

## Comeback lifts Avondale cagers

By Jim Toth

staff writer

The holiday season wasn't all that bad for the Avondale boys basketball team.

After suffering a 65-52 loss to Ulica Ford in the opening round of the Troy Christmas Tournament, the Rhinos rebounded the next night to post a 48-41 triumph over Clawson to claim third place.

The victory was the second in six outings and sends coach Chris Drogosch's troops into the new year with some much needed momentum.

"We're happy with the win, and I'm still feeling good about what we can do," Drogosch said. "I'm still optimistic with what is going on here, and I'm confident the kids will play well."

The Rhinos will also get a lift

with the return of 6-5 junior Jeff Krupp once the league schedule begins Tuesday. Krupp had been sidelined with an ankle injury.

THE RHINOS needed a 25-point outburst in the fourth quarter of Tuesday's clash to keep the Trojans from posting their first win of the season. Junior David Hedrick and freshman Joe Jefferson keyed the effort as they tossed in nine and eight points, respectively, in the final eight minutes.

Avondale finally snapped the 16-point Trojan run with two minutes remaining in the third quarter. Clawson added a couple baskets later in the stanza to hold a life 26-25 lead after three.

Drogosch's cagers came to life in the final frame as they outscored their opponents 23-15 to post the victory.

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The kicking leg of Josh Butland is no longer a secret.

Shadowed by the place-kicking prowess of teammate Scott Kania, Butland recently gained some national recognition by being named to USA Today's 1986 All-High School Football Team.

The honor is quite an accomplishment for the Troy High senior, especially since the 1986 campaign was his first year of varsity competition. "I was really surprised when they called and said I had made the team and they were coming to take my picture," remembered Butland. "I thought I had a productive year, but I think I could have done better."

"I punted my junior year, but not for the varsity because I wasn't as consistent as I should have been," Butland continued. "I went to some camps over the summer for kickers

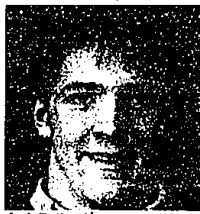
and they really helped me."

THE CAMPS were so productive for Butland that he averaged 39.9 yards on 38 punts during the season, resulting in only 28 yards in total returns. Two of his kicks sailed more than 60 yards.

Butland also found time to use the kicking tee as he booted two field goals, one from 44 yards and the other from 39.

"Punting is a mental thing," began Butland. "Concentration is the key because you have to have the right frame of mind to be able to get off a good kick. The thing I always feared the most was wind. It's not fun trying to punt when the wind is blowing."

Butland said the part of the camp that helped him a great deal was seeing films of himself in action. He said the various angles in which he was filmed made him aware of flaws in his technique.



Josh Butland

Troy High

"THEY would film everybody and then have them watch their own style," Butland said. "It really helped me because I like watching other kickers and their style. You can always pick something up from watching others."

Butland, who has aspirations of

playing college ball, said he has been contacted by Big Ten schools Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois and Iowa, various Mid-American Conference schools, and Division I schools Tulane and Virginia.

"Right now I'm thinking only of playing college ball," Butland said. "I'm not looking at the pros right now because it is too far in the future. I just want to kick in college and see what happens there."

Punting wasn't the only playing time for the 6-5, 215-pound Butland. He also managed to work his way into the starting unit of the offensive line.

"Playing those two positions is like being at the opposite ends of the spectrum," Butland said. "It was difficult playing those two positions because in practice you really couldn't concentrate on one."

Kania also earned USA Today honors by gaining honorable mention accolades.

## Volleyball teams eye fast start

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play as a team and force the other teams to make mistakes."

In the SMA, Wilson feels Seaholm, Kimball and Ferndale will be the teams to beat.

### LAHSER

First-year coach Patty Barrett has a tough task confronting her. She must turn a volleyball program around that produced a 1-20 varsity record last year.

Although it seems like an insurmountable task, Barrett has an optimistic outlook.

"I think I've got the upcoming talent to be really good in a couple of years," said Barrett. "The group I have is real hungry. They want to be winners. I think our scrappy play will be our biggest asset this year. We're still learning some fundamentals. We'll pay for our inexperience this year, but next year everybody will pay for our experience."

The Knights have just three seniors returning in Suzie Gwizdala, An-

drea Hewson and Shannon Winkler. Sophomores expected to contribute are Margaret Komeyner, Gina Consolito, Julie Ruprich and Chris Gronski.

Barrett also expects big things from Margie Jhargui, a transfer from Romanla.

For the Knights to have a successful season, Barrett would like her team to be competitive. "I'd like for us to go into every game and be a definite contender. We want to establish some consistency in our program and bring up our status in the league."

### SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP

The Chargers return six seniors including three starters from last year's 23-7 team. If everyone remains healthy and fills in as coach Lionel Blogg feels they will, Lathrup should again be a contender in the

MSAA.

"We try to win the league every year and that's what we'd like to do again this season," said Blogg. "A lot will depend on if we stay healthy. We don't have a lot of depth on the bench."

Returning starters are seniors Patty Selin, Kelly O'Reilly and Heather Biller. They will get help from classmates May Baumal, Debbie Goldstein and Cassie Brickett along with junior Kerrie Paik.

"We'll have to serve the ball well and pass the ball well," said Blogg. "We don't have the height so we won't be doing a lot of shot blocking."

### AVONDALE

It appears the Rhinos are in a re-

building year after coming off a 5-00 season in 1986.

Coach Nancy Lamphier has just two seniors and one junior on this year's squad and will enter the season with eight sophomores suited up for competition.

"This year is sort of a rebuilding year for us with so many young girls on the team," said Lamphier. "We're going to have to play some scrappy defense in order to get by."

Returning to the court for the Rhinos will be seniors Danielle Bailey and Sandy Wolfe along with junior Shannon McCune.

Top sophomore hopefuls include Julie Moldenhauer, Tami Lockhart and Heidi Wagner.

## Roop returns to ring

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"This is the first time anything like this has been tried in this country," noted Roop. "Nobody has ever run a kick-boxing tournament in the United States."

"I got the idea to try something like this after going to France and seeing what they do over there. I figured I would give it a try and see what happens."

ROOP HAS divided the kick-boxing competition into three categories — novice; intermediate and ad-

vanced. The Karate competition, meanwhile, will feature the No. 1 contender in North America Dino Cain.

"This is more of a local thing, but we do have people from the Midwest and Canada," explained Roop. "I like to have a tournament of this kind for the guys who are looking to get the experience. We won't have the best there because it would defeat the whole purpose. We want to promote it locally and get as many involved in this fund as possible."

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SUMMARY OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL, HELD DECEMBER 22, 1986 IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 37400 SOUTHFIELD ROAD, LATHRUP VILLAGE, MICHIGAN AT 7:30 P.M.

Present: Brock, Howell, Stoye, Warren

Absent: Dickinson, arrived at 8:23 p.m.

Excused absence of Councilmember Dickinson.

Approved minutes of Regular Meeting of December 8 and Disbursement Report of December 22, 1986.

Appointed Bruce Copes, Frank Brock, Fred Stoye, and Dave Carr to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

Appointed Beth Carr to the Lathrup Beautification Committee.

Adopted "Community Development Contract Resolution."

Approved 1986/87 Budget amendments.

Approved transfer of \$40,000 from Acct. 712 to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Adopted resolution approving revised zoning map.

Approved FY: 1987/88 Community Development Program.

Adopted resolution to provide certification for 1987 assessment roll.

Introduced "4th Amendment to Municipal Code" and its purpose is to revise the ordinance provisions governing the City Sanitary Sewer System and the City Water System, to create a new City Water & Sewer Department, and to revise Municipal Organization provisions to reflect the new Department created.

Adopted resolution re: Public Recreation Facilities.

Discussed sewer smoke testing report; Clean Air Act and Traffic violations.

Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

DONIS M. ANDRUS, City Clerk

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