

# One-Two Punch Pays Off For North Farmington

The one-two punch of Rick Lorenz and Rick Schultz made North Farmington's final basketball game before the holiday break a delightful occasion.

With Lorenz scoring 21 points and Schultz 20, North Farmington romped past Oak Park, 77-54, to bring its overall record to 2-2 and its standing in the Northwest Suburban League to 1-1.

There never was much doubt about the North Farmington-Oak Park contest.

In the first period, the northsiders rolled up 21 points to just five for the opposition.

"We played a man-to-man defense against them and forced Oak Park to shoot from the outside," declared Dick Wilson, North Farmington's coach. "They got a lot of shots in the first period—something like 20—but they were far off the range."

At halftime it was 38-16 for North Farmington and the Wilson team added to its advantage in the second half.

Lorenz made eight of his points in the first period to help his team to take command in a hurry.

"We played very relaxed ball, at least more relaxed than in our previous games," added Wilson.

It also helped that North Farmington players brought with them their shooting eyes. They hit on 40 percent of their basket tries.

Lorenz finished with 10 baskets and one free throw. Schultz had nine hoops and two charities.

Curt Schumacher totalled seven points, Larry August and Gary Ettig six each; Larry Pederson and Andy Lawing four apiece, Ron Watson three and Doug Scheer two.

The North Farmington reserves finished in front by an equally decisive margin, winning 62-30.

# Sorrows Triumph Over St. Agatha

The Christmas season arrives on a doubly cheerful note for the members of Our Lady of Sorrows basketball team.

Not only is the holiday itself sufficient occasion for joy, but the Sorrows eagles are sitting fairly comfortable as they take time out for a little vacation.

Sorrows has won four and lost only one in the Northwest Division of the Catholic League to trail front-running Orchard Lake St. Mary's by only one game.

The Farmington eagles added another important loop victory last Tuesday when they rolled past St. Agatha from Redford Township, 74-52.

The game was close for only one quarter. After a 16-12 initial period in favor of Sorrows, the Farmington quietest really went to work in the second period to outscore its rival, 14-6.

Tom Doyle led the second period uprising with six points while Mike Bars and Mike Benner each had four and Ames Kearney two during the eight-minute span in which St. Agatha was held to just two baskets and a pair of free throws.

Doyle wound up as the top scorer for Sorrows with 21 points. Mike and Bryan Benner, Bars and Kearney also hit in double figures for the victors. For the losers, Pat Murphy was the top man with 16 points.

Here's how the varsity players scored:

**SORROWS**—Doyle, 23-21; M. Benner, 6-1 — 16; Bars, 5-3-13; B. Benner, 6-12; Kearney, 3-5-11; Ron Urban, 0-1-1.

**ST. AGATHA**—Murphy, 9-2-15; Mike Roemer, 6-3-15; Ron Zimmerman, 2-0-4; Tom Anthony, 2-4-4; Rick Collins, 2-3-4; Phil Davidson, 3-1-7; Dan Lilly, 2-1-5.

The reserve game developed into a thriller with St. Agatha squeezing out a 44-43 victory.

Dennis McCarney with 14 points on six baskets and two free throws topped the winners. Pat Timmons and Terry Phillips each had 10 points. For Sorrows, Dennis Kackro with 16 points and Tom Briolat with 12 were the leading scorers.

St. Agatha was beaten by Pontiac St. Frederick in another league game on Friday, 50-47.

The game was marked by a second quarter which produced a total of only eight points.

The Townshipers made six points in the frame on two baskets and two free throws while St. Frederick held to one basket after taking a 23-9 lead at the end of the first period.

Faced by Rick Collins who scored six straight baskets in the third period, St. Agatha managed to overtake St. Frederick by a point early in the final quarter. However, the Pontiac team had just enough

# R.U. No Match For Allen Park 5

Little things can get you into trouble.

Ask Redford Union High's basketball team and the RU Coach, Milo Karhu.

The North-side Townshipers got off on even terms with Allen Park last Friday night.

But then a few missed free throws, a muffed layup or two and a couple of Allen Park baskets made the score 15-8.

Moments later, the Parkers went into a pressing defense. These tactics unsettled the Redford Union forces.

A few bad passes and sudden deny the game had become a rout. By the first period's end, Allen Park held a 23-9 lead.

The R.U. fortunes didn't improve in the second period. Halftime came with Allen Park in front, 43-19.

In the third quarter, R.U. scored with greater success, but by now the game was beyond reach.

"You'd have to say that we were outclassed in this one," said Karhu.

Redford Union did enjoy one consolation. A week before, the Allen Park pair of Ron Howe and Bob Phillips had combined to score 70 points between them against Trenton.

This time, R.U. contained the pair to just 43. Howe scored 24 and Phillips 19.

"Handling this pair was simply too much for us," explained R.U. Coach Karhu.

Lloyd Bjork with six baskets and as many free throws paced the R.U. attack with 18 points. Harry Kendrick was next with five baskets and six free throws for 16 points.

Nobody else on the R.U. team scored more than four points. Al Marbach and Bob

# Rocks Fail To Score

One must go "way back in the records to find when Plymouth high's swimming team suffered the misfortunes the Rocks did in losing to Trenton, 71-34, last Friday night.

The Rocks didn't win a single event—at least, in competition. Plymouth was credited with first and second in the diving, but only via default after something went wrong with the springboard at Trenton and the hosts graciously forfeited the first two places.

Here's how the Rocks fared:

Medley relay: 2-Plymouth (Don Baker, Don Norman, Dan Verette, Pat Brady).

50-yard free: 2-Berry.

100-yard free: 2-Dave Cook.

200-yard free: 2-John Hetter.

400-yard free: 2-Mike Baehar.

800-yard free: 2-Berry.

1600-yard free: 2-Dave Cook.

3200-yard free: 2-Dave Cook.

6400-yard free: 2-Dave Cook.

12800-yard free: 2-Plymouth (Don Baker, Dan Norman, Dan Verette, Pat Brady).

Free style relay: 1-Franklin (Franklin, Don Baker, Kingsbury, Bob Currier). Time: 1:48.1.

# Thurston Beaten In Long Parade To Charity Line

There's no better way to describe Birmingham Groves' 80-73 victory over Thurston last Friday night than with one phrase:

"The parade to the free-throw line."

A record of sorts had to be set from the charity line.

Thurston had 49 chances to Groves' 39.

The fact that Groves hit on 36 of 39 while Thurston was 31 and missed 18 in a nutshell explains the result—an outcome that enabled Groves to take over the lead in the Northwest Suburban League.

Coach Mike Pasternak of Thurston couldn't recall when his team had made so many free tosses; nor could he remember when a team had missed so many.

"Sort of a paradox," declared Pasternak when the night's charity business had ended.

The muffed free throws, plus the loss of John Page on fouls in the fourth period, combined to hurt Thurston. When Page had to leave, his point total stood at 27 points—seven baskets and 13 free-throw successes.

Thurston never led once the game had passed the three-minute mark. Groves took an 18-11 advantage at the end of the first period, held a 32-20 edge after the half and went into the fourth period with a 64-52 command.

The closest Thurston stood all evening was four points in the second period.

Thurston's big headache centered around trying to stop Dennis Rafferty of Groves who crashed 13 baskets and eight free throws for 39 points.

Here's how the Thurston players scored:

Page 7-13-37; Fred Koester

4-12; Jerry Rothwell 3-4-10; Dan Best 2-2-6; Mike Bernhardt 1-4-6; Rick Stefan 1-3-5; Gary Schulte 2-1-5.

The Thurston reserves also succumbed, losing by a 76-68 score. Gary Smith pumped in 19 points, Bob Schmanke 18 and Dan Block 10 in a losing game. Thurston also lost on Saturday to Troy, 69-44.

# Bentley Wrestlers Celebrate

It'll be a Merry Christmas for Bentley High School's wrestling team.

The team has reached the holiday layoff from meets with a 3-0 record. Last Friday night, Bentley came up with winners in the final four matches to down arch-rival Franklin by a 25-19 score.

In fact not until Tom Shepherd won the heavyweight match for Bentley was the outcome decided. The results:

55 pounds—Joe Pullis (B) def. Bob Cox.

103 pounds—Fred Shepherd (F) def. Bruce Hinderbach.

112 pounds—Ron McElrath (B) def. Jerry Burdett.

129 pounds—Barrell Knox (F) def. Rich Wheeler.

137 pounds—Ron Sudejko (B) def. Mike Heston.

143 pounds—Fred Lockyer (F) def. Mike Dow.

158 pounds—Mike Townsend (F) pinned Mike Weson.

165 pounds—Dennis Fraser (F) pinned Bruce Wood.

184 pounds—Brian Quayle (B) def. Larry Vanlan.

195 pounds—Don Wells (B) def. Gene Vandenberg.

220 pounds—Rick Larsen (B) pinned Fred Heston.

Heavyweight—Tom Shepherd (B) def. Larry Hinderbach.

Bentley's reserves also won, 30-11.

# Bentley Loses Out In Swim

The Bentley high swimmers suffered a 58-49 loss at the hands of Belleville last Friday night.

The meet went down to the final relay before Belleville came through to top.

Bob Craver and Dennis Rogissant each fashioned a pair of victories for Bentley.

Here's how Bentley swimmers fared:

Medley relay: 2-Bentley.

50-yard free style: 1-Craver, 2-Ned Reamer. Time: 2:55.3.

100-yard free: 2-Arry Young.

Individual Medley: 1-Rogissant. Time: 2:00.

Diving: 2-Roger Ann.

100-yard free: 1-Craver. Time: 2:13 seconds.

200-yard free: 1-Young, 2-Charles Reider. Time: 5:11 seconds.

400-yard free: 1-Hoglaars. Time: 4:43.

Breast stroke: 2-Reamer.

Free style relay: 2-Bentley.

# Franklin Tank Win

Winning all but one event, Franklin high's swimming team rolled over Wayne John Glenn, 78-28, Friday night in a dual meet.

It was the most decisive victory ever scored by the Franklin tankers.

Here's the way the meet went for Franklin:

Medley relay: 1-Franklin (Mike McNeers, Scott Watkins, Jim Heston, Bill Joyner). Time 2:04.

50-yard free: 1-Gary Arnold.

100-yard free: 2-John Barr.

200-yard free: 1-Jim Oblin.

400-yard free: 1-Tom Topolewski.

800-yard free: 1-Eg Faucher.

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# Observing Sports

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to the heavyweight matmen; to the wives who don't complain when their husbands spend five and six hours every Sunday watching football on television; and speaking of TV, to such grand guys as Don Kremer, Van Patrick, Gene Osborn, Davey Diles and Ray Lane... and let's not forget Bob Reynolds and Paul Carey, whom we can hear on radio only.

To Nate Roth and the folks who made the Detroit Daily Press function during the recent newspaper strike in Detroit; to John Hoben, who has stepped down as a coach at Plymouth High after turning in a terrific job for more than a decade; to the athletes and students at Clarenceville High, who keep their spirits roaring, even though their teams have a tough time winning.

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**HAPPINESS, TOO, WE WISH:**

For Myra Chandler, with whom we have worked the last four years or so on this paper, and who last week was left with her fatherless children when life suddenly was squeezed out of Paul Chandler; we know that for Myra and the kids, it'll be a gloomy Christmas.

For all the good people of Livonia, Redford Township, Plymouth and more recently Farmington who have expressed such kind words about our efforts in the Observer; and to those who have panned our renditions.

For each of you who has read this far on this day which is so close to the day which means so much to so many.



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Now, as the holidays are here, all of us at DRC wish for you a joyous Christmas season and continued prosperity in the New Year.

Sincerely,

*Bob Craver*

President

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