with the likes of John Long, Terry Tyler and Kevin Kaseta leading the way.

Kaseta, a Livonia Franklin graduate, will be right there with the Longs and the Tylers, keeping alive a tradition of excellent basketball at U-D.

Kaseta, who won a starting job on the squad this year after recovering from knee surgery, will hold down a forward position and should be an important part of the Titans' tactical game plan.

Kaseta won a starting position on the U-D squad in his second year, after turning in a solid first year, playing in 17 games and scoring an average of five points a game. In his sophomore year, he proved himself against Marquette and scored eight big points to win a starting role. After that, he started the last 12 games of the season.

In that year, Kaseta pumped in an average of seven points a game which

would tally to a 66 per cent shooting mark for the then sophomore.

It was a great season for me. I learned a great deal about basketball," said Kaseta.

Last season proved to be a heart-breaking year for Kaseta, as he played in first five games, only to suffer serious knee damage his sixth game when he battled for a rebound. The injury called for extensive operations which sidelined Kaseta for the rest of the year.

Although sidelined, Kaseta was right there with the Titans on the bench during the NCAA tournament.

"I think if that injury hadn't come along I would have had a solid season. It was a great letdown to know that I couldn't prove myself that year," Kaseta said.

According to former U-D coach Dick Vitale, Kaseta had put in a tremendous rehabilitation effort in an attempt to prepare for this year.

The rehabilitation program has paid off, as Kaseta won a starting position on the U-D squad and has started in all of the Titans contests this winter.

"It was very difficult at first to feel

home on the court because of the knee trouble but as practice progressed things seemed to loosen up," said Kaseta.

"Kevin has made a 100 per cent improvement since the injury. He is an outstanding basketball player who has contributed to the team in many ways," said Vitale.

Last season, Kaseta averaged six points a game with a rebound average of five. He made his shots at a 47 per cent clip from the floor and 65 per cent from the free-throw line. His playing time averaged 23 minutes a game for the Titans.

"Kevin is regarded as a good defensive player who can also score 10 or 12 points a game. His strongest asset is that he can and does hit the long jumpers—that with excellent defensive abilities gives him a key spot on our team," said new Titan coach David Gaines after he took over for Vitale.

Unfortunately, Kaseta has been plagued with various minor and major injuries in his four years with the Titans. Besides the knee injury, he has sustained a broken foot, various sprains in the hand, bruised ribs and

other injuries that make it tough on a player during the season.

So far this year, Kaseta hasn't had any injury problems except those related to the knee injury suffered last year. "Building the knee into shape wasn't as hard as it would seem. However, I have a tendency to worry about it," Kaseta said.

Kaseta started playing basketball as a child and his interest in it slowly grew to the point where he wanted to play basketball more than any other sport he had been involved with.

It was no picnic but then again I expected it to be tougher then it was," said Kaseta. "All in all, I've enjoyed playing for U-D and would very much like to move into the pros. But that will have to wait until after this season."

It's been a long four years for Kaseta at U-D in that he has been plagued with injuries and just plain bad luck. But, according to Kaseta, he would not have missed it for the world.

That's what basketball can do to a person who comes into close contact—it never wears off or leaves a person's heart.

went 22-4 and gained a district title. In that year, Kaseta was named to the all-state, all-area, and all-league teams.

"Kevin was always mentally and physically prepared a fine young man in every sense," Visser said. "The jump from high school basketball to college basketball proved to be fairly simple for Kaseta, who quickly adjusted to the higher standards and tougher preparations involved in college athletics."

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In The Pocket



By W.W. EDGAR

Metropolitan Detroit is certain to have a prominent place on the Professional Bowlers Association schedule in the years to come. In fact the Grand Prix may become a fixture at Thunderbowl Lanes in Allen Park.

When the big event finished last Saturday afternoon the officials were laudatory in their praise for the Thunderbowl layout and the high scoring conditions that made the event one of the most successful on the entire tour.

The Thunderbowl layout, with its bowling theater, makes an ideal setting for at least 1,000 spectators, and it is this chance to bowl before the crowds that makes the site one that the pros do not intend to ignore.

ANY THOUGHT that the high scoring at Thunderbowl Lanes last week was a fluke when four 700 series were posted vanished last Tuesday night when four more sharpshooters broke the 700 barrier.

Heading the parade this week, Bob

Rose rolled games of 254, 246 and 232 for a 732. Next in line came Mike Surdyk with a 710 on games of 268, 233 and 229.

At that figure, he was four pins better than Mike Holly, who opened with a 243, followed with 240 and closed with a 223 for 706.

The fourth man through the barrier was Joe Charron with a 259 game between counts of 241 and 201 for 701.

Continuing the high scoring, Bob Rol's team linked counts of 1,146, 1,158 and 982 for a 3,156.

While the men were blasting the pins, the women also had them flying.

When the last one fell in the ladies classic, Alexa Jessel and Chris Fisher were tied at 637 and Georgia Campbell was next in line with a 610.

PENNY BEHN, one of the younger all-stars who hadn't been heard from in some time, broke into the winners' circle in the Ladies Major League last week at Crown Lanes.

Finding the range, she put together games of 220, 287 and 209 for a 696 to take high honors for the night.

In the race for high game honors, Lavinia Brown and Una Johnson waged a great battle before Lavinia

won by a single pin with a 278 count.

WHEN IT COMES to close finishes, the girls in the ladies classic at Westland Bowl set a fine example. In their last turn on the approaches, Ingrid Early set the pace with a 345. One pin back came Cindy Edwards with a 244 and third place went to Toni Smith with a 211 in 543.

In the men's league, Jim Thosterson had a 237 high single and Charles Carver had a 235 in 313 for high series.

ANOTHER CLOSE RACE found John Radke and Bill Walker tied at 628

for top place in the St. John Boscoe League at Garden Lanes, with George Hasselt next in line at 624.

In the St. Norbert's league, there was another photo finish when Rick Setlock posted a 602 to lead the way, with Craig Mezgea next with 601 and Bill Bernatt two pins further back at 599.

MIKE DRENNAN was the man of the hour in the Ford Parts league at Woodland Lanes.

With a 173 average, he posted a 267 to go 194 pins over.

In the Great Scott circuit, Marv Gaddie was top man with 269.

In the Franklin High School league, there also was some top-flight scoring. Phil Frust, with a 182 average, fashioned a 209 and Ken Fox, with a 160 average, hit the pins for a 225 in 563.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS had another good week. At Plaza Lanes, Jim Yates had a 233 and Gene Bross

posted a 213. At Plymouth Bowl, Louis Coidas showed the way with a 214 in 566 and Oza Heath came through with a 191.

IN THE MIXED league at Merri-Bowl, Paul Drain was top man with a 236 in 651.

DELLA SMITH got her name on the list of unusual performances at Super Bowl when she turned in a 127 triplete in the ladies league.

One of the other bright spots in the women's circuit was contributed by Blanche Bauman, who carries a 137 average. She found the range for a 610 series that came on games of 256, 198 and 156.

In the men's circuit, Jim Millio was the leader with a 268 in 663 and Bill De Rosa posted a 616.

THE 700 BARRIER was broken again at Bel-Aire Lanes when Charles Ivey, bowling in the Classic, put together games of 223, 279 and 222 for 724.

It was the fifth 700 series bowled in the area during the week and beat, by two pins, the high count at Wonderlaid where Bob Rose had a 722.

With his big count, Ivey gained a 51-pin edge on Wes Lapala who was in second place with 683, while Ron Sharples landed third with 659 and Mort Friedman was next in line with 656.

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ANNOUNCING A CITIZEN TOWN HALL MEETING on Water Quality Management Planning

Citizens of Oakland County are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting on Water Quality Tuesday, Dec. 13.

The meeting is one of six such Town Hall Meetings to be held in this region. It will give citizens the opportunity to learn about the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments' current efforts to prepare the technical components of a Water Quality Management Plan for Southeast Michigan under Section 208 of the federal Water Pollution Control Act.

Major topics of the meeting will be wastewater treatment, sludge disposal and stormwater runoff. These and other information sessions will provide citizens with background information prior to public hearings during spring 1978 on the technical components of the Council's plan.

WATER QUALITY TOWN HALL MEETING: Oakland County

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For further information or locations of other meetings in Southeast Michigan, call the Council at 961-4266.

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SPECIAL NOTICE

Citizens who missed last Thursday's Town Hall Meeting in Allen Park which was cancelled because of the snowstorm can attend tomorrow's meeting in Southfield, or the meeting Wednesday, Dec. 14, 8-10 p.m., Washtenaw County Road Commissioners Building, 555 Zeeb Rd., Ann Arbor.

Also, there will be a similar meeting Thursday, Dec. 15, 3-10 p.m. at the Howell Recreation Center, 925 W. Grand River, Howell.

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The junior division of the Metro Tennis League is now in full swing. Racquet clubs participating include Court House, Oak Park, Farmington and the Racquet Clubs.

Each of these four teams is comprised of 15 players, eight boys and eight girls.

The junior division is divided into four age categories: 12-18; 15-16; 13-14; 12 and younger. Two boys and two girls compete in each age group.

An eight-game pro-set is played by each single team member, the first of the competitors to win eight games being the winner.

Following the singles competition, each junior tennis player plays a doubles six-game set. The club winning the greater number of games played by all its members wins the team score.

N. Farmington matmen triumph

North Farmington's Mark Schulte didn't mess around too long with his Redford Union opponent in a non-league high school wrestling meet last week.

Schulte, a 191-pound senior, needed just 36 seconds to pin Ron Neph as North Farmington defeated Redford Union 14-7. North's Bob Petroff pinned Mike Cencer in 1:11 in the 120-pound class. Raider Jim Sudkamp pinned Daren Darrowsell in 1:12.

North wrestles next on Thursday at

Competition, Dec. 4, saw Oak Park defeat Court House 10-0.

Tom Flynn and Doug Prew (17-18 age group) and Corrie Wayburn (13-14 age group) were Oak Park's strongest singles players, shutting out each of their opponents with 80 scores.

COURT HOUSE'S Clare Slaughter (13-14 age group) and Brad Koonits (under 12) also shut out their opponents.

In the doubles competition, Oak Park's Tom O'Flynn and Doug Prew triumphed again with a 60 victory, as did their teammates Corrie Wayburn and Sue Osterlund.

Brad Koonits and Kurt Streng (under 12) representing Court House, also achieved a 6-0 victory.

The junior division's next match will be Jan. 18, when Farmington hosts Court House at 2:30 p.m.

home against Westland John Glenn. The Northwest Suburban League meet begins at 6:30 p.m.

W. Pineda — Jim Quinn (Redford Union) won on road, 10-0. **John Devoe** (SP) won on road, 10-0. **Jerry Starr** (SP) defeated North Farmington, 6-2. **Bob Neph** (SP) pinned Doug Prew, 1-36. **Bob Petroff** (SP) pinned Mike Cencer, 1-11. **John Cencer** (SP) defeated Rick Petroff, 1-11. **Jim Carter** (SP) pinned Carl Olson, 1-21. **Chris Renta** (SP) pinned Tim Hemburg, 1-34. **Bob Schulte** (SP) pinned Daren Darrowsell, 1-12. **Kevin Jans** (HS) pinned Chris Rolfs, 26. **Mark Schulte** (SP) pinned Ron Neph, 36. **HEAVYWEIGHT** — Larry Richards (HS) defeated Mark Greenberry, 19-1.

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