on his own in a new environment in the land of Napoleon, Paris, great wines and everything else that is mythical or real about France and the French. However, it really isn't as romantic as it all seems. Kaseta is living and playing professional basketball over-seas

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The Livonian built his reputation at Livonia Franklin and the University of Detroit. While at Franklin, Kaseta played varsity basketball for three sea-sons.

Kaseta was plagued with various in-juries at U-D that kept him from be-coming a fulltime starter until late in

coming a second his career.

Even though riddled with injuries, Kaseta persisted and in his senior year became a regular starter for the

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After he graduated from U-D with a degree in accounting, Kaseta tried out for the Detroit Pistons, coached by his college mentor, Dick Vitale.

Solitage mentor and the solitage mentor and the same to continue in the sport he should contact a talent agency in California.

"What happened was that I tried out they didn't need me. One day, one of the assistant coaches told me about a guy named Jim McGergeory, a talent scoul for European basketball teams," Kaseta said. "I contacted him and set hings up."

McGergeory runs an agency which recruits players from the U-S. to play basketball all over the world—mostly me. Dick person of the solitage sol

transportation, were paid by Necergo-ry's agency.

French professional basketball is di-vided into a southern pool and a north-ern pool of 12 teams each. Some of the better teams from each pool make up the first division. The rest of the teams

the first division. The rest of the teams are in the second division. If a team in the first division has a day ear, it usually winds up in the second division the following season and it a team in the second division has ar excellent year it earns the right to know to the first division. LeMans is a first division team. If act, that squad was the top team in France last year, according to Kaseta. LeMans was looking for a center and tried Kaseta in that postion, but he wasn't quite right.

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only one American can play on each tearn.

"The Americans are usually the big-gest and most important guys on the tearn. We act as both players and instructors for the French," said Kaseta.

"I wasn't sure if I'd like playing bas-prehensive about leaving lone apprehensive about leaving lone apprehensive about leaving in France before and they told me to give it a try, I might like it, and I did.
"There are a lot of differences between playing basketball in this countries."

Youngster leads Stingray tankers

Cindy Cramer, swimming in the eight-and-under competition, took a first, three seconds and a fourth place last weekend to lead the Michigan Stangrays' efforts in the Warren Woods-Jaguar Class B Amateur Athlet-ic Union meet ic Unio

Woods-Jaguar Class B Amateur Athletic Union meet.
Cindy logged a first place in the 25grad breastroke (20,0) to go with seconds in the 25 freestyle (316.88), 25 butcertly (18.85) and the 50 freestyle
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By KEN VOYLES

It really is a timeless story—a young man out on his own in a strange country.

The language is different, the customs are different, everything, in fact, is different.

But there he is in a strange land—land they call France. Rowin Kaset is that young man out on his own in a new environment in the land of Napoleon, Paris, great wines

division).

As a member of the team, Kaseta receives several benefits. Besides a small salary, Kaseta is provided with a car and an apartment just outside of Paris. An average day for the young American would start at a small university mear Paris where Kaseta is learning the French language in an attempt to overcome a big obstacle.

After morning classes, Kaseta goes



Kevin Kaseta, a graduate of Livonia Franklin and the University of Detroit, is now trying to earn a living playing in France. (Photo by





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enough for ninth in the league (second division). to practice. Other than the school and practice. Kaseta said there is not much for him to do.

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"There's not much to do during the day especially on a game day when we don't practice." said Kaseta. "I spend a to of time in my apartment. Parts is an expensive city so that rules that out (going to the city) most of the time.

"I'm trying to get a job to add to time income and give me something to do," he continued. "I live by myself and most of my friends are from the team. We like going into Paris together and thitting the discos or the resultariants. Can't do that much, though, at the prices they charge."

Kaseta said that right now he is putting most of his emphasis on two things

ting most of his emphasis on two things while in France. First and foremost is basketball. The other is learning to speak the language. "There are a lot of problems for us

speak the language.
"There are a lot of problems for us Americans. Communication is the bigset. I think the thing that gets me the fore greated in America. like certain loods and running but water, are hard to get in France." Kaseta exploined. Social life for fasset is very limited due to the tight basketball schedule—one game during the week and one on the weekends. The team travels through southern France a great deal and Kaseta sees a lot of country. The Livonian also teaches young childern the art of basketball in various schools around Paris.
"I like doing that a lot. The kids are great freal are much easier to communicate with than the adults." Kaseta states of the present representations and the present representations are much easier to communicate with than the adults." Kaseta states chall in France is language under the adults." Kaseta states chall in France is language under

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Basketball in France is played under international rules and varies from American basketball in style.

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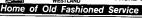
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