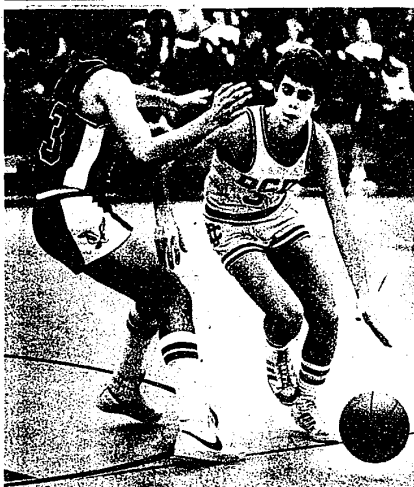




Rich Goldberg of Detroit Country Day moves the ball against Roseville Baptist Academy during the Southfield Christian Tournament. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)

Youth paid big dividends for the Detroit Country Day basketball team Saturday.

Rich Goldberg and Chuck Adams, both freshmen, led the Yellow Jackets to victory in the Southfield Christian Christmas Tournament. Goldberg had 16 points and Adams 11 as Country Day defeated Southfield Christian 46-38 in the championship game.

Both teams sunk 17 field goals. The difference was at the foul line. Country Day hit 12 of 17 free throws, and Christian hit four of 15.

"After matching field goals," said Christian coach Dave Seils, "it was just unfortunate that it had to come down to free throws, and that we had to have that kind of a shooting day at the line."

Country Day had the early lead, going up 14-9 at the end of the first quarter. The Yellow Jackets stretched that margin to 26-16 at the half.

But the Eagles came back in the third quarter, outscoring Country Day 12-6.

"We were very, very pleased with our defense," said Seils. "We worked

very, very hard this summer on our defense."

Christian went full court with a man-to-man defense, trying to cash in on the Yellow Jackets' inexperience.

"We thought maybe we'd frustrate them a little bit," Seils explained, "then catch them off guard."

Christian's defense worked in the third quarter. Actually, it worked all game as the Eagles held the high-scoring Yellow Jackets pretty much in check.

But it wasn't enough. Country Day

came up with the key baskets when it had to.

"Rich Goldberg just had some excellent clutch shooting," said Seils. "He's going to be a good player."

Country Day as a team played with poise.

"For young kids," said Seils, "they don't frustrate easy. They're going to be a super ballclub."

William Moir led Christian in scoring with 12 points. David Devine had 11. Country Day outscored Christian 23-22.

Country Day is 6-0 overall. Christian is 2-2.

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Yellow Jacket icers triumph

Detroit Country Day School's hockey players became intimately acquainted with the inside of their team bus last weekend on their long trip to Houghton for the sixth-annual Holiday Hockey Classic.

But the trip was worth the trouble, according to coach Harry LaPointe, especially since Country Day returned with the tournament championship.

"It's a short ride back when you win," said LaPointe, whose team owns an 8-2-1 overall record. "We enjoyed every minute we were up there. The hospitality was just superb."

Country Day, led by senior center Charlie Morrison, opened Houghton play with a 5-0 win over Hancock High, and

then whipped host Houghton High, 4-2, in the tournament finals. Morrison scored four goals and assisted on two others in the two games.

"He's got the wheels," said LaPointe of Morrison. "He also has a good shot, and he anticipates — he has the smarts. He's not a braver, but he never backs off, either."

"Morrison was the star, but these two wins were really team efforts. A lot of players pitched in. You can't single out just one."

Morrison scored two goals and added two assists in the victory over Hancock. Left winger Paul Chewins, a senior, scored a goal and dished out two assists. Goalie Kevin Lipschutz stopped

17 shots for Country Day, which held a 15-0 shot advantage after the first period.

In the finals against Houghton, Morrison scored twice. Chewins and junior Kevin Seil each added goals. Country Day goalie Chuck Nino made 32 saves.

"That second game could have gone either way," LaPointe said. "The goal-tending was just great for both teams."

Houghton advanced to the finals with a 6-3 win over Lakeway High School of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Country Day returns to Suburban Hockey League action with a game at Wyandotte Roosevelt on Jan. 7.

Roseville Baptist Academy just ran away and hid from St. Mary's in the second half of the Southfield Christian Basketball Tournament consolation game Saturday.

Baptist Academy outscored St. Mary's 46-27 in the second half.

St. Mary's actually had a 31-25 first-half lead.

Rob Nash led Baptist Academy with 29 points. Roger DuMortier had 26, and Dave McIntyre chipped in with 10.

Dave Pardington paced St. Mary's with 21 points. Al Thorne had 19, and Patrick Stephenson had 12.

She competes in silence

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It costs \$4,000 to train, equip, house, feed and transport every U.S. selectee, said Art Kruger, chairman of the American Athletic Association of the Deaf.

Each athlete must take the responsibility of recruiting a sponsor or finding the money to pay for the trip.

So far, Rhonda Abbott's only riches consist of hard work, desire, ambition and perseverance.

"I don't have any money or a person who's willing to sponsor me — yet," said Abbott, responding after a question was translated into sign language by an interpreter during a three-way telephone interview from Gallaudet College for the Deaf in Washington, D.C.

Gallaudet was established in 1864 and is the world's only liberal arts college for the deaf.

The Gallaudet senior transferred from a hearing school — the University of Florida — three years ago after finding that deafness alienated her from most of the learning process.

"I LIVED IN A hearing world before coming here," said Abbott. "I always relied on myself, although it was frustrating and I missed a lot."

"I didn't even know sign language, which has become a part of me. It's nice to know there's a world that doesn't require speaking."

Abbott had no apparent hearing problem at birth, but noticed a deterioration in seventh grade.

"I came home from camp and told my mother something was wrong with my hearing," she said.

"After ninth grade, I was using a hearing

aid, and now all I can decipher are high and low frequencies.

"All we know is that it's a nerve loss and that my deafness is most likely permanent."

ABBOTT HOPES TO gain the backing of running clubs in Florida over Christmas vacation and said a Detroit television station may do a spot on her Olympic campaign.

"I'm hoping that publicity will help raise money," she said, "and I'm going to Florida for a month over the holidays to train and visit my father."

"I've written to three roadrunners' clubs in Fort Lauderdale offering my support and telling them I'm looking for a coach."

"Maybe I could take on some speaking engagements. I feel that not many people know about the Deaf Olympics."

"Through supporting me as an athlete, awareness of deaf people and their activities will expand."

"Hardly any coverage is given to deaf athletes. There's a huge need for bigger awareness."

At present, Abbott is training for the 800- and 1500-meter runs. Olympic events she plans to enter.

"I've been training with a lot of good runners at Georgetown University, and so far my best time for the 800-meter is 2:40," said the Flint-born runner. "The record is 2:08, and my goal is to get down to at least 2:18."

"My times at the Olympic trials weren't that good," she added, "but I'm improving. I ran cross country and indoor track this year and still have six months of hard training before the Olympics in July."

Local girls win tourney

Megan Foster of Southfield and Claire Slaughter of Birmingham won the Jay-Slay State Platform Tennis Tournament recently.

Foster and Slaughter are both members of the 1980 Observer and Eclectic All Area tennis team. Foster plays her high school tennis for Class B state champion Bloomfield Hills Kingswood.

Slaughter is a member of the Birmingham Seaholm team.

Foster and Slaughter advanced to the semifinals of the New Jersey tournament, where they defeated Laura Grimm and Cathy Curry, both from New Jersey, 6-1, 6-0.

The two local girls met Tina Houlihan from Katonah, N.Y., and Lynn Loftus from Orange, N.J., in the finals. Foster and Slaughter won that match 6-1, 6-3.

Foster and Slaughter were two-time national champions in the girls' 15s age group. The duo now plays in the girls' 18s.

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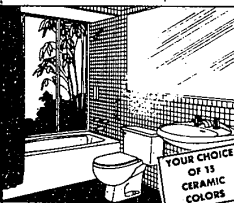
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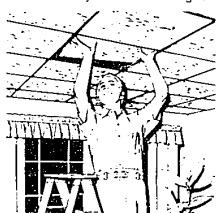
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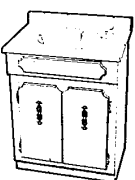
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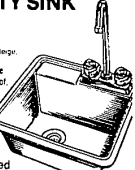
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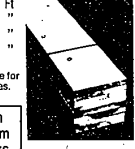
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