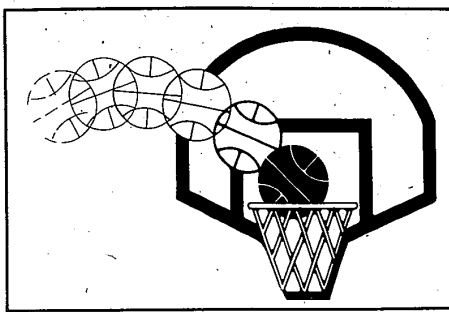


Monday, March 8, 1982

Class A at Spfld	
HENRY FORD	Thursday 7:30 p.m.
REDFORD	
SOUTHFIELD	Monday 7:30 p.m.
N. FARM.	Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
FARM. HARRISON	



Class A at Churchill	
FARMINGTON	Wednesday 8:30 p.m.
LIV. BENTLEY	
LIV. CHURCHILL	Thursday 7:30 p.m.
LIV. STEVENSON	Monday 7:30 p.m.
LIV. FRANKLIN	Wednesday 7 p.m.

March Madness!

Can N. Farmington shoot down high-flying Jays?

By Tom Baer
staff writer

Certain Southfield High coaches would rather not talk about it, but there's a lot of "looking ahead" going on in Blue Jay land these days.

Southfield's excellent basketball team, 19-1 during the regular season with the lone loss to top-rated Highland Park, enters state tournament play Michigan's March Madness — tonight at home when it takes on North Farmington at 7:30 p.m.

The tournament scenario, connected by loyal Southfield fans, goes something like this: The Jays play first forward through the district, beating North on Monday, doing a like number on Farmington Harrison on Wednesday and then taking apart some other flunky in the Friday night final.

Then, district championship trophy tucked safely away with the Southeastern Michigan Association title, the can't-lose Jays will fly into regional action where they'll absolutely annihilate much-publicized (OVER-publicized, if you ask Jay fans) Birmingham Brother Rice.

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That's what Southfield's boosters want most: another crack at Brother Rice, the school which eliminated good Southfield teams the past two years. That's also called looking ahead. And Jay coach Greg Sliwka knows it can mean a swift trip right out of the tournament.

SOUTHFIELD, LED by 6-foot-8 Ralph Walker and 5-10 Mike Priest, beat North Farmington back in January. It was close for a half, and the final score was closer than some experts had predicted.

But North, 13-6 through last Thursday under coach Ken Dean, may be missing some key personnel due to injuries. North has a couple of talented players in Bill Gravus and Mark Bowditch.

Coach Mike Teachman's Harrison team, which put together eight-straight wins over one stretch, has a talented 6-4 center in Steve Hollatz and a real hustler in Gus Kehagias.

Two Detroit public schools, Henry Ford and Redford, are also in the Southfield district. They'll play

each other at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday with the winner going right to the 7:30 p.m. final on Friday.

Brother Rice should have little trouble winning its district at Birmingham Groves. In addition to Rice and Groves, it includes Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Bloomfield Hills Andover and West Bloomfield.

If the dream matchup between Southfield and Rice comes off, it'll happen in the opening round of the Southfield-Lathrup regional.

LATHRUP, A STRONG team which took Southfield into overtime before losing in the season opener, plays in the Class A district at Royal Oak Kimball.

Lathrup, 15-5 overall and co-champs of the Metro Suburban Association under coach Jim Kourakis, has an outstanding shooter and rebounder in 6-3 Paul Bobbitt, who is headed for Michigan State University on a football scholarship.

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Class D at Lakes	
LUTL. NORTHWEST	Tuesday 7 p.m.
OAK. CHRISTIAN	
B.H. ROEPER	Saturday 7:30 p.m.
OUR LADY LAKES	Thursday 7 p.m.

Joubert just too much for Brother Rice

By Marty Budner
staff writer

They came to watch amazing Antwan.

And Detroit Southwestern High School's Marvyn Mr. Everything didn't disappoint anyone, except, of course, Birmingham Brother Rice.

Antoine Joubert, who some basketball analysts are calling the best high school player in Michigan, staged a dazzling one-man show in leading Southwestern to its second consecutive Operation Friendship title over Brother Rice, 57-45.

The game, featuring the Catholic League champions against the Detroit Public School League champions, was played before a sold-out crowd at University of Detroit's Calhoun Hall Friday.

"He's (Joubert) a very, very exciting

player," said Rice coach Nick Conti. "There's a danger of him scoring every time he has the ball. His range is anywhere, and that's tough to deal with."

The Warriors tried everything to defend Joubert, who at one junction in the third quarter had 29 of his team's 33 points.

PAUL JOKISCH started in man-to-man coverage and was relieved in the second quarter by Rodney Brown. Dennis Kouak also tried his luck in the second half.

Nothing seemed to work, however. Joubert, a 6-foot-5 junior forward who averages 30 points per game, finished with 33 points, 16 rebounds, six assists and a couple of steals. He brought the ball up court and played point guard; he rebounded with enthusiasm; and he shot from everywhere but the rafters.

"It doesn't surprise me at anything

he does," said Southwestern coach Perry Watson, whose team is now 16-3 overall and primed for a run at the Class A state championship. "He doesn't have any weaknesses."

Brother Rice started fast. The Warriors broke to a 10-5 lead in the game's opening minutes, then hiked the advantage to 20-9 midway through the second quarter. Jokisch keyed a string of 16-straight Rice points with three baskets.

The Prospectors, behind Joubert's 10 points, then outscored Rice 12-2 just before halftime to cut the deficit to 22-21.

THE GAME stayed close throughout the third quarter, and was tied at 31 when Rice lost its composure. The Warriors committed a number of turnovers at midcourt, and Southwestern scored four-straight baskets to take a 39-31 lead entering the fourth quarter.

Rice never regained the lead after that Prospectors outburst.

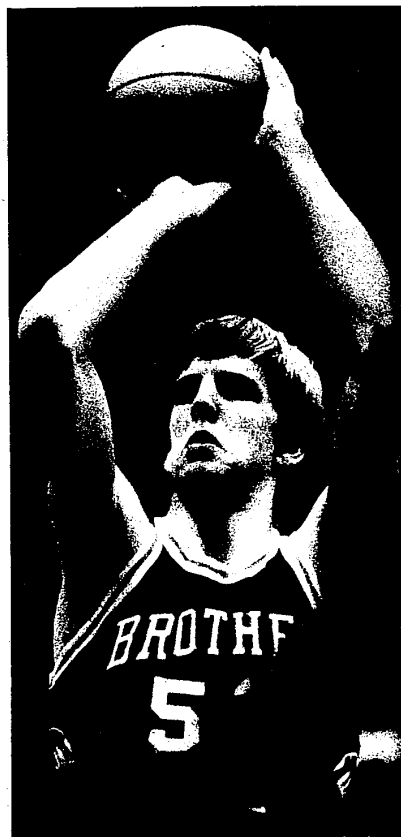
"It was an emotional game — a game of spurts," said Conti, whose team finished with a 15-5 season record. "We got ourselves in a hole when they spurted on us in the third quarter."

"(Southwestern) hadn't been doing anything differently at that point than they were doing earlier in the game. We just didn't react well to their pressure for some reason."

"I thought we did a reasonably good job on them," he said. "It was just our inability to be productive near the end of the third quarter that hurt us."

Jokisch led Rice with 18 points and 10 rebounds, while Shasky added 14 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots.

Southwestern's only other player in double figures was Allen Nichols, with 11.



JOHN STANO/staff photographer

John Shasky scored 14 points for Birmingham Brother Rice in a losing effort to Detroit Southwestern in the Operation Friendship basketball game Friday.

N. Farmington trips Harrison

Tom Rennard scored 16 points and Bill Gravus added 12 Friday as North Farmington closed out its regular basketball season with a 52-44 win over Farmington Harrison.

North, which finished at 14-6, held five-point leads at the quarter (17-12) and at halftime (27-22). "We got a lead and just kept stretching it out," said North coach Ken Dean.

Steve Hollatz, a 6-foot-4 senior center, scored 25 points for Harrison, which finished at 11-9.

North plays Southfield High at 7:30 p.m. in the opening round of the Southfield Class A district. Harrison, also in the Southfield district, plays the winner of the North-Southfield game on Wednesday night.

W.L. WESTERN 50
FARMINGTON 48

Farmington squandered a five-point lead in the fourth-quarter Friday night, and Walled Lake Western turned a 9-2 scoring advantage into a 50-48 non-league basketball game.

"We just didn't hold onto the ball," Harrison coach Rich Roy explained. "We had turnovers galore."

Western's Mark Webb provided the final margin of victory as he sank a free throw with one second left in the game.

Harrison led, 16-14 after one quarter, 32-23 at the half, and 46-41 going into

the last period. Paul Kobel had 18 points for the Hawks, and Dan Zang added 10.

Western, which finished the regular season with a 7-13 mark, was led by Ed Baulata's 16 points and an additional 12 from Rich Hunter.

Wednesday, Harrison will take its 9-10 overall record into the Livonia Churchill District when the Hawks tangle with Livonia Bentley at 8:30 p.m.

BETHESDA 62
LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 20

Pat Caston and Rod Mitchell combined for 42 points Friday night to lead Detroit Bethesda to a 62-30 victory over Farmington Lutheran Northwest.

Caston scored a game-high 22 points and Mitchell added 20 as Bethesda cruised to its 15th win in 20 games. Northwest, meanwhile, dropped to 3-17 on the year.

Northwest led, 10-7 after one quarter, but Bethesda took control the rest of the way as it assumed a 24-14 halftime lead and a 37-22 advantage after three quarters.

"We were somewhat flat," Northwest coach George Lemke said. "We couldn't hit from the outside, and we lost the ball quite a bit on turnovers."

Mike Aumann was the Crusaders' leading scorer with 12 points.

Tuesday, Northwest will play Oakland Christian in a 7 p.m. district game

at Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

SEAHOLM 57
ANDOVER 47

Birmingham Seaholm jumped out to a 20-10 first-quarter lead and maintained the 16-point lead throughout the game Friday as the Maples defeated Bloomfield Hills Andover, 57-47, in a Southeastern Michigan Association game.

The game was the final regular-season contest for both clubs. Seaholm finished 5-15 overall, while Andover is 3-17.

Brian Nefey led Seaholm with 17 points, Greg Scott added 14, and Mike Chew chipped in with 13.

Jim McCarthy led Andover with 19 points and 10 rebounds.

The Maples converted on 13 of 19 free-throw attempts, while the Barons made good on 11 of 15.

"This is the first time we've put a whole game together," Seaholm coach Lou Perry said, "but they are one of the few teams we are taller than."

"Our kids hit well from the outside and the inside. We had balanced scoring — three kids in double figures — and that's something rare for us. We kind of came together at the right time, with district coming up. Hopefully, we can keep it going for the Kimball game."

Both squads will participate in Class A district tournaments next week.

Seaholm will take on Royal Oak Kimball Monday in a 7 p.m. clash at Kimball. Andover opens the tournament Tuesday at Birmingham Groves with a 7 p.m. game against West Bloomfield.

ROMEO 59
ROCHESTER 47

Romeo High, winners of 18 out of 20 games, scored the first seven points in the fourth quarter Friday night to ice its 59-47 victory over Rochester in the regular-season finale for both basketball clubs.

The Falcons, who are 9-11 on the season, will try to regroup for the Class A district tournament at Troy Athens. Rochester will take on the Ulica Athens winner Wednesday night. Rochester Adams and Troy also will compete in the Athens district.

Friday the Falcons had their hands full as Romeo took a 12-6 first-quarter lead and extended the margin to 36-18 by halftime. Rochester outscored Romeo, 13-7, to cut the lead to 37-31, but the Bulldogs sealed it with a 22-16 advantage in the final eight minutes.

"We turned the ball over quite a bit in the first quarter," Rochester coach John Bailey explained.

John Troeba led Rochester with 11 points, and Henry Dombroski added 10.

Ken Webb hit 13 for Romeo, and Bob Hake added nine.