Sorrows Ousted in Parish Cage Tourney

The tournament aspirations of the Our Lady of Sorrows basketball team didn't last long.

The Farmington cagers bowed out in the first round of the Catholic League's second-division meet at U. of D. last Sunday.

However, Sorrows didn't go down without giving the highly favored St. Phillips team a close and hard battle. The final score was 63-58.

Sorrows led at the end of the first quarter, 16-14, but fell back, 31-29, at halftime. In the third quarter, St. Phillips pulled away to an eight-point bulge and held on the rest of the way.

Bob Problewsano had 20 points and John McCarthy 18 for the winners. Miles Kearney scored 13 and Tim Doyle and Brian Benner 12 each for the losers.

It was the second defeat for Sorrows in less than 48 hours.

On Friday evening, Sorrows bowed to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 63-60, in their fight for the Northwest Division title in the Catholic circuit.

Sorrows had to win to gain a share of the crown. Taking the floor, Orchard Lake was assured of no less than a title share.

As a résult of the outcome, the Lakers wound up with an 11-1 league record. Sorrows closed with 9-3.

Sorrows started in high gear, taking a 23-10 lead at the end of the first quarter as Kearney knocked in 12 of the Sorrows' points in the initial eight-minute segment.

The second period proved quite the opposite. St. Mary's held the upper hand and outscored Sorrows, 19-8.

This meant that at the intermission, Sorrows led, 31-29.

The teams fought on virtually even terms the rest of the way. But St. Mary's outscored St. Agatha, 14-11, in the third period and 20-18, in the final stanza to gain its margin.

Kearney rifled in 26 points to star for the losers. Doyle had 14.

The Sorrows reserves came through a 58-53 winner against St. Mary's.

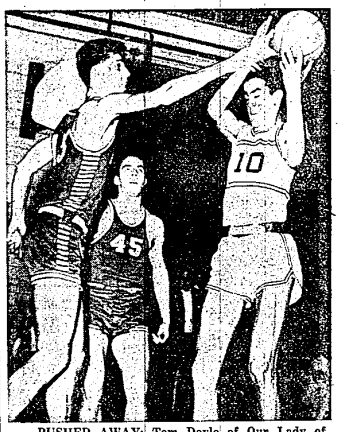
The box scores for Sorrows:

VS. O. L. ST. MARY'S

	G	F	P
Tim Doyle	5	4	14
Miles Kearney	12	4	26
Mark Hesener	2	2	6
Mike Barz	3	0	6
Brian Benner	2	2	6
Totals	24	12	60
Sorrows	23	8	11	8—60
St. Mary's	10	19	14	20—63

VS. ST. PHILLIPS

	G	F	P
Doyle	6	0	12
M. Benner	5	0	10
Betts	4	1	9
B. Benner	4	4	12
Kearney	6	1	13
Urban	1	0	2
Totals	26	6	58
St. Philips	14	17	17	15—63
Sorrows	16	13	11	18—58



PUSHED AWAY: Tom Doyle of Our Lady of Sorrows has the ball pushed out of his hands by a player from Orchard Lake St. Mary's. The Lakers won game to take the Northwest Division 1964-65 title.

3rd Tap Beats Buzzer, Saves North Farmington

"If you don't succeed the first time, try, try again."

John McDonald, a star on North Farmington high's basketball team, will have to admit that there is a great deal of truth in the old axiom.

Consider what happened to McDonald and his mates against Oak Park high last Friday night.

Oak Park had a 50-49 lead with fewer than 40 seconds remaining.

North Farmington fouled to get the ball and the strategy worked. The Parker shooter missed his chance on a one-and-one free-throw situation.

The Farmington team rebounded the ball and worked it around until the clock showed less than 10 seconds.

Rick Schultz was elected to make the final shot. He did.

The ball bounced off the hoop and Bill Bowles of North Farmington leaped up and took a tap at the ball.

His try slid across to the other side of the rim where McDonald reached up and took a poke.

The ball dropped back . . . so McDonald tapped again . . .

Once more no success . . . but luckily for McDonald and North Farmington the ball returned to the outstretched fingers of McDonald.

His third tap swished into the net and it gave North Farmington a thrilling 51-50 victory.

Just three seconds were left when the ball slipped through . . . and it broke the backs of Oak Park.

The setback knocked the Parkers out of a share of first place with Birmingham Groves.

It was big win for North Farmington, enabling the school to tie with Oak Park for second place, just a game off the pace in its bid to again share the Northwest Suburban League crown.

Thus, North Farmington has handed Oak Park its only two defeats this season in league play. The first time the schools met, the margin of victory was 23 points.

North Farmington jumped ahead, 14-8, after one quarter, but the count was knotted at 22-22 by halftime. In the third period, North Farmington went in front by three points, but with 2:20 left in the game, Oak Park was sitting pretty—so it seemed—with a 50-45 advantage.

Baskets by Bill Oldershaw and Rick Lorenz cut the differential to one point and paved the way for McDonald to emerge as the evening's biggest hero.

Schultz led the winners with 21 points.

The North Farmington reserves also won, but in much easier fashion, 94-29. Roger Schultz, Rick's younger brother; Jim Rulapaugh and Dick Capp stood out for the victors.

The varsity box score:

	G	F	P
Rick Schultz	7	7	21
John McDonald	4	1	9
Ron Watson	2	0	4
Bill Bowles	2	0	4
Rick Lorenz	3	0	6
Bill Oldershaw	1	0	2
Larry August	3	1	7
Totals	20	11	51
N. Farmington	14	8	18	11—51
Oak Park	8	14	13	15—50

JOHN PAGE of Thurston goes high to score on Birmingham Groves. But the team rallied to win and stay in first place.

2 Regulars Ailing, Thurston Beaten

Coach Mike Pasternak had no alibis for the 66-59 defeat his Thurston high basketball team suffered at the hands of Birmingham Groves Friday night.

But he could have lamented the fact that the flu bug had struck two of his players during the week.

First there was Rich Stefani who couldn't drill all week. Then there was Reg Barringer, who was hit by illness the day before the game.

Both players were on deck Friday night, but neither was up to his usual par.

The defeat, against the Northwest Suburban League leaders, virtually knocked out Thurston from title contention.

"We keep blowing great chances to do something," says Pasternak.

The usual problem of not being able to get started in the first period again plagued Thurston. This time Thurston made only 10 points in the first period to the opposition's 22.

"They were hitting and we weren't in that first quarter," said Pasternak.

Thereafter, Thurston more than held its own against Groves, but the damage had been inflicted.

The Raffery Brothers, Don and Mike, proved too much for Thurston. Don caged 18 points and Mike slugged in 12.

For Thurston high honors went to John Page and Terry Rothwell. Each had identical scoring totals of eight baskets and two free throws for 18 points.

The reserve game was a thriller with Thurston hanging on to gain a 46-45 triumph.

With two minutes left to go, the Townshippers held a 46-45 command. But Groves came back to make matters uncomfortable until the final buzzer went off.

Bob Wardrop again played a starring role for the winners. He tossed in 16 points.

The varsity box score for Thurston:

	G	F	P
John Page	8	2	18
Terry Rothwell	8	2	18
Gary Knock	4	1	9
Gary Schulte	2	2	6
Reg Barringer	1	3	5
Randyn Samelson	1	0	2
Totals	24	10	58
Thurston	10	14	14	22—58
Groves	22	16	12	16—66

Titans End Home Stay In Tilt With Ohioans

The University of Detroit will finish a four-game home stay at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18 when they face Baldwin-Wallace in the Memorial Building.

The Yellow Jackets of Baldwin-Wallace, led by 6'3" guard Roland "Flash" Gordon, scoring 21.8 points per game, are a team which scores 75 points each outing and has suffered four of its defeats by a total of only 16 points.

Watch For POOLARAMA Coming to LIVONIA

Bentley Now 2nd In Battle

Bentley high's basketball team has made a little progress in its bid to repeat as Suburban Six League champs.

The Livonians now occupy second place all to themselves after drubbing Belleville, 52-42, last Friday while Allen Park was nipped in a thriller by Redford Union.

However, Trenton remains the league's front-runners by one full game over Bentley.

"We can help ourselves by beating Trenton," said Bentley Coach George Fefles, "but we need some help from another team. Otherwise the best we can do is wind up in a tie for first."

Bentley had to fight back to win over Belleville. After the first quarter, Bentley lagged by a 15-9 score.

It was 26-22 for Belleville at half time.

Then Bentley decided it was time to go to work. Fred Matevia rifled in a pair of long shots and the score was tied after two minutes of play in the third period.

Nick Bonder folowed with a hoop and Bentley was in front for keeps.

Going into the final period, Bentley led by 37-34 and the Livonians added to their lead in the closing eight minutes of action.

Fefles made two changes to start the second half.

First he had his forces go into a zone defense. That helped to slow down the Belleville offense. Belleville managed only eight points in each of the last two quarters.

Then Bentley made some of is own offensive adjustments to cope with the Bellevilla defense, which was also a zone.

"We also were working the ball better and getting better shots," added Fefles.

Matevia and Bonder provided the big spark for Bentley as far as points were concerned. They had 16 and 15, respectively. Right behind them was Bob Elsmer who shot in 14, including eight successes from the free-throw line.

The Bentley reserves walked all over Belleville by a 69-29 score.

The work of Greg Coleman, Mike Macauley and Greg Mapes stood out for the Bentley reserves.

The Bentley varsity box score:

	G	F	P
Nick Bonder	6	3	15
Tim Dull	1	1	3
Fred Materia	6	4	16
Gary Faulks	0	2	2
Bob Elsmer	3	8	14
Ken Brown	1	0	2
Totals	17	18	52
Bentley	9	13	15	15—52
Belleville	15	11	8	8—42

Wrestling Returns To Olympia Feb. 26

The first wrestling bout at Olympia since May 23 last year will be staged during February when the Stadium inaugurates a new series called "Championship Wrestling."

The "live" bouts at Olympia, starting Feb. 26, are an outgrowth of the successful weekly "Championship Wrestling" television series.

Under arrangements of the new series, Olympia retains the services of Dick the Bruiser, Wilbur Snyder and a host of other top-rated wrestlers.

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

Forget the snow . . . and cold.

Spring can't be far away . . . not with the Tigers and the other major league clubs starting spring training in the next week or two.

All of which makes the following phone call very appropriate this time.

The caller identified himself and asked if we remembered him.

We did.

"Please keep my name out of this if you say anything," he declared.

We agreed.

"You, Mr. Maskin, have written a lot about how Livonia and other neighboring communities go in so much for little league baseball, yet do almost nothing to help the boys who range in ages from 16-19.

"Well, put yourself in my shoes.

"I and a few others would like to do what you say. We, too, agree that it's far more important to help the boys who are in high school, or just out.

"How are you going to accomplish it?"

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THERE WAS a slight pause. Our friend continued.

"Now is the time we should be thinking about a summer baseball program," the caller continued. "You can't wait until March or April.

"But, where can we get help? We try the schools and want to talk to some of the kids . . . in hopes of being able to sign them up for summer play.

"We're told this is against the rules. What rules? In Detroit, the sandlot managers get to the schoolboys during the winter and sign them . . . for play, of course, on amateur teams.

"That's just one headache we have. The recreation department (in Livonia) doesn't seem to want to do much for the older boys.

"Then there are the so-called sponsors. You drop in on a merchant or somebody who might have some money to foot the bills . . . and he tells you:

"'Why should I kick out two or three hundred bucks? If I put up $35 or $40, I can be a big-shot sponsor of a Little League team.'"

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AS YOU CAN SEE, the caller (a Livonian, incidentally) was hardly in a happy mood.

"We have more problems," the gent added. "The few of us who want to work with the older boys need additional fathers. But, we call meetings and nothing happens. The response is terrible.

"And, finally, Mr. Maskin, there is the attitude of the boys themselves. Time was when hundreds of teen-agers wanted to spend the summer playing baseball.

"Now there are too many diversions. They'd rather drive around in an old car with a couple of gals in the front seat.

"Television has hurt. So have drive-in movies.

"Guys like me who want to do something are stymied every time we make a move. Maybe, Mr. Maskin, you can assist us."

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ASSIST IS SOMETHING we'd like to do. But, unfortunately, all we can do is to rap away at a typewriter.

We have spoken our piece on kids baseball. More than once we have been slapped down.

Some folks have told us why should we care about baseball, when our principal job is with the Detroit Pistons basketball club.

The sport doesn't make any difference.

It's the youngsters we feel count the most. One must experience an unhappy situation, which perhaps stemmed in part from the denial of an opportunity for a teen-ager to engage in sports, before he can attack the present teenage athletic crisis and try to remedy matters.

We know all about television and autos. We have a 17-year-old son, too.

But we also have a 14-year-old who cries for the chance to engage in sports and fortunately there are some who create a place for this boy. It could be the chance to play now may keep him actively engaged in sports when he's 17 or 18.

We hope so . . . and we also hope that there'll be a team around to accommodate this boy.

It's my thought if we're to have more and better teen-age baseball in Livonia . . . in Farmington . . . in Redford Township . . . in Plymouth . . . the recreation departments will have to take the original initiative.

If these tax-supported bodies can put forth the necessary dollars, we're certain men, who currently are harassed because of the battle to gain funds, will come forth in greater numbers to help run the teams.

Certainly, the area is jammed with coaches and

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Rocks Victors Over Franklin

A runaway third period enabled Plymouth high's basketball team to whip Franklin, 75-41, Saturday night after Franklin had turned back John Glenn, 70-39, in a Northwest Suburban League game on Friday night while Plymouth fell to Suburban Six League leader Trenton, 71-56.

Plymouth and Franklin had been moving along on fairly even terms for about 10 minutes.

Then the Rocks made their move to gain a 42-32 halftime lead and they followed with a roaring outbreak in the third stanza when they outscored Franklin, 18-5, to put the game out of reach.

In the third period uprising, Rick Jones scored six points; Dave Tidwell five and Jim Lake four for the victors. Meantime, Franklin was held to just one basket and three free throws.

Dan Stamper notched 17 points and Jones 15 to pace the winners while Ray Porter scored 13 and Paul Katosh 11 for the losers.

In the reserve game it was Franklin by a 61-53 score as Ron Wicks and Tom Reich hit for 17 and 16 points, respectively, for the victors and Bill Way tossed in 17 for the losers.

The varsity box score:

FRANKLIN	G	F	P	PLYMOUTH	G	F	P
Porter	4	5	13	Tidwell	3	1	7
Cannon	0	1	1	Cranford	5	2	12
Lee	1	1	3	Catlett	4	7	15
Lukinen	2	2	6	H'sworth	0	3	3
Gulbr'son	2	2	6	Lake	2	1	5
Katosa	3	5	11	Schurmen	1	0	2
Atkinson	0	1	1	Bergner	1	0	2
Totals	12	17	41	Hannula	2	1	5
				Daniel	1	0	2
				Grady	0	1	1
				Stamper	6	5	17
				Totals	27	21	75
Plymouth				13	16	18	28—75
Franklin				10	11	5	15—41

HAVE NO PROBLEMS

Winning for Franklin over Glenn was never much of a problem. The Livonians took a 23-11 lead in the first period as Ray Porter caged 10 points and Sam Antonazzo knocked in eight points.

By halftime it was 35-24 and Franklin exploded again in the third period to outscore Glenn, 17-9, and put the game out of reach.

Porter had 17 points to top the victors while Carl Gulbranson and Paul Katosh each contributed 11.

The Franklin reserves also came through on top, scoring a 69-43 decision. Al Jose notched 14 for high honors.

The Franklin varsity box score:

	G	F	P
Ray Porter	8	1	17
Tom Cannon	1	1	3
Dale Lee	3	1	7
Cal Luttinen	2	3	7
Sam Antonazzo	4	0	8
Carl Gulbronson	4	3	11
Paul Katosh	4	3	11
Al Hellstrk	1	0	2
Steve Atkinson	1	2	4
Totals	28	14	75
Franklin	23	12	17	18—70
Glenn	11	13	9	6—39

FAST START — BUT

Plymouth jumped off to a fast start against Trenton in its Suburban Six League battle Friday night, taking a 13-8 lead after one quarter as Dave Tidwell bagged six of the points.

It was 44-42 for the Rocks at half, after which Trenton's steamroller went to work to outscore Plymouth, 23-8, in the third period. John Hutchinson, Don Stanley and Gary Vick accounted for 18 of the Trenton points in the period.

Henderson led all scorers with 23 points. Stanley had 16 for the winners. For the losers, only Dave Tidwell finished in double figures, hitting five baskets for 10 points.

The Trenton reserves also triumphed, topping the Rocks by eight points.

The Plymouth varsity scoring:

	G	F	P
Dave Tidwell	5	0	10
Don Cranford	1	2	4
Rick Jones	2	3	7
Dave Hollinsworth	1	0	2
Chuck Masten	1	4	6
Jim Lake	3	0	6
Jim Scharman	1	0	2
John Burgner	1	0	2
John Hannula	0	5	5
John Daniel	1	0	2
Gary Grady	1	2	4
Don Stamper	0	6	6
Totals	17	22	56
Plymouth	13	18	8	17—56
Trenton	8	24	23	16—71

Schoolcraft Wins, Loses On Court

Schoolcraft College's basketball team broke even in a pair of games last week.

After breaking away in the final half to beat Western Ontario Tech. College, 83-73, Schoolcraft fell to the Detroit Tech reserves, 72-68.

Schoolcraft bested West Ontario, 41-39, before taking full command after the intermission.

Gerald Kisabeth had 20 points to lead the victors. Cal Luibrand chipped in with 18.

Against the Detroit Tech team, Schoolcraft stood, 32-32, at halftime. In the second half the locals roared in front by a 55-41 score at one stage, but Tech came storming back to win in the final few moments. Kisabeth with 19 and Luibrand with 17 topped the losers.

The Schoolcraft box score vs. West Ontario Tech:

	G	F	P
Gerald Kisabeth	8	4	20
Cal Luibrand	6	6	18
Scott McIntyre	4	6	14
Gerald Allen	5	2	12
Rick Davis	4	4	12
Tom Janaulis	1	2	4
Bob Geist	1	0	2
Jeff Houtaling	0	1	1
Totals	29	25	83

The Schoolcraft box score vs. Detroit Tech JV:

	G	F	P
Gerald Kisabeth	5	9	19
Cal Luibrand	5	7	17
Gerald Allen	4	3	11
Scott McIntyre	4	1	9
Bob Geist	2	0	4
Rick Davis	4	0	8
Totals	20	20	60

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