

### Sorrows is cage king

How often has it happened?
A high school team completes a highly-successful season and praise for the feat is heaped upon the head coach, flowery compliments from school administrators, the media and even the water boy's mother.

It's also true he usually deserves them because the head coach is the one who takes the brunt of the attack when things aren't going so well.

But lost in the shuffle are the assist-ant coaches or those in the junior high programs. They're the ones who begin pollshing the raw talent of young ath-letes to get them started on the road to a successful prep sports program.

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It's guys like Coach Mike Basford.
Basford coaches, Farmington Our
Lady of Sorrows girls' junior high basketball team. He has been doing so for
five years and was the first girls' coach
in the fifth and sixth grade in his first

year.

He moved up to the junior high level the next season, and in four seasons has compiled an astounding 89-3 record. Over the past three years his team ran off 71 straight victories, a string that was broken in the Catholic Youth Organization (CVO) city finals this year.

Making the city finals three straight years is something no CVO official can remember happening in any sport in the organization's 30 years. And no team had ever won two straight city championships.

BASFORD'S COACHING ability has

John Hurley's dream of establishing a record for consecutive 600 series and having his name listed in the American Bowling Congress record book turned into a nightmare Wednesday morning at Westland Bowl.
With a string of 49, he was aiming at the record of 52 held by Ron Thompson

the record of \$2 held by Non Thompson of Columbus, Ohio and hoped to move a step closer when he took his turn in the morning men's leaguewere.

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'If it is any consolation, his 49 in a row gives him second place in the book of records.

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It has been some years since Bob bowled regularly in the all star leagues. But this past week, he bowled in the Wonderland Class and came up with a 644 series.

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Anderson, a few lanes away, put to-gether games of 206, 248 and 268 for 702

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Good as this score was, it only beat Paul Isken by four pins when he registered the most consistent series of the night with games of 234, 232 and 232.

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ILDRED McCANDLESS hit the

helped make some local coaches very successful. Larry Baker, who directed rarmington Our Lady of Mercy's team to a state title in 1977, has been a beneficiary of some Sorrows' graduates. Mercy's Leading scorre Last season was Denise Basford, the coach's daugher. It was Denise who first got the elder Basford interested in coaching at Sorrows, when she took an interest in the game during grade school.

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Other prep players who were groomed at Sorrows include Peggy Harte, an All-State performer at Brighton, Suc Carruthers, a starter for Farmington's varsity last season, Lori Winkle, a starter at Harrison last year; and several Mercy players, including Lisa and Linda Borchanian and Mary Ellen Cox.

The key to his success is simple. "It's probably just hard work," Basford said. "We really work on the fundamentals—passing, shooting and dribbling." But few have such success. Unlike most other coaches, Basford isn't cancol teacher—he's an attorney for General Motors, in charge of litigation. He isn't a fantalic as a coach — his teams practice three nights a week.

HIS COACHING background includes teams in the Class A recreational leagues. But the talent is so plentiful at Sorrows that players that didn't make the junior high team have made high school teams.' One example is Winkle, who was a manager of Sorrows' team and now starts for Harrison. Other past mana-

high point of her bowling career at Plymouth Bowl when she actually tried and succeeded in converting the 7-10 split. She looked at the pins then spun her ball toward the No.7 pin. It hit the target hard enough to cause it to slide over and topple the 10 pin. With a 133 average, she was bowling in the Early Birds loop and had games of 150, 151 and 169 for 470.

IT TOOK PATIENCE but Cele Staf-fan finally bowled her first 500 se-ries. In the Belles League at Woodland Lanes, she rolled games of 151, 162 and 187 for the goal she had been seeking. In the other leagues, Floyd Radley, the oldest man in the loop, posted a 233 and Joann Harlek had a 204 in the Keglerettes. Kim Handley, with a 135 average, had games of 210, 189 and 121. In the tunior house learne. Jim Rad-

In the junior house league, Jim Rad-ford was top man with 569.

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This year, Sorrows swept through the CVO district fournament, winning the final, 46-22 over Detroit St. Suzanne's. In the regional final, Sorrows beat Red-ford St. Robert's, 22-19, and then whipped Wyandotte Mt. Carmel for the west side championship, 33-15. In the city finals against Grosse Pointe St. Clair, the Sorrows team finally stumbled, losing 22-26. Their season record was 23-1. Seven members of that team return next year. But gone will be the all-time Sorrows scoring leader — Sarah Bas-ford. Sarah averaged over 12 points agame this year and next year will join sister Denise at Mercy. Other players the Sorrows' coach thinks will play extensively in high school include point guard Mary Her-20g going to Mercy, whose brother plays for Detroit Catholic Central, and Mary Ann Kuhniein, a guard who will be following in her brother Greg's footsteps at Farmington. Greg, also guard, started for Farmington in 1978.

 Local coaches like Mercy's Baker, Farmington's Bob Lekovish and Harri-son's Neil Redford can thank Basford for some of the victories their teams

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## Running champ to visit

Bill Rodgers, three-time Boston marathon winner and America's pre-iner long-distant runner, will visit the Detroit area at 7 pm. March 24. Rodgers, who set an American Marathon record in Boston last year with a time of £09-27, — the third fast-est marathon in history — will be the featured speaker at a seminar on long-distance running sponsored by Total Runner, the Southfield running special-ty-store. Sharing the stage with him will be Ellison Goodall, one of the country's leading women runners.

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The program will take place at Ham-ilton Place, a health club and fitness center located at 30333 Southfield Road in Southfield. The seminar is being co-sponsored by the Michigan

Runner magazine and Adidas.
RODGERS HAS become one of this
country's most popular sports heros in
recent years. In five years, he has won
the Boston crown three times. Last
year Rodgers capped that achievement
by winning the New York marathon for
the fourth time with a finishing time of
2:11.42.

the fourth time with a finishing time of troit-area people at every day for film Ms. Goodall, 24, is a former world record-holder for the half-marathon and recently won the 1990 San Blas, Puerto Rico, half-marathon race. Last Exposure to world work, she competed in the invitational International Amateur Athletic Cross-Country Champingship in Paris.

pair to Detroit because of the growing interest in running in the area.

"Detroit was late in catching on to trunning, but were catching up fast," Blanchard said. "This area is just Blanchard said. "This area is just reaching the creat as far as running is concerned. Literally thousands of Detroit-area people are out there running every day for fitness and for health; participation in competitive events has increased exponentially in recent years, and I don't see it stopping soon. Exposure to world-class athletes like Bill and Ellison can only add new impetus to that boom."

Country Championship in Paris.
Charlie Blanchard, owner of Total Runner, 20207
Runner and a Boston-qualified
marathoner himself, said he invited the

### Central picks coaches

After months of speculation, Walled Lake Central officials filled coaching vacancies in the football, track and cross country programs last week.

John Van Sicklen was named to the football post, replacing Dick Woodworth, who was Central's only coasn and is now retiring after 10 seasons. Van Sicklen was an assistant coach under Woodworth during that time span.

Dave Darnton takes over in cross country for Harry Edigington. Edigington is stepping down after 23 years of canching cross country in the Walled Lake school district because of recurring health problems.

It was the standard of the control of the control of the post to work of the post to work of the post to work of the post tow seasons was chosen as track coach and will replace Woodworth at that postion. Dennis Deeney, an assistant cross country to cach at Walled Lake Western last year, was also named as assistant coach to Groth. The selections were made by a committee consisting of Central principal Jerry Wallace, assistant principal

Meanwhile, two more members were added to the Bel-Aire 700 club.

For more information, call John Dunn at Marian High School, 644-1750.

B'ham Marian track team

co-sponsors spring clinic

Birmingham Marian and Farming-ton Hills Our Lady of Mercy are co-sponsoring a women's track and field clinic on Friday at Mercy.

Richard Schneider, athletic director Tom Evans and Dr. Barry Roseborough district director of personnel. Van Sicklen has an impressive background in local football. He was an All-State performer while playing at Walled Lake High School and went on All-Big Eight and All-American honors at Iowa State University.

HE GANNED professional experience playing for the Ottawa Rough
Riders and Toronto Rifles of the Candian Football Cauge and the Des Moines
(lowa) Warriors in semi-pro ball.
"Tim very happy to be chosen," Van
Sicklen said, adding that he would initiate some changes in the football program but would not elaborate what
they would be. "Twe been looking forward to getting a shot at the job and
hopefully it! Il work out well."

Darnton's most recent coaching ex-

perience was as an assistant skiing coach at Central. He is a former Belle Isle marathoner and ran track at Holly High School. The selection of Groth as track coach

The selection of Groth as track coach ended a long search for Central officials, who had hoped to fill the post by blacch 1. The high school track season The delay was in the best interests of the schools, according to Schneider. The delay was in the best interests of the schools, according to Schneider. The delay was in the best interest so the schools, according to Schneider. The delay was in the best interest so the schools, according to Schneider. The delay with the schools, according to Schneider. The schools, according to Schneider and with the properties of the schools, according to Schneider. The sassistant principal also noted that one coaching vacancy remains at Central — that of assistant softball coach. That position is expected to be filled shortly.

# Rice cops title upperhand in the third quarter behind Sucher's play. Southfield outrebounded Rice 35-34. Jokisch pulled down 11 and Shaskey had seven for the winners. Rice hit 21 of 52 field goals for 40 percent, but made 18 of 26 free throws. The Blue Jays scored three more buckets, hitting 24 of 59 shots for 41 percent. They hit only nine of 16 free throws.

(Continued from page 1D) ting our shots, it was a matter of making them. I was really worried about our defense because of Sucher."
"He got motivated and he started playing with the bigger people," Sliwka said about the improved Sucher. "He was a little hestitant at the beginning of the year. He has tremendous moves. I'm really proud of him, and the ways he's played." added to the Bel-Aire 700 club.

Mrs. Kevin Landacre moved into the
Both new members broke the 700
barrier in the Classic. Last week, Dan
spotlight at Bel-Aire Lanes with the
Kinportsi qualified when he had a 237
best performance of her career. A 168in 714 and last Thursday night ivan
average bowler, she found the range
for a 278 game in a 655 series.

SHASKEY ALSO PLAYED an in-strumental part in the Warrior victory with his play in the second quarter. Shaskey came off the bench when Jok-Shaskey came off the bench when Jokisch got his third personal foul only 1:09 into the second period and dominated the boards the rest of the half.

He scored nine of his 11 points in that quarter — seven from the free throw line — leading Rice to the halftime tie.

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Southfield led from the start, taking a 16-11 first-quarter lead and extending it to 22-14 early in the second quarter before the Warrior comeback.

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SOUTHFIELD (57) — Tony Ziegler 0, 0-1, 0; John Piper 7, 3-4, 17; Byron Greer 2, 1-3, 5; Vin-cent Bean 6, 5-6, 17; Jay Hosley 1, 0-0, 2; Daryll Darden 1, 0-0, 2; Dave Sucher 7, 0-2, 14, TOTALS — 24, 9-16, 57.

TOTAL FOULS — Brother Rice 18, Southfield 20, FOULED OUT — Jokisch (R), Brennan (R), Sucher (S).

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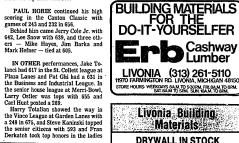
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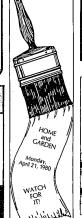
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