

7 Scoreless Minutes Costs Rocks Cage Title

Suffering one of the coldest spells of a team in the championship finals of a holiday cage tournament, Plymouth High's Rocks were stripped of their championship Saturday by Cherry Hill's Spartans, 70-57 on John Glenn High's court.

It was one of the strangest finishes ever in the annual tourney. For three quarters, it was a

seesaw affair with the lead changing hands constantly. Plymouth, defending the crown it won a year ago, held a 20-19 edge at the end of the first quarter, was in front 40-38 at the half and 55-51 at the three quarter mark.

CASEY JONES, slender junior forward, connected from the edge of the foul circle with

30 seconds gone in the final period to make it 55-51. But that was the end of the evening for the Rocks—they didn't score another point for seven minutes and collected only two field goals in the eight minutes.

Capt. Pat Cunningham finally snapped the slump with a short shot in the final 23 seconds.

And while Plymouth couldn't buy, beg, steal or borrow a field goal or a free throw, the Spartans went ahead with 5:29 to play and then added to their margin as the punchless Rocks did everything but score.

Ron Pellegrine started tory with a fast break for two points. Pat Corp was fouled and converted on one of two to make it 55-54.

Jim Krell, 6'7 center of the Spartans, hit on two charity tosses and Cherry Hill went ahead 56-55 with 5:28 to play. During their spree, the Spartans registered 17 straight points to take a commanding 68-55 lead.

KEN SUCHARSKI and Corp hit on four consecutive foul shots to widen the gap to 60-55. Sucharski broke away on a fast break to go in all alone and Krell tipped in a rebound to make it 64-55.

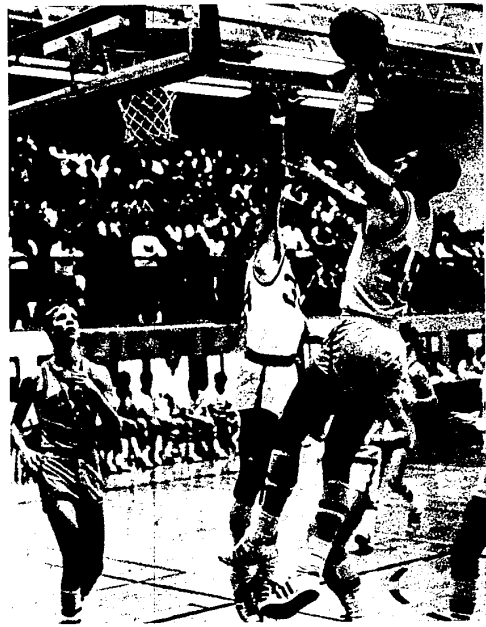
Pellegrine and Sucharski added four more points before Cunningham finally broke through to tally for the Rocks with 23 seconds remaining. Krell connected again from underneath as the gun sounded with Cherry Hill the new champions.

Jones and Charley Wolfe divided scoring honors for Plymouth with 14 each followed by Cunningham with 12. Corp and Krell were the big gunners for the Spartans with 16 points each. All of the Cherry Hill starters were in double figures with Pat Burke contributing 13 followed by Sucharski 12 and Pellegrine 11.

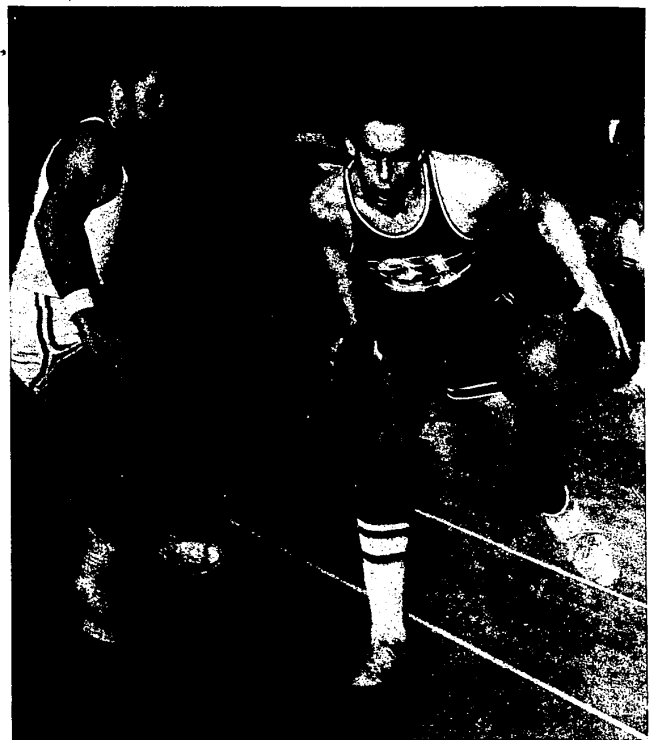
PLYMOUTH GAINED the finals with a tremendous performance against Wayne, winning, 60-47, for its third straight victory. Cunningham topped the scoring with 18 and Schryer added 12. Don Bates and Mike Davis were high for Wayne with 13 and 12.

Cherry Hill fought off a last quarter rally by host John Glenn to advance to the finals. 71-67. Krell scored 23. Keith Cabanaw clipped in with 15 and Sucharski had 13.

Steve Brown was the Glenn leader with 22 and teammate Tim Harlow had 16.



UP IN THE AIR and firing a left-handed shot through the hoop is N. Farmington's Drew Maholic (45). He collected 24 points as the Raiders crushed Walled Lake Central, 92-59 in the finals of the annual holiday tournament at N. Farmington. (Observer photo)



GOING NO PLACE. This is a typical scene in the final period of the Plymouth-Cherry Hill championship game during which the Rocks went seven minutes without a score. Capt. Pat Cunningham (21) finds the way barred as he tries to dribble around Ron Pellegrine. Cherry Hill dethroned Plymouth in the holiday cage tourney, 70-57.

Wolverines Face USC-- And Two Major Jinxes

By W.W. EDGAR

When the Wolverines of Michigan line up in the Rose Bowl Thursday afternoon to meet Southern California they may be coming face to face with two unseen opponents who could be stronger than the Trojans.

There, in the bowl before a gathering of more than 100,000 football followers, they'll be battling against pressure and a jinx—either

of which could wreak havoc with the Maize and Blue forces before the sun sinks in the Pacific.

The Wolverines will be under the pressures of attempting to carry on the tradition that Michigan never has lost in the Rose Bowl. Since 1902 the Wolverines have made four appearances and have yet to taste defeat.

"BO" SCHEMBEHLER and his lads don't want the

duobus honor of being the first. So there'll be pressure from the opening whistle.

The fact that the Wolverines upset what was thought to be an invincible Ohio State team to share the Big Ten championship puts another heavy burden on them. So much so, that a victory would come as too much of a surprise—they're expected to triumph.

Then, there is the jinx.

First signs of it came when "Bo" was named Coach of the Year.

Gaining this honor of becoming a front page picture on a national magazine has proven a jinx to many an athlete or public figure.

Yet, "Bo" gained the honor in his first year as the Wolverines coach. You can bet he'll keep his fingers crossed every minute of the game.

In fact, the jinx already has struck, with the knee injury that has forced Glenn Doughty, the fleet-footed tailback to the sidelines. He is expected to be discharged from the hospital where he underwent surgery in time to see the game from a special spot in the vast throng.

FORTUNATELY, the Wolverines have a great replacement in Bill Taylor—Doughty's roommate—who has posted the best ground gaining mark of all the backs.

Young Lance Scheffler, of Trenton, has been moved up to the No. 2 spot at the tailback position. He carried the ball 10 times during the regular season for a net gain of 60 yards.

Other members of the team are in good condition after working out two weeks in the sunshine of Los Angeles.

So, with the front line in good shape, the Wolverines are ready for the Trojans... ready to meet all challenges. Despite the fact that the Trojans are champions of the Coast, Michigan has been made a one touchdown favorite.

No one has attempted to rate the Wolverines chances against the unseen opponents — pressure and the jinx.

IN THE POCKET

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From then on it never was close.

Ten North Farmington players chased in on the scoring as Ken Kikka had 22 points and Drew Maholic with 21 points led the way.

In the first period, Kikka got 10 points himself as Berkeley was restricted to three baskets and no free throws.

North Farmington added 17 points in the second period, 21 in the third and 20 in the fourth.

ALL WENT fairly well for Bentley against Walled Lake Central... at least for one half.

At the intermission, the Lakers managed only a 33-22

lead. But in the third period, Bentley was outscored, 15-9, being held to four baskets and a free throw.

In the last period, it was 19-13, as Walled Lake pulled away to win with no problems.

Guilfoyle was the mainstay for the losers. He scored 32 points on 14 baskets and four free throws. Bob Serra for Walled Lake ripped in 37 points, tallying 13 baskets and 11 free throws.

Thurston Defeats RU In Wrestling

Thurston High's wrestling team scored a 25-17 victory over Redford Union in a non-league dual meet. It was Thurston's second victory against one loss.

The results: 98 pounds — Jim Wheeler (T) pinned Mary Lindbergh.

107 — Mark Miller (T) def. Hans Schaler.

115 — Scott Clements (T) def. Dennis Campbell.

123 — Ken Gentile (T) def. Bill McCurry.

130 — Brian McGreevy (T) def. Mike Marz.

137 — Dave Kroll (T) def. Al Lozon.

145 — Chip Wood (RU) pinned Dave Poma.

155 — Bob Metz (RU) def. Mike Young.

165 — Dennis Benedict (T) def. Mark Westbrook.

175 — Steve Hogg (T) def. Rich Hagopian.

185 — John Peach (RU) def. Mike Parkinson.

Heavyweight — Gary Pruss (RU) def. Jim Wiebeck.

SI Million Winner

Harness racing had its first millionaire performer when Carlglen Bay 1572, the Australian-bred gelding, raced by Stan Dancer, retired at the conclusion of the 1968 campaign to the winner of \$1,000,837.

By Periods: Plymouth 28 20 13 17 C. Hill 19 13 11 19

CHERRY HILL, 1969: G F P

Burke 5 2 12 Corp 5 4 16 Krell 6 4 16 Pellegrine 5 2 12 Sucharski 5 2 12 Totals 27 16 73

PLYMOUTH 1970: G F P

Cunningham 5 2 12 Jones 5 4 16 Schryer 5 4 16 Thornburgh 5 4 16 Wolfe 5 4 16 Totals 25 20 72

JOE BRIETER will have good reason to remember this holiday season.

Bowling in the Iron Workers League at Livonia Lanes he converted the 7-10 split and came right back in the next frame and knocked over the 5.

DICK BEATTIE, leading southpaw bowler in the area had to share honors with his father this week in the Wonderland Classic.

The elder Beattie, a retiree from General Motors, paced the field with a 209.

Dick still is in top place in the averages with a 219.

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JANICE GOVETTE and her daughter, Michelle, turned in the top performance in the Parent-Daughter League at Farmington Lanes with a 1313 count.

Mother went 85 pins over her average and Michelle bettered her average by 150 pins. Dot Payne set the pace in the Ladies Classic with 571.

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ALBIN CAGER

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