Parish Cagers Hoist Lid On 1969-70

It's getaway week in basketball for Observerland's three Catholic High Schools.

St. Agatha and Our Lady of Sorrows both swing into action Tuesday. Bishop Borgess begins action Friday and Bob Morris returns at Sorrows, where his cagers finished 3-6 last season and tied for sixth in the Northwest Division.

Tom Denewith will coach at Borgess, which a year ago split in 18 games and placed fourth in its West Division in the Second Division.

Tom Sankovic has been named to coach at St. Agatha, which is hopeful of matching the school's success in the recent football season in which St. Agatha took the sectional crown and reached the finals in the Second Division.

BORGESS COACH Denewith says:

"We will be small, but with a lot of hustle and we hope to cause the bigger teams in our league problems."

As usual, Borgess faces a tough schedule, which starts at Nativity Friday night.

Mark Quay, a senior guard, will be the Borgess captain in 1969-70. Other seniors who will see considerable action will be guards James Pomaranski, guard David Crosnovich, forward Ray Sobocinski and center Robert Shaw.

Junior Jeffrey Crowley will alternate between forward and center.

THREE VETERANS are back on the St. Agatha team which boasts good height according to coach Sankovic and his assistant, Tom Watters.

The vets are David Urban, Denny Blazok and Tim Flamboie.

St. Agatha opens at Ypsilanti St. John Tuesday and then returns home Friday night to engage St. Andrew.

Coach Morris of Sorrows says the Northwest Division race should be a close one with St. James having an edge in talent.

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SORROWS BOASTS in center Mike Hart one of the best players in the league. He stands 6-3 and averaged 14 points a game.

"We'll have to rely on our fast break and defense to win this year," said Morris.

Sorrows hosts Royal Oak St. Mary's in its opener Tuesday and then plays at Utica St. Lawrence on Friday.

The schedules for the three teams:

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SORROWS

NOVEMBER: 25--Royal Oak St Mary, 28--at Utica St. Lawrence

December: 2--Our Lady of Lakes, 5--at Orchard Lake St. Mary, 9--at St Florian, 12--St James, 16--St. Rita, 19--at Royal Oak St. Mary.

JANUARY: 6--Utica St. Lawrence, 9--at Our Lady of Lakes 16,--Orchard Lake St. Mary, 23--St. Florian, 30--at St. James

FEBRUARY: 6--at St. Rita.

ST. AGATHA

NOVEMBER: 25--at Ypsilanti St John, 28--St. Andrew.

DECEMBER: 2--at Ann Arbor St. Thomas, 5--Mt. Carmel; 10--Wayne St Mary, 12--at Our Lady of Lourdes, 16--at St. Francis de Sales, 19--Ypsilanti St. John

JANUARY: 6--at St. Andrew, 9--Ann Arbor St. Thomas, 16--at Mt. Carmel, 23--at Wayne St. Mary, 30--Our Lady of Lourdes

FEBRUARY: 6--St. Francis de Sales.

BISHOP BORGESS

NOVEMBER: 28--at Nativity.

DECEMBER: 2--Holy Redeemer, 5--at Cabrini, 9--Gabriel Richard, 12--at Pontiac Catholic, 16--at Sacred Heart; 19--Aquinas

JANUARY: 6--Nativity, 9--at Holy Redeemer, 16--Cabrini, 24--at Gabriel Richard 30--Pontiac CC.

FEBRUARY: 6--Sacred Heart, 13--at Aquinas

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

Ann Setlock, instructor at Garden Lanes, is now a firm believer that changing sponsors at intervals during a season carries a charm.

Her team, in the All-Star Leagues, has had three different sponsors during the year. When each change from one to the other occured the scoring shot skyward.

It happened again in the Ladies Major League on Wednesday night, when Farm Maid took over the sponsorship. Eager to make a good showing, the team put together games of 986, 1082 and 953 for a 3021 series and a place among the top 10 in the nation.

It marked the third time this season that Ann and her mates bowled their way on to the national board.

Under the sponsorship of Gniewek's Trophies, they posted two series above 2900 and each time joined the elite of the nation.

"And we could have reached the national board again with the start we had in the second game," Ann explained.

"We had 53 marks in the eighth frame and then as they say in bowling -- up popped the Devil. We ran into a series of 4-6 and 8-10 splits. They held us down to 1082 when we had a chance to go well over 3200."

Mary Mohacsi, the Livonia school teacher, was high on the team with 697. She was followed by Dorothy Aldred with 683, Bonnies Barnes with 655, Ann Setlock with 641 and Helen Baker with 518.

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GEORGE JOHNSON was high man in the Garden Classis this week with a 708 series. He gained an edge of 12 pins over John Ruggerio who had a 696. Other high scores included: Gene Shiemke 661, Dave Waters 653, and Dan Machula with 651.

It also was a big week for Andy Neil in the Sunday Mixed League. A 157 average bowler, he linked games of 266, 157 and 172 for 595.

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DICK BEATTIE, one of the top southpaws in the midwest, registered the fourth 300 game of his career Wednesday afternoon at Wonderland. Bowling in the Fisher-Livonia League, he opened with a 229, followed with 259 and closed with the 300.

In the Teen League, Bob Wood had his highest game -- a 246 and John Diel posted a 639 series for top honors.

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PAUL WASKE was high man in the Westland Classic with games of 230, 225 and 215 for a 670. It was one of the lowest scores to take top honors in several weeks.

Kathleen Perkins, a 123 average bowler, had reason to celebrate, She fired the best game of her career when she posted a 247 in the Ladies Strikettes Circuit.

In the Masters loop, Bob Nagy had high game with a 257, and Don Hubble posted 637 for high series.

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FRED HAMLIN, owner of Farmington Lanes, is more convinced than ever that bowling now is for the younger generation.

Teaming with his eight-year-old son Jimmy in the Parents-Childrens League, he found he was trailing the scoring midway through the first game. Jimmy had 108 in the fifth frame and Linda Hansen, with her mother, had four strikes in a row -- while Fred struggled to get a 188.

"That was enough," he smiled. "It's back of the counter where I belong."

The School League at Farmington also is starting to produce high scores.

David Cleland, of the Cloverdale school, had an honor score when he posted a 179 and Elizabeth Hoffman, a fourth grader with a 63 average, showed the way in Longacre School with a 154 game.

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THEY'RE TRYING a novel idea at Livonia Lanes for the holidays. Each of the bowlers is being given a foam ball and asked to decorate it to hang on the Christmas tree.

Then, shortly before Christmas the bowler credited with doing the best decorating job will be given a regulation bowling ball.

Carolyn Nederkorn showed the way to the ladies in the Classic with a 214-38 -- 252 and a 652 series. Gerry Wilson had a 185-35--220 and Mary Lord 187-33 -- 220.

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CARL AUSLAND broke the 700 barrier at Cloverlanes with a 734 series. It was one of the highest scores of the season in the house.

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BILL STIPULA did some great firing for the American Legion pin spillers at Merri-Bowl. He registered a 704-- his first above the magic mark.

To add to the oddities of the week, Ray Beaupre converted the 7-10 split and Addie Greener, of Tuesday Morning Toast and Coffee League, who is carrying a 137 average, came up with a 246 game. The doughnuts were on him.

Area Umps Again OK'd By National

WICHITA, KAN.

The Suburban Umpires Association in Michigan has been re-chartered by the National Baseball Congress in its 1970 National Association of Umpires.

Under terms of charter this group will have jurisdiction over approving all individual umpire memberships into the National Association from Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne Counties.

Officers for the group are Clarence Levandowski, president, Livonia, and Earl G. Gray, secretary-treasurer, Plymouth.

Only approved members of the NBC Association of Umpires are eligible to officiate in sanctioned district and state tournaments preceding the 36th annual National Tournament in Wichita, starting Aug. 14, Congress president Ray Dumont said.

U-M Plans For Bowl

ANN ARBOR

The University of Michigan has started to make preliminary arrangements for a December trip to Pasadena with the appointment of a Michigan Rose Bowl Committee.

University President Robben W. Fleming announced appointment of a planning committee headed by Michael Radock, vice president for university relations and development.

Swimming Debuts Carded For Farmington Teams

Competitive swimming begins next week for North Farmington and Farmington High Schools.

Both will be swimming varsity schedules for the first time, although North Farmington engaged in the Northwest Suburban League meet last year, but did not participate in any dual meets.

Pat Duthie will coach North Farmington while Douglas Gembis guides Farmington.

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BOTH SCHOOLS will bite off tough schedules with each facing Plymouth in its first dual meet. North Farmington hosts Plymouth on Dec. 2, while Farmington goes to Plymouth two days later.

North Farmington's rivals will include defending state Class A champion Birmingham Groves.

Both the Farmington schools are booked to oppose each other in dual meets -- first at North Farmington on Dec. 18 and then at Farmington on Feb. 24.

Duthie has five men who swam in last year's league meet. They are Matt Conklin, Dan Elliott, Steve Pierdon, Steve Shakotho and Bill Swan.

New boys are Fred Bertsch, Brad Carr, Tom Matousek, Steve Panosian, Bob Porter, Jim Ackroyd, Scott Dolan and Brad Smith.

Here are the schedules:

FARMINGTON

December: 4 -- at Plymouth, 9 -- Churchill, 13 -- RU relays, 18 -- at North Farmington.

January: 6 -- Redford Union, 8 -- Rochester; 15 -- at Bloomfield Andover; 22 -- at Stevenson; 30 -- Bloomfield Lahser.

February: 5 -- Lathrup, 11 -- at Pontiac Northern; 17 -- Royal Oak Dondero; 24 -- N. Farmington.

March: League Meet.

NORTH FARMINGTON

December: 2 -- Plymouth; 4 -- Churchill; 9 -- at Rochester Adams; 13 -- RU Relays, 18 -- Farmington.

January: 6 -- Edsel Ford, 8 -- at Thurston; 15 -- Oak Park, 22 -- Franklin; 29 -- Glenn.

February: 6 -- at Groves, 10 -- at Redford Union, 17 -- Andover, 24 -- at Farmington, 27 -- at Bloomfield Lahser.

MARCH: 6-7 -- League meet at Groves.

New Sport Loop Split

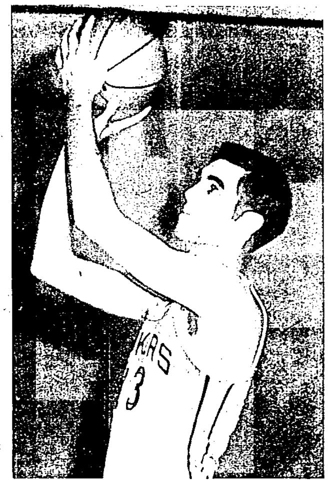
A three-divisional alignment of the Michigan Community Junior College Athletic Conference is slated for 1969-70.

The 21-member conference will engage in both intra - and inter - divisional competition. The Divisions are Eastern, Central, and Western.

Included in the Eastern lineup are Auburn Hills and Highland Lakes of Oakland Community College; Concordia of Ann Arbor; Washtenaw of Ann Arbor; Schoolcraft of Livonia; Monroe, and Highland Park.

Henry Ford heads the list in the Central section, followed by Alpena, Delta (University Center), Flint, Macomb, St. Clair and Orchard Ridge of Oakland Community College.

The Western Lineup includes Glen Oaks (Centerville), Grand Rapids, Jackson, Kellogg of Battle Creek, Muskegon, Northwestern and Southwestern (Dowagiac).



RICHARD (HUBB) COPP, a 6-foot-1 junior from Farmington, is a hopeful for a guard position on Grand Valley State College's basketball team. The Lakers will play in their own new field house this year on the campus at Allendale.

One Loss Last Year

RU Matmen A Power?

This should be another good year in wrestling for Redford Union High, which lost only once in 15 meets last year and finished second only to Trenton's No. 4 ranked team in Michigan.

Coach Larry Fortner visions Redford Union will be contenders for the league title, despite the fact "we will be predominately a young team."

More than 75 turned out for wrestling at RU this season, reflecting the great interest in the sport on the schoolboy level.

Standouts on the team include Bill McCurry, Chip Woods, Steve Moran, Gary Pruss and newcomers Marv Lindberg, Dennis Campell and Fred Lozon.

Pruss is the giant of the team. He weighs 280 pounds.

Redford Union will oppose Southfield in its first meet Tuesday.

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AS FOR Redford Union's chances this winter in basketball and swimming, cage coach Dave Mattingly sees the Townshippers running behind Belleville, Allen Park and Bentley.

But in swimming, coach Ralph Deetz declares RU could be the "darkhorse" with Trenton, Allen Park and Bentley the choices at this time.

Redford Union finished second in basketball in the Suburban Six League last season with an overall 11-8 record.

Co-captains Gary Bevington (6-2) and Dennis Genge (5-10) and 6-2 Gary Zajac lead the returning veterans.

Bevington is the same young man who quarterbacked RU's football team to a share of the league crown.

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BIG HELP is expected from Randy and Kirk Taylor, who aren't related; 6-5 Mark Kellman and two speedy junior replacements, Mike Robinson and Keith Everett.

Mark Kenny, 6-5, and Tom Tullock, 6-3, are a pair of sophomores who could help.

Redford Union had an 8-7 record in swimming last season.

Redford Union winter schedules:

BASKETBALL

DECEMBER: 5 -- Southfield, 12 -- Belleville; 13 -- at Thurston, 19 -- at Allen Park, 22-27 -- Holiday tournament at Farmington.

JANUARY: 9 -- Plymouth, 16 -- at Bentley, 17 -- at Franklin, 23--Trenton, 30-- at Belleville; 31 -- Stevenson.

FEBRUARY: 6 -- Allen Park, 13 -- at Plymouth, 20 -- Bentley, 27 -- at Trenton.

SWIMMING

NOVEMBER: 25 -- Garden City West and Ypsilanti at Garden City.

DECEMBER: 9 -- Glenn and Stevenson at Stevenson, 11--at Belleville, 13 -- RU Relays, 18 -- Allen Park.

JANUARY: 6 -- at Farmington, 8 -- at Plymouth, 13-- Churchill and Ferndale, 15 -- Bentley, 22 -- at Trenton; 29-- Belleville.

FEBRUARY: 6 -- At Allen Park, 10 -- N. Farmington, 12 -- Plymouth, 17 -- Franklin and Brother Rice, 19 -- at Bentley, 26 -- Trenton.

MARCH: 5-6 League meet at Redford Union; 12-13 -- state meet.

WRESTLING

NOVEMBER: 25 -- Southfield.

DECEMBER: 2 -- at Farmington, 4 -- Garden City West, 11 -- N. Farmington, 16 -- Walled Lake Western, 18 -- at Thurston, 23 -- Holiday tournament.

JANUARY: 8 -- Churchill, 10 -- RU Invitational, 15 -- Bentley, 20 -- at Cranbrook, 22 -- at Trenton, 24 -- North Farmington Invitational, 26 -- at Lutheran West, 29 -- Belleville, 31 -- Catholic Central Invitational.

TIM REED, 28290 Briar Hill, Farmington, bagged his buck in Mackinac County 25 miles from St. Ignace.

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