Groves tops Kimball, 63-52

Guard John Galecki led a 19-6 third quarter blitz to spark Birmingham Groves to a 63-52 victory over Royal Oak Kimbal Friday night in the opener

ом линов гладу night in the opener for both teams. The win was a measure of revenge for the Falcons as Kimball eliminated Groves in the regional final last year, 69-64.

68-61.

Galecki pumped in eight points in the decisive third period. Groves, plagued by turnovers the entire first half, trailed at intermission, 32-25.

Groves committed 16 turnovers in

the first half but that statistic really didn't bother Falcon coach Jay

Schwain.

"I knew we'd correct them. What we talked about at halftime was checking our assignments, having people in the right places." he said.

Whatever Schwalm said seemed to sink in for the Falcons in the second half, who unlike last year against Kimball, enjoyed a height advantage.

"We were worried about getting people in the right position," Schwalm said.

Groves scored the first six points in

Livonia Stevenson surprised South-field with a strong zone defense Friday in a non-league basketball contest and defeated the Blue Jays, 59-46.

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"I think they were expecting a man-bornan defense. We surprised them, no toold," said Stevenson coach George Yan Wagoner, "Thet zone defense played a big part in our win," Southfield led 14-13 at the end of the first quarter but the Spartars surged forward in the second period and went into the lockerroom ahead, 32-24. Szevenson outscored the Blue Jays 28-8 in the third period and 18-14 in the final quarter to hang on for the victory.

Southfield '5' loses

up a 44-38 lean at the enu or unequarters.

GROVES opened up a a 10-point
lead at 4:32 of the final period when 6-4
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kimball, which gained the state
quarterfinals last season and lost all
starters, withdrew full court pressure
at the start of the second tall which
ddin't surprise Schwalm.

"We knew they couldn't press the
whole game but they were extremely
quick. We had some excellent passes
in the first half which they got their
hands on, 'said the Falono conclub.

Groves also began to control both
the offensive and defensive backbecome with the some conclusion.

The won the game on the boards, "
said Schwalm.

The most dominant player off the
glass was Groves '67 senior center
Mark McManus who grabbed 17
rebounds, socred five points and
blocked three shots. McManus pinned
a Kimball attempt on the board in the
fourth period, keeping the Knights
from getting any closer than eight
points.

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points.

Ted Williams, a senior transfer from Birmingham Brother Rice, aided the

"Our kids did an excellent job of executing and ball handling. Overall it was a total team effort. All seven play-ers that got into the garne worked very hard," Van Wagoner said.

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Evan Lyall paced the Spartans' scoring with 16 points and nine rebounds. Bruce Dominiak added 12 points and six rebounds, while Paul Garner had 10 points and eight rebounds.

John Piper collected 18 points coulding, while Dave Sucher and Darryl Darden tallied 10 points each.

The Stevenson JV edged the South-field unit, 60-59.

Falcons' rebounding effort by collecting nine. Peress added eight. Galecki led all scorers with 22 points. His 12 points in the second half came mostly from shots off the fast break. Al Campbell, a junior guard, came off the bench and scored 10

points.

GROVES LOOKED sloppy in the first 16 minutes of play as Kimball threaded the Falcons* 23 mme defense with timely shooting. Bill Greening, a 5-11 junior guard, gpt hot at the start of the second quarter and staked Kimball to a 19-13 advantage with a jumper at 5-13. Greening, who led his team in scoring with 14 points, had trouble finding the hoop in the third quarter going 0-10 from the floor.

Kimball, which shot 37 per cent in the first half, managed to hit only 21 of 77 from the field for the game (23 per

Groves hit 24 of 49 and finished the game at 49 per cent from the floor.
Kimball led after the first quarter, 13-10, as both teams appeared tight with opening night jitters.

"We didn't really get into our offense tonight although Galecki scored well off the fast break," said Schwalm.

"Right now we're in an individual state but the talent is there and we're state but the talent is there and we're deeper than we've ever been," he said. The Falcons will try to make it two n a row Tuesday when they entertain Warren Woods at 8 p.m.

Buzzer shot fails; WB falls

A BUZZER SHOT by West Bloomfield's John Alexander fell an agonizing one-foot short as the Lakers just missed knocking off Porliac Central, 73-72. Friday af Porliac. It was the second game, and second tough loss, for West Bloomfield's Lakers, and first-year coach John-Crengros, who lost to Brother Rice in their opener.

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"I'm proud of the players," Creagos said. "We were very emotional after the game. We're close. I like being competitive against some of the players of the control of the control

said. "They missed the first end of a one on one. There was a scramble. We came up with the rebound, made a good outlet pass and got a shot off the left sideline."

Tom D'Agostino led West Bloomfield with 24 points. He had six field goals and 12 of 12 free throws.

West Bloomfield hosts Waterford Township, Tuesday.

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Down Pontiac Central

Lathrup wins district crown

By C.J. RISAK

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Southfield-Lathrup rallied behind the clutch play of Sue Owers and Missy Thomas to beat Portilac Central, 47:38, and win its district championship last Friday night at Birmingham Groves.

The Chargers' advance to the agional playoffs at Lathrup. The tour-hament will begin Thursday at 6:30 p.m. with two games played that evening. The winners will advance to the finals Saturday.

"We made Central play our game," Lathrup coach Chuck Daniel said after the victory. "We didn't want to get into a running game with them. We saw two other teams do that and they got blown out."

The Chargers almost did get into a run-and-gum contest with Central in the third quarter. After Lathrup surged to a six-point lead at the half, 23-7, Central came out strong in the third period. With three minutes left in the quarter Central's Vixian Fisher hit a short jumper to cut the Lathrup lead to one, 25-34. Two free throws by Owens and a bucket by Thomas were offset by Carolyn Wright's field goal and a basket by Herlon Chambers. Central then surged into the lead as Fisher scored a basket with 1:30 remaining in the

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"I HAD TO CALL time out in the third period because we were starting to run with them." Daniel said. "I told them to make them play our game and don't try to run with them."

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and-one situations as Lathrup went on a 150 tear before Fisher hit for Cen-ral with 30 seconds too late. By then it was too little, too late. Leading scorers in the game were Owens with 19 and Thomas with 16. Central's Wright hit for 17, while Fisher had 16.

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He helps preps find colleges

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coaches don't get involved enough with
them. They should get involved more,
coursel the kid and get him to a
school.
"When the coaches start doing that,
there won't be any need for me to do
it."

It. Fisher got into the business of recruiting a year ago. His first "customer" was another Southfield grad, but you was a power of the point was too low to got him into a college, so Fisher custoded some people be knew and found Davis a spot at West Texas Sate.

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"I like to help Southfield kids,"
Fisher said. "If they qualify for some
financial aid and have athletic ability,
chances are good that I can find them
a school.

"But they have to have that desire.
They have to work hard on the field
and in the classroom. If they're wishy-

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washy about it, I won't push college athletics, because it's a whole differ-ent game than on the prep level." Fisher is not paid for his recruiting work. It's a hobby to him, something he does part time

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"I like to heip them all I can. If they make good, then it will reap its own rewards in satisfaction. But one thing is for certain, you know that any of sometime to be derived to the control time out to be drunked or polendate.

these kids won't turn out to be drunks or potheads."

After his work with Davis, Fisher's anne circulated from coach to coach, in his first year in the bosiness, he has already worked with 10 colleges. None of them a breated in his state of the coach o

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rebuilding program. The kids get to play right away and the schools are glad to get the talent."

Others who have reaped the benefit of Fisher's work include Southfield grad Dane Smith. Smith, the ace of the Blue Jay pitching staff last year, is now hurling for Baker University in Baldwin, Ks. Currently, Fisher is help-

ing Southfield's Eric Heffner and Southfield Luthrup's Tom Romne, Paul Pyles, and Tracy Sik to find places to continue both their education and football aspirations. "I'm really happy to be a help to these kids." And, no doubt, they appreciate all the help he has given.





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