



DAVID FRANK/staff photographer

Avondale's Felicia Hines drives past a fallen Rochester defender and heads down court during the Yellowjackets' 46-34 victory Tuesday. Hines had a productive night, scoring 18 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in Avondale's fourth season win.

# Mercy wins own tourney

## Avondale frustrates Falcons

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Felicia Hines, a 6-foot forward, scored 18 points and pulled down 12 rebounds to lead Auburn Heights Avondale past Rochester High, 46-34, last Tuesday.

Mary Lentz scored 10 points for Avondale, which raced to a 14-2 lead after the first quarter. Rochester's Judy Janusz scored 18 points.

The victory put Avondale at 4-1. Rochester fell to 1-3.

**FARMINGTON OUR LADY** of Mercy won its own Hoops Classic tournament with a 70-34 thumping of Redford Union in the tourney finals last Saturday.

Mercy, now 4-0 under coach Larry Baker, got 19 points from Denise Basford, 16 from Kathy Landry and 10 from Carolyn Burt. Lori Pegoda and Cathi Hengi scored 12 and seven, respectively, for RU.

In the consolation final, Utica Eisenhower whipped Walled Lake Central, 52-32.

The all-tournament team included Eisenhower's JoAnn LeFevre and Sted Cow, Mercy's Karen Shook and Kathy Landry and RU's Hengi. Shook was named the tourney's most valuable player.

Last Tuesday, Shook provided 23 points, 13 in the third quarter, to lead Mercy past Brighton, 76-44. Basford added 20 points, and Landry had 14. Connie Conklin scored 13 for Brighton.

**CARRIE STINCHCOMB**, West Bloomfield's 5-foot-9 forward, scored 25 points in the Lakers' 57-37 romp over Bloomfield Hills Lahser last Tuesday. Jana Baringer scored 12 points for WB, which has a 3-1 record.

Lahser, which scored five second-quarter points to WB's 17, got 15 points from Chris Kokeny, 10 from Francine Thomas and eight from Sharon Hecker. Lahser is 1-3 this fall.

**SHARON BROWN'S** 23 points paced Southfield High's 54-40 win over Hazel Park last Tuesday in a Southeastern Michigan Association game. Southfield (1-3) got 15 points from Felicia Clausel.

**THE SOUTHFIELD-LATHROP** cagers (3-2) outscored Lake Orion in each of the first three quarters to take a 54-49 victory recently.

Charger Lisa Harding tossed in 11 points to lead all scorers, and teammate Sandy Niederman added 10.

Lake Orion was led by Sheila Triax who chipped in nine.

**FARMINGTON UPPED** its record to 3-1 with a 52-48 triumph over Farmington Harrison Tuesday.

The Falcons led, 24-23, at the half and survived the Hawks' 18-point surge in the fourth quarter to ice the victory.

The bright spot for Harrison was junior guard Alice Short who led all scorers with 31 points.

Senior center Slacy Green paced Farmington with 24 points, 15 re-

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bounds and seven blocked shots. Teammates Chris Looser and Lisa Borchani-ann chipped in 11 and seven, respectively.

Farmington's next contest, its first league game, arrives tonight at Waterford.

**THE MAPLES** made Royal Oak Kimball's defense look like syrup Tuesday as Seaholm raced to a 49-26 victory.

Kimball trailed, 24-11, at intermission and never threatened thereafter.

Julie Fremuth, a 5-foot-10 senior, paced the Seaholm squad with 17 points, and teammate Pam Brooks tossed in 16.

Kimball's Barb Wyatt led all scorers with 18 points.

The Maples stand at 3-1 on the season.

**BIRMINGHAM GROVES** was too hot for Oak Park to handle Tuesday, as the Falcons sped to a 56-26 victory.

Groves, (3-1), owned a lopsided 22-8 edge at the half, was outscored by the Oak Park cagers, 14-12, in the third quarter and surged back to smash the opposition, 22-4, in the final stanza.

Pam Shepanskiy, a 5-6 guard, paced the Falcons with 16 points, and teammate Ann Scott tossed in 12.

**THE TROY COLTS** were stomped on, 64-35, by Berkley Tuesday, dropping their record to 1-4.

Berkley bulldozed to a 30-20 advantage at halftime and never looked back.

Pacing Troy were junior guard Tracy Johnson with 12 points and junior forward Julie Neuman with 10.

Berkley senior guard Tracey Russo led all scorers with 23 points and teammate Jo Ann Mecoli, a senior forward, chipped in 15.

Troy hosts Seaholm at 7:30 p.m. today.

**TROY ATHENS** lost a heartbreaker to undefeated Clawson Tuesday, 38-36.

With seconds left to play, Clawson's Binky Gough hit both ends of a one-and-one to take a 37-36 lead. Teammate and senior guard Connie Hall sunk a free throw with four seconds left to wrap up the victory.

Athens trailed, 22-19, at the half, and held Clawson to a paltry five points in the third quarter enroute to the loss.

Leading the Red Hawks' attack were senior forward Mandy Bernard with 13 points and teammate and junior center Karen Bieske, who tossed in eight.

Hall led the winners with 11.

The Red Hawks now stand at 3-2 overall and 0-1 in the league.

Athens hosts league-opponent Bloomfield Hills Lahser at 7:30 p.m. today.

# Deaf Olympics' Wieck wields winning ways

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Abbott, 22, recently graduated from Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. in 1975, he said, "and I never will forget the experience. They had mini-classes in sign language, and I learned on the job."

"A LOT OF THE kids were repeaters who still get excited about (the Olympics)," said Wieck, who joined the World Games' organization in 1963 after being recruited by an Olympic Committee. (It acted on the recommendation of two deaf swimmers Wieck

coached at Warren Fitzgerald High School.)

"The Olympics were in Washington, D.C. in 1968," he said, "and I never will forget the experience. They had mini-classes in sign language, and I learned on the job."

"That year I found out that doing things for deaf people gives me a tremendous amount of self-satisfaction."

"Between 65 and 70 percent of the swimmers had never competed in these, and 50 percent never had been on an airplane," Wieck added.

"They were excited to go, see other countries, meet people and compete against swimmers they otherwise never would have."

**UNCOMMUNICATIVE WORLD** leaders could take a tip from their countries' deaf athletes. "I found that deaf athletes communicate better with each other than the athletes in the hearing Olympics," Wieck said.

"Sign language is very similar from country to country, and the Russians pantomime almost everything."

"They try to make their point in a way that our kids can understand. We (U.S. coaches and athletes) made friends, traded clothes and exchanged Christmas cards with people from all different countries."

Exchanging information with swimmers via sign language no longer presents problems for the high-heated coach, who relies on an assistant to relay coaching messages.

"If I were by myself it would take me a little more time, but I could make myself understood," said Wieck, who's become an expert at establishing eye contact with his athletes.

"The attitude on this team is as good as any team I've ever coached. They've done everything we ask."

**PARTICIPATING** in the Olympics required both above-average athletic ability and years of innovative fundraising.

Olympians and the American Athletic Association of the Deaf contributed close to \$700,000 to foot the bill for coaches and staff.

The job for each attending American athlete came to \$4,000 — which most young people raised through swim-a-thons, newspaper campaigns, dinner dances, and candy sales.

A California athlete competing in the '77 World Games caught Frank Sinatra's ear with a television commercial. A check from the benevolent entertainer put a pleasant end to her pecuniary problem.

Wieck has witnessed great strides made by deaf people. "They're mainstreaming now very well," Wieck said, "much better than 20 years ago."

"Most of our (Olympic) alumni are holding down very responsible jobs. There's been lots of progress as far as their acceptance in society and in education."

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