Andree nets 28 points in big Rice victory

By JOHN BOZZO

Rice faces the Groves-Detroit Cen tral winner at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Sea-holm for the district championship. Warrior players put together a fine team effort as they jumped to an

early 12-point lead in the first quarter and kept one step ahead of the quick Detroit Mackenzie squad the rest of the evening.

Sophomore Tim Andree led Rice with 28 points. Standout senior Kevin Smith had his usual strong game, scoring 20 points, grabbing five rebounds, three steals, blocking one shot and getting five assists.

Similarly, senior Tim Schearer had a fine all-around night with 12 points,

six rebounds and four assists.

Brian Burgess, another senior, was
the unsung hero on the backboards
where he grabbed 11 rebounds to lead
Rice.

IN THE MIDST of all these fine per-IN THE MIDST of all these tine per-formances, it was the play of junior guard Ron Washington that brought a smile to the face of Rice coach Bill Norton. Washington, a junior, had started only two games and seen limit-ed action during the season. He

started in place of an injured Mark Hayden. "Ron was super." Norton said. "De-fensively, he cut off Keith Smith's (Mackenzie's guard') penetration. Of-fensively, he brought the ball up-against the press with his head up. He hit the open man and his own shots. You can't ask any more from a point guard."

guard."

Washington finished the game with,
15 points. He made four of four shots
from the field and seven of seven

the ball three times and had five assists.

Although Mackenzie applied some full-court pressure throughout the game, it had little effect. Washington, Smith and Schearer handled the ball so well that Mackenzie defenders ran in circles as the ball was dribbled past them.

Rice built a 10-point first-quarter lead behind Andree's 10 points. Washington had a flurry of five, including a

Maples ran into foul trouble attempting to get the ball and score. The Falcons scored their final nine points at the free throw line, missing only three of 12 attempts late in the game.

Groves had 12 turnovers to 19 for Seaholm. The Falcons out-rebounded Seaholm by a slim 23-19 margin with Wottowa grabbing seven off the back-board.

three-point play, in the final 1:03 of the quarter.

The Warriors built the margin to I4 by half time as Andree poured in The Warriors built the margin to 14 by nalf time as Andree poured in seven more points. Mackenzie's blazing fast-break speed seemed to threaten the Rice margin, but they never came closer than seven points in the final two quarters.

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RICE SHOOTERS were 51 per cent from the field, making 34 of 67 shots. The Warriors made 13 of 20 free throws for 75 per cent. Mackenzie was 48 per cent from the field, making 16 of 66. They were 10 of 14 from the free throw ine for 71 per cent. Rice out-rebunded Mackenzie by a slm 33-30 margin. Ruce had 18 turnovers as compared to 24 turnovers committed by the Mackenzie.

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Groves survives Seaholm cage scare

Groves opened Class A basketball tournament action Monday at Seaholm with a 53-45 victory over a stubborn team from the host school. Going into the game with a 137 record as compared with Seaholm's 2-17 cords. cord as compared with Seaholm's 2-17 mark, and having won an early match-up by 38 points, Groves was the obvious favorite. It was no surprise when Groves' Fal-

cons jumped to a 12-2 lead early in the first quarter behind Dave Wot-towa's six points. Seaholm didn't score a field goal until Jeff Maher's bucket after 4:18 had passed in the

Despite the early spurt, that 10-point spread was the largest Falcon lead of the evening. Maher scored two more baskets and an assist to lead Seaholm to within six. Plagued with six of its 12 turnovers

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in the second quarter, Groves failed to generate much offeuse. Seabolm's Scott Osters seized this situation to score six of his game-high 18 pints and continue the Maple comeback. TWICE DURING that second period. Seabolm thrilled the sparse crowd of about 400 by pulling within one picture of the seabolm thrilled the sparse crowd of about 400 by pulling within one picture. The seabolm thrilled his period gave throw shooting late in the period gave Groves a four-point margin. Malber and Osters hit back-to-back field goals in the first minute of the third period, enabling Seabolm to tie the score at 30-apiece.

Pressure defense and pin-point passing helped all Ucar, Cruig Maass and Dan Nockes score back-to-back field goals. Osters cut that six-point cubion to four with two free throws.

the lead to two with one quarter left. Seaholm made its more with 30 seconds on the clock, but Groves wor, the gamble. Wottowa blocked Maher's shot and his Groves teammate Ah Ucar picked up the baskeball. Ucar passed to Lance Bayis who sank a 20-hoot jump shot before the quarter ended. Instead of trailing by two, Seaholm cache Bob Sherwood said. "We hoped to go into the fourth quarter with the lead. or withn striking distance. The last shot of the quarter was a good shot, the kid (Wottowa) made a nice play to block it. You could call that the turning point of the Seaholm Caba Hard the turning point of the Seaholm Caba Art Chall. You Good the gap to two points three times in the fourth quarter. The final time was

Midget icers win District

Farmington Ellis Reality, a Midget A travel hockey team with a district championship to its credit. has earned a place in the Midget state tournent March 11:13 in Port Huron. Coach Pat MacDonald's Farmington team advinced to the state tourney by beating Garden City, 5-2, last Wednesdey in the District 3 hampionship game at Livonia's Ford Ice

Arena. Farmington's Bob Luzynski scored two goals, while teammates Bruce Hulscher Perry Vellucci and Mike Muzzin each had one. Barry white was Farmington's goalender.

The Farmington team, which plays in the Midget Division of the Adray League, is composed of H and 15 year-olds from many subarban communities.

Area bowler rolls a 229

Keith Guertin. 14. of Farmington Hills bowled a 229 game in a recent Father and Son League game at Belair Lanes in Farmington Hills. Keith carries a 166 average in the league.

Benefit hockey match set

A benefit hockey match is slated for March 5 at 7 p.m. be-tween the Michigan Mini-Wings. a girls' hock-ey team, and the Pet-ker's mens' team. The game, which will be played at the Avon Arena on Livernois just south of Avon Road, will aid Rochester's Niegh-borhood House.



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