

## Churchill Looking 'Green?'

## Hopeful Chargers To Open With Thurston Friday



**CHARGER COACH** -- Pat Montagano is looking forward to a winning season at Churchill this basketball season. His squad boasted a 9-8 record last year and opens with Thurston Friday. (Observer photo)

Churchill opens with Thurston Friday night at home, and Charger basketball Coach Pat Montagano is looking forward to a winning season with his predominantly junior squad.

"The first five games will determine our season," said Montagano. "It all depends on how the 'green' people perform."

Churchill was 9-8 overall last year and finished second in the Western Six at 4-2

behind Waterford Mott at 6-0. "I look for better things this year," said Montagano. "We have greater depth, better speed and are bigger up front."

FARMINGTON Harrison and Waterford Mott will be tough contenders in the Western Six," added Montagano. "Our Jan. 4 clash with rival Franklin will be our roughest of the season."

Churchill features four returning lettermen who

averaged a total of 28 points a game last year. The two seniors are Brian Sherman, 6-0 forward, and Bruce VanWagoner, 6-0 guard. Juniors are Roy Henriksson, 5-9 guard, and Don Phillips, 6-3 forward.

Senior forward Mike Keller, 6-4, and juniors Mark Reed, center at 6-5, and forward Jim Foster, 6-1, round out the Charger attack.

This is the fourth year for Montagano at Churchill who

took the reins when the school opened in 1967.

The Chargers have compiled a 15-24 record in only two years of varsity ball.

In the 1967-68 season, Montagano directed his all-fophomore squad to a 15-3 record on junior varsity level. The following year the team finished 16-1 in junior varsity competition, with the varsity juniors playing 6-14 ball.

MONTAGANO has coached

at Plymouth and Ann Arbor, compiling 12 years of basketball coaching.

He was an Illinois high school All-Stater at guard from Elkhart High where he averaged 15 points a game.

Montagano is a 1956 U-M graduate where he played freshman ball under Lou Watson.

Churchill opens league play Dec. 10 at Northville.

The Chargers are in the Dec. 21-23 Christmas tour-

namment at Plymouth with Stevenson, Plymouth and Thurston.

"I am looking for better

things this year," concluded Montagano. "It should be the best Churchill has put together."

## Prep Schedule

TUESDAY

Garden City East at Edsel Ford

Southfield Lathrup at Warren

FRIDAY

Garden City West at John Glenn

Southfield at Redford Union

Harrison at North Farmington

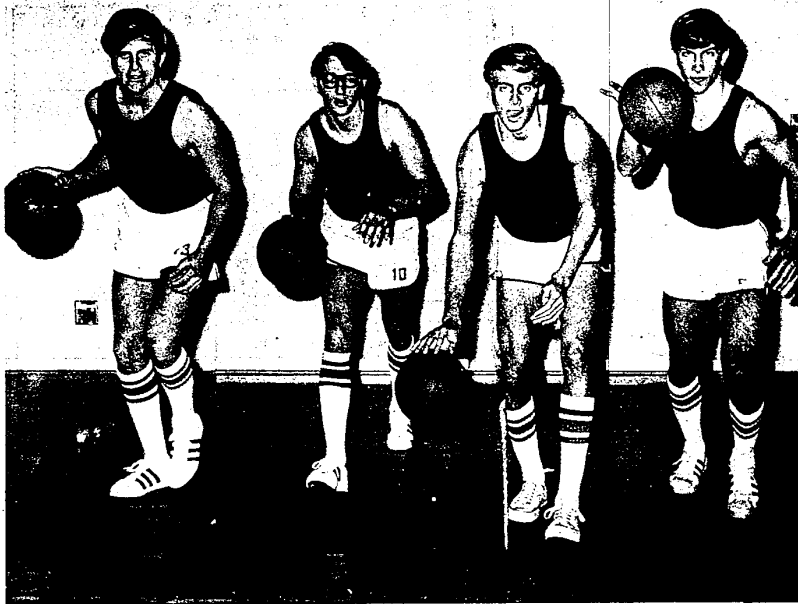
Franklin at Wayne

Bentley at Farmington

Cody at Clarenceville

Thurston at Churchill

Kimball at Birmingham Groves



**CHURCHILL'S RETURNING LETTERMEN** -- The Charger basketball attack boasts four returning lettermen. From left: Brian Sherman, Bruce VanWagoner, Don Phillips

and Roy Henriksson. Churchill opens Friday with Thurston on the Charger court. (Observer photo)

## MSU Skater

Michigan State senior hockey defenseman Dave Roberts of Detroit is the third member of his family to skate for the Spartans. Brother Jack lettered in 1958-59-60 and brother Doug won letters in 1963-64-65.

## Falcons Rest Season Hopes On 4 Juniors

"If we can get the ball in the hoop this year, we can be a tough contender in the Inter-Lakes Conference," said Farmington basketball Coach Ray Boyle.

Farmington hopes to rebound from its 5-14 record last year which included a 2-8 record in league play.

"We had trouble scoring last year," said Boyle. "But we have three returning starters who averaged a total of 30 points a game for us, and this alone has to add to our offensive attack."

Dan Lekovich, 6-2 senior forward; Jeff Baker, 5-11 junior guard; and Dennis

Hagen, 6-4 junior center, are the three returning Falcons that Boyle is weighing the season on.

JOE MONTGOMERY, 6-0 junior guard, Tom Kempf, 5-10 senior guard; and juniors Gordy Yank, 6-3, and Bill Marra, 6-4 round out the Falcon attack.

"We could have four starting juniors," added Boyle.

"We will be big and slow," stated Boyle. "We will not be attempting to outrun our opponents."

This will be the fifth year for Boyle at Farmington. He has

won the district two of four years, and his teams have averaged 500 ball.

Before coming to Farmington, Boyle directed the St. Leo's squad in Detroit where he compiled five district championships and one league championship in five years.

PONTIAC Northern, Walled Lake Central and Stevenson should all be tough this year in the Inter-Lakes," said Boyle. "If we can get lucky, we might be able to do something this season."

Farmington opens with Bentley on its home court with

the league opener being at Waterford a week later on Dec. 10.

The Falcons are involved in an eight-team Christmas tournament featuring Redford Union, Bentley, North Farmington, Detroit Redford, Henry Ford, Walled Lake Central and Walled Lake Western.

The holiday tournament will be hosted at RU and Bentley on Dec. 20, 21 and 22.

"We have strong potential, and the question is if our kids can come around," concluded Boyle. "We have a lot of juniors, and juniors make a lot of mistakes."

**Dateline Outdoors**  
By LEM MESEE  
Outdoors Writer

To the ordinary angler, this may seem like the year's doldrums. It's too cold to sit in a boat or wade a stream, and there's too little ice to venture out on the lakes for ice-fishing.

But there are a few hardy souls out now for spearing. From Nov. 1 to Dec. 31 there's a spearing season in this region for suckers, carp, whitefish and muskies, all of which are legally known as "rough" fish.

Some of the more popular spearing lakes in Oakland County are Cass, Union, Cedar Island, Oxbow, Orchard and Elizabeth.

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**BENTLEY OPENS FRIDAY** -- The Bulldogs under the direction of new Coach John Farrar travel to Farmington Friday night for their season opener. Bentley is picked to be one

of the areas top teams and making up the starting five are (from left) Dan Weiss, Gordon Chiasson, Coach Farrar, Tim Bollin, Ronnie Bawulski and Brian Gates. (Observer photo)