

Franklin's Height Too Much For Churchill

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CHURCHILL had 20 more shots than Franklin but it was a simple case of the Chargers being forced outside while Franklin moved inside.

The first quarter saw each team playing deliberate basketball.

"Churchill was waiting for us to make the mistakes," said Franklin Coach Bob Visser.

Tim Dietz and Mark Neuman hit the lone field goals for Franklin the first quarter as the Patriots went two for 10 from the floor. Churchill managed one better in going three for 10.

BRUCE VanWAGONER, Brian Sherman and Mike Keller popped in solo buckets for the Chargers but Franklin held a slim 8-7 lead after the first eight minutes.

Franklin improved on its shooting the second quarter, hitting 50 per cent from the floor on eight of 16 shots and Churchill connected on six of 14.

Franklin outscored Churchill in the second quarter, 18-15, to hold a 26-22 halftime advantage.

THE PATRIOTS shifted their defense in the second half and the Chargers could muster only one field goal in 14 attempts in the third quarter. Franklin didn't do much better but hit on four of 12 from the field and the Patriots

outscored Churchill, 14-10, to take a 40-32 lead into the final period.

With two minutes remaining, the Chargers blizzed to within four but the Patriots held their composure and went on to defeat Churchill, 59-52.

Franklin hit 40 per cent from the field in contrast to Churchill with a low, 27 per

cent. Each team collected 18 goals and the difference was at the free-throw line with Churchill making 15 of 27 while Franklin made good on 23 of 35.

DIETZ WAS high scorer for Franklin with 19 followed by Rick Graham with 18. Bruce VanWagoner collected 11 and Roy Henriksson, 10 for Churchill.

The Patriots outscored Churchill, 41-33, with Dietz collecting 13 and Rick Graham, 10.

"The key was our defense forcing them outside," said Visser. "Dietz was forcing their shooters to loop the ball over his hands. He blocked five shots and Churchill managed only six second shots as we controlled the boards."

"Where we almost gave the game away was in turnovers," added Visser. "We gave the ball up 24 times on mistakes."

St. Mary Rips St. Agatha, Records Seventh Straight

St. Agatha jumped to an early 9-2 lead... but time took its toll and the Aggies fell to powerful Orchard Lake St. Mary, 64-45, for their third basketball loss against four wins.

Undefeated St. Mary scored victory No. 7 and now ranks third in the state in Class C basketball.

AGATHA COACH Tom Sankovic was duly impressed with the performance of his squad and said, "If we can play the remainder of the season as well as we did against St. Marys, we will definitely be in the playoffs."

The Aggies are halfway through the season and hold a 4-3 record in the Catholic League Second Division West. The top four in the eight team league qualify for the playoffs.

Coach Sankovic sees the race shaping up as: "St. Marys and St. Alphonsus are shoe-ins but the races for the third and fourth positions are going to be interesting."

"It appears that it will be us (St. Agatha) along with Lourdes and St. Hedwig in the battle for third and fourth places."

With three minutes elapsed in the St. Mary contest, Mark Miron had popped in three baskets and the Aggies led, 9-2. St. Mary finally found the range but St. Agatha held a 14-12 first quarter edge.

ST. MARY scored three

quick baskets to open the second quarter and the Aggies just couldn't match them and trailed at the half, 32-23.

St. Mary outscored Agatha

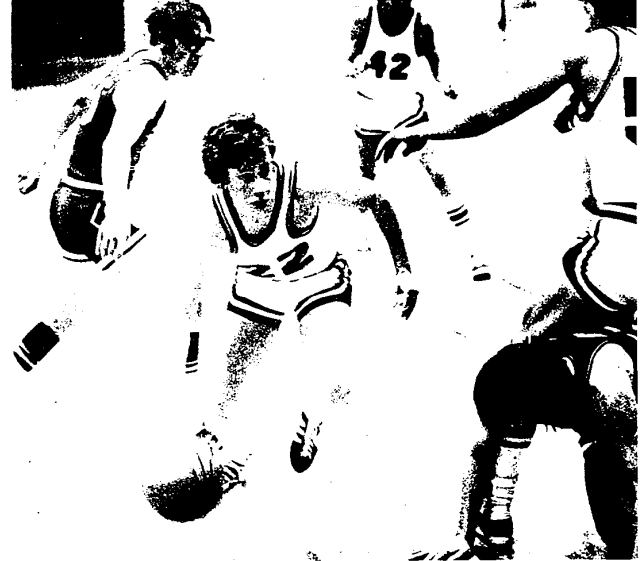
in the third quarter, 14-12, and 18-10 in the final quarter for an easy 64-45 win.

"St. Mary is a great opponent team," added Sankovic. "If you fall on a scoring change they'll come right back at you and score."

TOM CHURCHES and Mark Miron hit the double figure

mark for Agatha with 17 and 16 points respectively.

St. Mary was led by Mike Pactorek with 22 points and Paul Sakowski with 21. Pactorek and Sakowski also led in the rebound department with 19 and 15.



UNUSUAL BLOCK -- Franklin's Karney Derderian (22) finds the way clear to dribble around a Churchill defender as teammate Rick Graham (50) appears ready to fall backward

over the Charger player. The Patriots downed their neighboring rival, 59-52. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL
TUESDAY
Ann Arbor at GC East
Brighton at Clarensville
Farmdale at Birmingham Groves
Lutheran East at Country Day
Riverside at GC West
N. Farmington at Farmington
Dearborn at Stevenson
Oak Park at Lathrup
First Central at Bentley
St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha
FRIDAY
GC East at Taylor
John Glenn at Franklin
Bentley at Redford Union
Clarensville at Farmington
Churchill at Harrison
Trenton at Plymouth
N. Farmington at Groves
Country Day at Cranbrook
Cherry Hill at GC West
Southfield at Bentley
Brother Rice at Catholic Central
Lathrup at Farmington
Pontiac Northern at Stevenson
Oak Park at Thornton
St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel
Gabriel Richard at Bishop Burgess
HOCKEY
SUNDAY
Country Day at Aquinas at Warren, 1 p.m.
TUESDAY
Country Day at Cranbrook, 4 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Churchill at Austin, 8 p.m.
Stevenson vs. Southfield at Ford, 3:30 p.m.
Franklin vs. Lathrup at Ford, 8 p.m.
THURSDAY
Country Day at Southfield, 4 p.m.
Stevenson at Thornton, 3:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Churchill vs. Bentley at Ford, 7 p.m.
Franklin vs. Lathrup at Ford, 9 p.m.
WEST LEBANON
SATURDAY
Redford Union Invitational
TUESDAY
Redford Union at Allen Park
Garden City East at Romulus
Eastbrook at Harrison
Willow Run at John Glenn
WEDNESDAY
Birmingham Groves at North Farmington
Stevenson at Farmington
Cranbrook at Country Day
THURSDAY
Thornton at Oak Park
Garden City West at Southgate
Franklin at John Glenn
Bellefonte at Plymouth
Seaholm at Southfield
Edeal Ford at Bentley
Clarensville at Midland
SWIMMING
MONDAY
Brother Rice at Farmington
TUESDAY
Thornton, Edeal Ford at Farmington
Crestwood at Garden City West
Franklin at Garden City East
THURSDAY
Garden City West at Schaefer
Redford Union at Allen Park
Stevenson at Farmington
Mason at John Glenn
Anderson at North Farmington
Bellefonte at Plymouth
Edeal Ford at Bentley
Clarensville at Churchill
BOYS GYMNASIATICS
WEDNESDAY
North Farmington at Trenton
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THURSDAY
Harrison at Farmington
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WEDNESDAY
Clarensville at Harrison
THURSDAY
Farmington at North Farmington
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
WEDNESDAY
North Farmington at Thornton
Franklin at John Glenn
Birmingham Groves at Oak Park
GIRLS BASKETBALL
WEDNESDAY
Stevenson at Wood

Brother Rice Breezes Past Notre Dame For 5th In Row

Undefeated Brother Rice rolled over Notre Dame, 61-45, for its fifth basketball win and shares first place honors with U-D in the Catholic League First Division Central bracket.

Midway through the first quarter, Rice spurred to an 8-2 lead with Mark Hendricks popping in the first basket. Notre Dame pressed back but Rice held a 14-10 first quarter advantage.

Notre Dame scored three quick buckets in the second quarter and led 16-15 but Dan Damiani sunk two freethrows and Rice never had to look back.

Rice outscored Notre Dame in the second period, 15-14, to hold a 29-24 halftime lead.

Notre Dame could not score in the first five minutes of the third quarter and Rice came out 14-5 to hold a 43-29 lead going into the final stanza.

The fourth quarter saw both teams commit numerous turnovers but Rice managed to outscore

Notre Dame, 18-16, to capture the victory. RICE committed 20 turnovers to 15 by Notre Dame.

Bob Swanson led all scorers with 17 points for Rice followed by Mike Buescher with 14. Buescher led in rebounds with 18 as Rice outscored Notre Dame, 46-32.

Brad Simon paced the Notre Dame attack with 12 points, followed by Gerry Guinane and Terry Cirocco with 11 apiece.

THE DIFFERENCE was told in field goal percentage with Rice hitting 23 of 45 for 52 per cent while Notre Dame could only muster 16 of 56 for 28 per cent.

Rice hit 17 of 31 from the line and Notre Dame collected 13 of 20 to round out the scoring.

Rice travels to Catholic Central Friday for another Central Division showdown.

Schoolcraft Enters Varsity Gymnastics

Schoolcraft College will enter its first intercollegiate gymnastics competition when it travels to the DuPage Invitational in Chicago next month.

Following a year's development and preparation as a club, the squad coached by Dr. Cecil C. Woodford is getting into the thick of varsity competition fast.

At the invitational it will go

against the University of Chicago, Marquette, Wheaton, Triton College and Milwaukee Tech, to name a few.

The Ocelots hope for a good first year on the shoulders of five promising gymnasts headed by sophomore Mike McCammon.

McCammon, who prepped at Clarensville High, placed ninth "all around" in the national junior college championships last year. The all-around competition involves six olympic events: floor exercise, side horse, long horse, vaulting, still rings, and horizontal bar.

Jerry Reighard, also a sophomore, is a product of Wayne John Glenn. His specialties are the parallel bars, still rings, horizontal bar and floor exercise.

another gymnast from Clarensville's outstanding program, is the 1971 state high school champion in floor exercise and tumbling.

Larry Bickham from Livonia Stevenson, also a freshman, is strong in the parallel bars and still rings. Sophomore Dave Wolnie from Henry Ford High rounds out the squad.

Dr. Woodford is a second year instructor at Schoolcraft in its health and physical education department. An outstanding gymnast, he was captain of the Central Michigan squad his junior and senior years in college.

After his baptism at DuPage on Jan. 21, the squad has an away meet Feb. 5 at Cuyahoga Community College in Cleveland, and its only home meet is a return match against Cuyahoga on Feb. 18.

Howes Clash First Time At Olympia

The Detroit Junior Wings will face the Toronto Marlboros of the OHA Major "A" League in an exhibition game on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m. in Olympia Stadium.

This game will feature the first on ice confrontation between Mark and Marty Howe. The sons of Detroit Red Wing great Gordie Howe will be on opposing sides for the first time in their young hockey careers.

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Alpena - near Marquette: Adequate base, very good skiing.
CIRCLE T N T - near Port Huron: Eight-inch base, 3-4, new, very good.
MT. HOLLY - near Pontiac: Eight-inch base, two new, very good.
MT. BRIGHTON - near Jackson: 15-inch base, six new, very good.
PINE KNOB - near Clarkston: Eight-inch base, three new, very good.
TEEPLE HILL - Milford: Open weekends, very good.
EASTERN MICHIGAN
AU SABLE LODGE - Gaylord: six-inch base, fair.
BEAR MOUNTAIN - Grayling: 11-inch base, one new, good to excellent.
BINTZ APPLE MT. - Franken: Eight-inch base, two new, good.
FOURD SKI RESORT - Comins: Four-inch base, one new, good.
FUN VALLEY - Mt. St. Ignace: six-inch base, good.
MIO MT. - Mt. St. Ignace: six-inch base, one new, excellent.
MOTT MT. - Farmington: six-inch base, one new, good.
MT. MARIA - Hubbard Lake: Eight-inch base, one new, excellent.
OTSEGO SKI CLUB (Private) - Gaylord: 20-30 inch base, excellent.
PINNACLES - Gaylord: Four-inch base, good.
SNOWMAKES MT. - Clare: Six-inch base, three new, excellent.
STYLING SKI CLUB - Grayling: 10-inch base, excellent.
SYLVAN KNOB - Gaylord: Six-inch base, good.
TIMBERLINE MOUNTAIN - Mio: Eight-inch base, two new, excellent.
WEST MICHIGAN
BOYNE HIGHLANDS - Harbor Springs: 30-inch base.
BOYNE MOUNTAIN - Boyne Falls: 30-inch base.
BRADY'S HILLS - Lakeview: Four-inch base, two new.
CABERFAE - Cadillac: Eight-inch base, two new.
CANNONSBURG - Grand Rapids: 10-24-inch base, six new.
CRYSTAL MOUNTAIN - Sault Ste. Marie: Eight-inch base, four new.
HOLIDAY - Traverse City: Six-inch base, four new.
HUB'S NOB - Harbor Springs: 18-24-inch base, two new.

PANDO - Rockford: Four-10-inch base, two new.
SCHUERS MOUNTAIN - Marquette: 12-24 inch base.
SUGAR LOAF VILLAGE - Cedar: 15-20 inch base, six new.

SHANTY CREEK - Ballwater: Four-inch base, four new.
SWISS VALLEY - Three Rivers: Six-10 inch base, three new.
THUNDER MOUNTAIN - Boyne Falls: Open weekends, 20-inch base.
TIMBERIDGE - Kalamazoo: Six-15 inch base, four new.
TIMBERLEE - Traverse City: Five-15 inch base.
WALLOON HILLS - Walloon Lake: Open weekends, 20-inch base.
UPPER PENINSULA
BIG POWDERHORN - Near Bass: Near 10-inch base, two new, very good.
BRULE MT. - near Iron River: 12-25 inch base, one new, excellent.
CLIFFS RIDGE - near Marquette: Eight-inch base, good.
INDIANHEAD MT. - near Wakefield: Eight-10 inch base, good to very good.
PINE MT. - Iron Mountain: 15-24 inch base, good to excellent.
PODCUPINE MT. - Ontonagon: Six-inch base, four new, good to excellent.

CANADA
COLLINGSWOOD REGION: Nine-inch base, 4-5 new, good.
LAURENTIANS: Eight-25 inch base, five new, good.
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Van Wagoner	3/17	5/11	11
Henriksson	4/8	2/3	10
Reed	3/8	3/8	9
Sherman	4/12	1/2	9
Keller	1/6	2/4	4
Damaska	3/13	3/8	9
Totals	18/65	16/27	82

FRANKLIN (59)	FG	FT	PTS
Dietz	5/8	9/10	19
Loft	2/4	1/3	5
R. Graham	7/15	4/8	18
Neuman	1/5	1/1	3
Cleeden	1/3	2/4	4
CBS	0/3	2/2	2
N. Graham	2/7	4/8	8
Totals	18/65	23/35	59

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Country Day 69, Harper Woods 50
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