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Have all the facts before foot surgery

The purpose of any surgery is to alleviate an existing problem. When performed by a competent surgeon under the right circumstance, success in highly likely.

However, unlike aluminum-siding guarantees on television, surgery has its problems. No warranties on parts and labor can issued by the doctor. The full ramifications of surgery should be well-understood prior to its undertaking. understood prior to its undertaking.

When necessary, foot surgery can be a wonderful solution to a painful condition. It is not, however, a substitute for good conserva-

tree care. Certain types of foot problems lend themselves to a non-surgical approach while others respond poorly.

With few exceptions, foot surgery on the athlete is not unlike surgery upon any other type of patient.

TO THE PHYSICIAN, surgery represents a corrective procedure to alleviate an annoying problem. To the patient, the very thought of surgery involves all sorts of anxieties and fears.

Through confidence in your doctor, and a good understanding of the problem, you can deal with many apprehensions. If a particular foot procedure is considered the correct approach, several factors should be considered.

First, and most importantly, you should feel confident that foot surgery is necessary. Potential gains and the possible complications of the procedures also should be considered.

Are you better off to wait?

Has a conservative approach been attempted? Will the problem worsen and interrupt your function if not corrected? What are the success rates and benefits of the procedure?

Your foot specialist should answer these questions.

In turn, you will gain confidence in the upcoming procedure.

OPERATIVE PROCEDURES can be scheduled to fit the pa-tient's activity schedule. Usually, we try to perform the foot surgery off-season, thus allowing the athlete time to complete the involved

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The merits of this become increasingly obvious as we move into the scholarship, collegiate and professional realms.

Most importantly, the patient's health and welfare should be maintained. It must be felt that continued athletic participation will not cause permanent disability. Otherwise, the delay is foolish and possibly hazardous.

Foot surgery should be performed with an emphasis upon functional gains and stability. The involved part should be able to move, carry weight and function as normally as possible.

Depending upon the extent of the involvement, this is not always a reality. Nevertheless, it is the surgical goal.

The patient should be well-informed as to the realistic expectations of undergoing the procedure.

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Warriors down No. 2 team

Rice really earns top ranking

Birmingham Brother Rice's 66-55 Class A regional win over Southfield High earns the Warriors top billing in this year's final Observer & Eccentric Abseltable making for Oakland County. Dealer of the Section of the County of th

staff all season and proved it Tuesday inght with its victory over the Blue Jays. Southfield, coached by Greg Sliwka, finishes No. 2 in the final rankings. The Blue Jays (1-8) were rated No. 4 last week, but moved up to No. 2 after wining its own district title. One of those district victories was a '37-52 decision over arch rival Southfield-Lathrup last Wednesday.

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that setback, but drops to No. 5 after the final tabulation.

ORCHARD LAKE St. Mary's stays No. 3 in the final rankings. The Eaglets won the Class C district crown at Detroit Lutheran West last week, handily defeating Detroit Benedictine in the championship game, 69-47.

St. Mary's defeated Detroit Country Day in overtime, 55-53, in semifinal action, knocking the Yellow Jackets out of the top seven for the first time this

year.
Farmington Harrison moves up one spot from last week to finish No. 4. The Hawks advanced to the Class B district finals before losing to Catholic League runners-up University of Detroit High School at Novi.
Troy High School follows Lathrup in the final rankings, staying at No. 6. The surprising Colts won a Class A district crown at Rochester Adams Saturday night, upseting Utlea Eisenhower, 52-50, in the championship game.

West Bloomfield, co-champions of the Greater Oakland Activities League, replaces Country Day as the No. 7

The Lakers advanced to the finals of the Birmingham Groves District before he Birmingham Groves District before osing to No. 1 Brother Rice.



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. St. Mary's (15)					18-3
. Harrison (11)					16-6
. Lathrup (9)					14-7
. Troy (7)					12-10
West Bloomfield (3)					12-0

