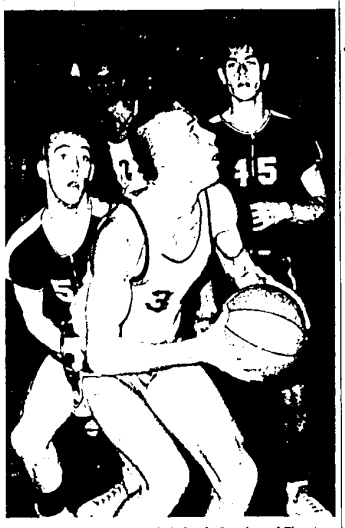

GETTING SET to pump one in is Randy Samelson of Thurston. Carl Gulbronsen (45) and Dale Lee of Franklin stand by, both hoping that his rival will miss an easy shot.

FRANKLIN FALLS:

Better Defense Aids Thurston

Nothing makes a coach or teacher happier than to see that his instruction has produced some results.

Coach Mike Pasternak of Thurston high's basketball team had spent the week working on defense. He knew his team could score.

After all, Thurston had piled in 90 or more points in three of its Northwest Suburban League games.

Pasternak saw his teachings pay off last Friday night when Thurston bested Franklin, 76-63, to take a 4-1 record in the league and undisputed possession of second place behind unbeaten Birmingham Groves (5-0).

It was also Thurston's ninth win in 12 games while dropping Franklin's record to three-two in the league.

"For the first time in several games, we played defense the way we should," explained Pasternak.

Pasternak had Thurston resort to a zone press in the second period in order to cut down an early 18-10 Franklin lead. By the time halftime was reached Thurston had pulled on top, 33-29.

Thurston played a man-to-man defense the rest of the game and it "worked very well" according to Pasternak.

Tom Reich clicked for eight points in the first quarter to help send Franklin into their early lead.

But with Randy Samelson and Bob Wardrop hitting, and the defense tightening up, Thurston took over in the second period and never relinquished the lead. In the second quarter, Samelson made three baskets and six free throws for 12 points, while Wardrop added five big points.

Samelson was the big gun for the winners, ripping in 10 baskets and eight free throws for 28 points.

Next came Wardrop with 19 points while Rod Barringer hit double figures with 12.

Carl Gulbronsen had 15 to set the pace for Franklin. Next came Reich and Al Jose with 10 each.

The game was close from the field. Thurston made 26 baskets to 24 for Franklin. The big edge was on free throws where Thurston tossed in 24, Franklin 15.

The Thurston reserves had too much for Franklin, winning by a 67-49 count. Don Kopec had 15, Rick Knock 14 and Urban Rice 12 for the victors. Wendrick of Franklin's reserves tossed in 18.

Thurston takes on Glenn this week, while Franklin travels to North Farmington.

The Franklin-Thurston varsity box score:

THURSTON	B	F	P
Knock	3	2	8
Samelson	10	8	28
Schultze	1	1	3
Rieck	3	0	6
Wardrop	4	11	19
Barringer	5	2	12
Totals	26	24	76

FRANKLIN	B	F	P
Gulbronsen	5	5	15
Reich	5	0	10
Jose	5	0	10
Katosh	2	4	8
Luttbeg	2	2	6
Porter	3	0	6
Neeley	2	0	4
Wicks	0	2	2
Lee	0	1	1
Totals	24	13	63

Franklin	18	11	17	17—63
Thurston	10	23	20	23—76

Sails Aboard Cruiser

Machinist's Mate Fireman Roger D. McLean, Jr., USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. McLean, Sr., 11533 Deering, Livonia, is continuing Sixth Fleet operations in the Mediterranean aboard the guided missile heavy cruiser USS Boston, after spending the holiday season in Beirut, Lebanon.

Thurston's Bill Zeeb Sparkles

Bill Zeeb of Thurston high school continues to add personal swimming achievements.

Zeeb, who leads the state's prep swimmers in best times recorded in the 200-yard and 400-yard free style events, set pool records in winning the two races at Franklin last Friday night as he led Thurston to a 61-44 victory.

Zeeb covered the 200-yard race in 1:53.2 and took the longer event in 4:14.5.

Thurston copped seven of the events in emerging as the meet victor.

The results:

Medley relay: 1—Franklin (Erickson, Zelek, Barkley, Arnold), 2—Thurston (Harris, Walsh, Perry, Lockwood). Time: 1:52.4.

100-yard free style: 1—Zeeb (T), 2—Kingsbury (F), 3—Hudson (T). Time: 1:53.2.

50-yard free style: 1—Smith (T), 2—Huitquist (F), 3—McEwen (T). Time: 24.3 seconds.

200-yard individual medley: 1—Barringer (T), 2—Bates (F), 3—Sansone (T). Time: 2:16.

Diving: 1—Massoli (T), 2—Haight (T), 3—Gizzi (F).

100-yard butterfly: 1—Barkley (F), 2—Barringer (T), 3—Huitquist (F) Time: 59.2 seconds.

100-yard free style: 1—Kelhler (T), 2—Arnold (F), 3—Ferguson (F). Time: 58 seconds.

100-yard back stroke: 1—Smith (T), 2—Kingsbury (F), 3—Glover (F). Time: 1:02.7.

400-yard free style: 1—Zeeb (T), 2—Hudson (T), 3—Barr (F). Time: 4:14.5.

100-yard breast stroke: 1—Zelek (F), 2—Watkins (F), 3—Walsh (T). Time: 1:08.1.

400-yard free style relay: 1—Thurston (Craven, McEwen, Keithler, Bischele), 2—Franklin (Bates, Ferguson, Weier, Henderson). Time: 3:43.2.

Observing Sports

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SHORT 'N SWEET: Hats off to Joe Falls, the newly named sports editor of the Detroit Free Press, and his two right-hand men, George Puscas and Ken Clover. We've had the privilege of working with and knowing all three. They're quite a trio.

Chief-area scout Lou D'Annunzio of the Tigers tells us he plans to spend a lot of time looking over the sandlot baseball players in the Greater Livonia area. Before Louie trudges forth at Ford Field on Farmington Road, he's going to spend some time down at Lakeland, Fla., which shouldn't be hard to take.

Can't understand why the Associated Press and United Press International didn't find a higher spot in their ratings for Livonia Bentley high's basketball team. Hal Schram does well for Bentley, but our outstate sports-writing friends seem to have forgotten that up until this past week Bentley had lost only to River Rouge's state Class B champs.

Tommy Devine, the publicity boss at the Detroit Race Course, reports that the track is getting ready for another banner season this year . . . Bob Leggatt takes over as Schoolcraft College's basketball coach next season. Wilson Munn is handling the job just for this season.

Bowlers Open Firing in Rich Event Saturday

Now Is Time to Enter Mixed Doubles

With a guaranteed first prize of $2,500, interest in the fourth annual Observer Newspapers—Merri-Bowl Lanes mixed doubles tournament is at the highest peak in history with entries pouring in for all dates.

The tourney is slated to get underway on Saturday, Feb. 5 and continue on weekends until Sunday, May 29, after which the scores will be rechecked before the winners of the three top guaranteed prizes are announced.

Tournament Director Mac Goldman boosted the guaranteed prizes to the highest total ever — $2,500 for first; $1,250 for second and $750 for third — and anticipates the largest entry to date.

There are some changes in the rules which should tend to make it more interesting than in the past.

In the first place, no bowler may compete more than once—in the past entrants could compete more than once provided he or she had a different partner in each appearance.

Goldman also has placed a ban on Merri-Bowl employes this year.

The mixed doubles meet is a handicap affair with 400 scratch and 7 per cent handicap. The bowling fee is $10 per couple which covers everything. A total of $5 goes into the prize fund. $3.30 is used for payment of bowling fees and the remaining $1.70 is for tournament expenses.

Bowling will consist of three games across two lanes.

Entrants must present sanctions cards at the time of bowling. Any kegler who falsifies his or her average forfeits all rights to prize money. Prizes will be paid when averages of all winners have been verified.

The rules committee reserves the right to refuse any entry and the decision of the rules committee is final. ABC and WIBC tournament play rules will apply in all instances not pecifically covered by the announced tournament rule.

All entrants are warned that a chance of reserved squad times must be requested five days in advance.

The time schedule is the same for each Saturday and Sunday of the three-month long tournament and includes 11 a.m., noon, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 p.m.

The dates are:

SATURDAYS

Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26.
March 5, 12, 19 and 26.
April 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.
May 7, 14, 21 and 28.

SUNDAYS

Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27.
March 6, 13, 20 and 27.
April 3, 10, 17 and 24.
May 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

SIGNING UP for the fourth annual Observer Newspapers-Merri-Bowl Lanes mixed double tournament are two husband-wife teams from the Friday mixed league. The group includes: (from left) Joe Paul, Tournament Director Mac Goldman, Mrs. Verna Paul, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greulick. The tourney starts Saturday morning and ends the final weekend in May.

Preps Cage Schedule

WEDNESDAY

Stevenson at Berkley reserves.

THURSDAY

St. Charles at Our Lady of Sorrows.

FRIDAY

Glenn at Thurston
Franklin at North Farmington
Belleville at Plymouth
Allen Park at Bentley
Redford Union at Trenton
Clarenceville at Northville
Ypsilanti St. John at St. Agatha
Riverview at Garden City East
Kennedy at Garden City West
Waterford at Farmington

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The battle of the field goals ended all even between the Plymouth and Allen Park high basketball teams Friday night.

In free throw shooting, Allen Park made 28 out of 34 tries to Plymouth's 19 for 28.

Added together, this made it possible for the Parkers to emerge with a 74-65 victory in the Suburban Six League contest.

"They had a little too much depth for us," said Dick Bearup, the Plymouth coach.

"They were able to shuttle in and out of the game 10 players, nine of whom scored. We had to concentrate on five boys and they got a little tired.

Plymouth went off to a 14-11 lead after one period, but by halftime, Allen Park had taken command, 33-28. It was 53-42 for the Parkers at the three-quarter mark and Plymouth wasn't able to get back into the struggle in the closing period.

Jim Scharmen topped Plymouth's attack with 20 points. Rick Jones scored 17, Chuck Catlett 14, Mike Stakas eight and Ron Lowe six.

It's back to league action this Friday as the Rocks entertain Belleville.

St. Agatha Splits

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the rest of the way, despite a 20-point personal effort by Murphy.

Pat Timmons was the only other St. Agatha eager to strike in double figures as he drilled in 10 points.

John Hamilton with 17 and John Snyder with 14 topped the winners.

St. Agatha's reserves wound up a double winner for the week. They crushed St. Thomas, 54-33, as Mike Lilley tallied 16, Jerry Myron 14 and Dan Sweeney 10.

Myron rolled up 14 points, Sweeney 14 and Lilley 11 in a 72-41 thumping of St. Francis.

Ypsilanti St. John serves up the opposition in the St. Agatha gym this Friday night.

IN ROUND TWO:

Trojans Zoom To Fast Start

Round Two started on a happy note for Clarenceville high's basketball team.

After the Trojans had lost their first seven games in Wayne-Oakland League action, they opened the second half of the season last Friday night with a 63-60 verdict over Milford.

"I think we'll have a better time from here on in," said coach Bob McKillop of Clarenceville after the victory.

The return to action of Mike Nye, who had hurt his knee in the second game of the season and required surgery, should help Clarenceville in the home stretch, the coach believes.

Clarenceville spotted Milford a 16-10 lead before rallying to pull the game out. John McClorey struck for eight points in the second period to pace the Trojans to a 27-26 halftime bulge.

Chris Hawkins then took over in the third period and hit for 14 points as Clarenceville matched Milford's 21 points. Seven free throws proved vital for the Trojans in the tight last period.

Hawkins topped the winners with 20 points, plus 15 rebounds. Dave Wilson was next with 12 points while Fred Neal had 10 and McClorey eight.

Ron Ray made only three points, but he plucked 10 rebounds to play an important part in the victory. When Ray went on, Tom Harbourne came in to pick up the slack.

The victory followed on the heels of a 61-50 loss to Holly in which Wilson scored 11 points and Neal and Ray ten each.

The Clarenceville reserves overpowered Holly by 15 points with a 16-point outburst by Bob Dunnan leading the way. In the Milford game, Clarenceville's reserves suffered a 58-57 setback.

Clarenceville will strive to avenge an early-season, one-point loss when it plays at Northville Friday night.

Sorrows Loses

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Then in the third period, St. Benedict rushed in 21 points to eight for Sorrows.

Tim Allen, St. Benedict's star, again was the game's standout. This time he drilled in 23 points.

Tim Doyle alone scored in double figures for Sorrows, bagging 17 points. Mark Benner had seven, while Frank Carrico and Jerry Turner notched six apiece.

Mark Christopher found the mark for four points, Brent Stoops three and Tom Webster one.

The reserve battle went to Sorrows, 56-51, with Dennis Perry and Mike Barnes each tallying 14 points.

Thursday night, Sorrows entertains St. Charles in a non-league game.

Redford Bowler First in Area To Fire a 300

A Redford Township bowler has the honor of firing the first 300 game in the Observer Newspaper area.

Ray Pomaville, 15438 MacArthur, Redford Township, was in the groove while bowling with the All Machinery team in the Bel-Aire Lanes Senior House League and recorded the first perfect game ever in the circuit.

Ray started his evening's work with a 220, then hit for 12 in a row and wound up with a 213 for a big 733 count.

Joe Venticinque, relling in the Westbrooke Manor Mixed League, just missed equalling the effort when he had a 280.

Raiders Fall

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macher seven and Jim Rulapaugh four.

Individual honors in the game went to Oak Park's Holloman who ripped the cords for 38 points.

The reserve game was a wild-scoring affair with North Farmington emerging an 83-77 victor.

Mark Fuller had a brilliant night with 30 points for North Farmington while Chuck Hill was equally outstanding caging 26 points. Fourteen of Hill's points came on free throws.

Franklin moves into North Farmington's gym Friday night.

Perhaps you didn't land in a bed of roses, but at least be glad your parachute opened.

Swimmers Fall Twice

The Schoolcraft College swimming team fell short against Ford and Aquinas in a double-dual meet last Saturday night.

Schoolcraft was outscored, 80-15, by Ford and 59-35 by Aquinas.

Larry Fitzgerald, a freshman from Garden City, gained the only victory in each meet for Schoolcraft when he was first in the 50-yard free style.

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