

Farmington Cagers Square Off for Crown

Champs of the Interlakes League... Who? Farmington high school's basketball team. The Falcons shoot for the golden honor Friday night when they close their regular campaign at Pontiac Northern. A triumph would give Coach Jack Quiggle and Co. an undisputed crown. Otherwise, Farmington would have to share the flag.

It's been five years (1961) since Farmington last reigned as title.

The Falcons assured themselves no less than a title last Friday and at the same time set a school record for points in routing Walled Lake on the Lakers' court, 100-62.

The next night Farmington capitalized on free-throw shooting to down North Farmington, 58-45.

"We're really coming along very well," said a happy Quiggle, whose team now boasts an overall 10-4 record while standing 4-1 in the four-team Interlakes League.

Farmington soared off to a 20-14 lead against Walled Lake and really slowed down despite the fact Quiggle gave all his charges a chance to play.

In the second period, the Falcons tallied 21 points. They added 27 in the third period and finished with 23 in the closing quarter.

Steve Moore rolled in 20 points on five baskets and 10

free throws to top the winners. Mike Wilson and Greg Dorow fashioned identical totals of eight hoops and three charities for 19 points.

Mike Ames fired in four baskets and seven free ones for 15 points.

Others to score for the Falcons were George Habicht and Fritz Slagter with seven each. Al Kulkas with five and Mike Thompson and Bob Gilbert with four each.

Free throws proved the deciding factor in the Farmington-North Farmington game. The Farmington team notched only 17 baskets to 20 for North Farmington.

However, when it came to charities, Farmington pumped in 24 while its cross-town rival clocked in only five to finish with one of its lowest totals in a long time.

Mike Ames was the big gun for the victors, scoring 23 points on eight baskets and seven free throws. Wilson also hit double figures with 14 points while Rick Lorenz was the lone North Farmington player in double figures with 11.

Farmington moved to an 11-10 record after one period, then outscored North 15-8 in the second and 11-7 in the third to pull away to a comfortable margin.

The reserve encounter went to North Farmington, 61-53, despite a 24-point effort by George Grimmalla of the losers.

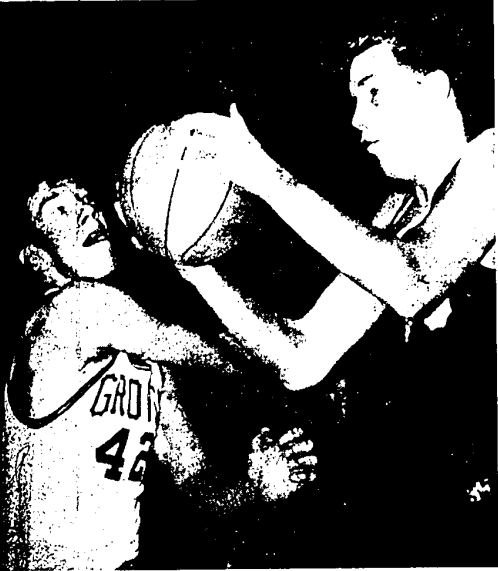
The Farmington-North Farmington rivalry box score:

Farmington	N. Farmington
Ames	23
Wilson	14
Slagter	7
Kulkas	5
Thompson	4
Gilbert	4
Others	10
Totals	17

Farmington 58, N. Farmington 45.

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TAKE IT EASY: Groves' Mike Rafferty gives the impression he's mad and slapping at the ball as Ron Block of Thurston goes to shoot.

Bentley, Trenton Still Tied for First Place

The dog fight continues in the Suburban Six League's basketball title chase.

With three weekends to go, it's still Trenton and Bentley in a tie for the top with 61 points. Trenton behind in Bedford Union at 52.

"Anything can happen," said Bentley coach George Poffey after his fourth game charged past Plymouth, 61-44. At the same time, Trenton had jarred Allen Park, 66-60, and RU ripped apart Belleville, 58-37.

"If we just keep winning, well, nobody can catch us and we'll take it all ... by ourselves."

What's left for Bentley? This Friday it's on to Belleville. That comes what shapes up as the most vital of all games—against Trenton.

And to end the regular campaign, Bentley must face Redford Union, the team which joined the Livonians in the title round.

"We can't afford to slip, not one inch," added Poffey who was satisfied with the way Bentley finished against Plymouth.

Bentley got into some foul difficulties in the first half against the Bucks with the result Bentley held only a 19-15 edge after the first period and a 34-26 half-time command.

In the first half, Plymouth notched only six baskets, but hit on 14 of 31 free throws.

Bentley tightened up after the intermission, making few fouls—10 in all—and holding Plymouth to just 18 points in the remaining 16 minutes of action.

The Livonians kept the pressure on Plymouth all the way with happy results.

Larry Grimm hit on four baskets to shoot Bentley on top for keeps in the first period. Then Rick Bonder and Ken Bollin collaborated in the second period when the Livonians added to their edge.

In the second period, incidentally, Plymouth was held to just one basket.

Ken Bollin led the winners with 11 points while Fred Matavia had 10. Charles Catlett drilled 14 for the losers.

Bentley's win over Plymouth followed on the heels of a 70-51 romp over city-rival Franklin in a non-league.

Ken Elkaner socked in seven points in the first period to shoot Bentley on top, 18-11, and then Larry Grimm clicked in the second period to make it 31-15 at halftime. The rest of the way was a breeze for Bentley.

The Bentley reserves, like the varsity, came through with a double triumph.

Bentley's second team socked Franklin, 63-34, as the winners tallied in 22 points and Rick Doyle 12. Dave Paden had 11 for the losers.

Against Plymouth it was Dink with 9 points, Formosa with 18 and Jim Powers with 13 in a 62-49 win. Plymouth Kubik notched six baskets and seven free throws for 19 points.

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

BOUNCING ALONG ON THE SPORTS BEAT!

You never know where you'll run into old friends ... like Duffy Daugherty of Michigan State's 1966 Rose Bowl football team.

Duffy bounced aboard a Northeast Airliner in Boston, as we waited for the takeoff to Philadelphia. With the departure twice delayed, there was plenty of chance to talk with Daugherty.

He was in Boston to give a football clinic. Now he was en route to Pittsburgh for a similar affair.

This past weekend saw Daugherty lecturing at Grand Rapids.

"The clinics have become a big thing in recent years," Duffy tells you. "We get bigger turnout every year. Up in Grand Rapids we'll draw close to 1,500 coaches."

And where do the coaches come from?

"Mostly the high schools," added Daugherty. "These are men dedicated to their professions. They want to learn more about their jobs so they can pass along more to the kids who play for them."

Daugherty paused for a couple seconds.

"I'd have to say that the clinics have helped improve the caliber of schoolboy sports. It's especially true in Michigan where they're turning out better schoolboys in football, basketball, baseball and everything else."

There was another pause.

"We at Michigan State should know how good the Michigan kids are. We'd be in bad shape ... very bad shape without them."

Here's an invitation to all our Observer friends who'd like to see the Detroit Pistons in action.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20, the Pistons square off against the Cincinnati Royals at beautiful Cobo Arena in downtown Detroit. The tipoff is slated for 2 p.m.

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So let's make it Observer Day at Cobo Arena. And we might add that the game will be nationally televised. If you know somebody in San Francisco or Bangor, write and tell 'em you'll wave in their direction.

THREE WEEKS HENCE it will be state tourney time for the Michigan prep cagers.

One can feel the air thickening as the annual March Madness approaches.

For those high school teams now out of contention for league honors, the state meet offers a second chance to capitalize in the glory parade.

SPRING CAN'T BE FAR AWAY ... not with the Detroit Tigers heading south to start preparing for what everybody in the Detroit organization feels will be a great season.

ORCHIDS TO NORMIE ULMAN, the Livonian who is enjoying another great season with the Red Wings. Normie's play sometimes gets overlooked with such teammates as Gordie Howe, Roger Crozier and Alex Delvecchio around.

But when you mention Ulman's name in the (Continued on next sports page)



CLOSE QUARTERS: Mike Benner (22) of Our Lady of Sorrows is closely guarded by Joe Weigman of Orchard Lake St. Mary's. But Benner still gets his shot off. St. Mary's won game in breeze.

Sorrows Battles Agatha Friday

The form sheet doesn't mean anything when two old rivals get together—in sports.

All of which explains why an interesting basketball battle loomed Friday when Our Lady of Sorrows invades St. Agatha.

No title importance will hinge on the outcome. Both teams ended their title chases last week.

It used to be that Sorrows and St. Agatha contested in the same division in the Catholic League. But not anymore. They were assigned to different sectors last fall.

Each team suffered a setback in its divisional finale. Sorrows was over by Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 96-56, while Wayne St. Mary's had an easy time with St. Agatha, 79-53.

Some five shots per minute were rained in the Sorrows-Orchard Lake encounter. St. Mary's drilled up 97 attempts and made 36. Sorrows fired 61 times, but made only 24.

The game was on the close side for one quarter. St. Mary's reached the end of the first eight minutes leading by a 16-13 score.

Then came the fireworks. The Lakers outscored Sorrows, 23-11 and 21-8, in the next two periods and finished with a 36-point bombardment in the final quarter.

The Lakers had five players who scored in double figures with Conrad Kropulecki making 22. Tim Doyle, the Sorrows ace, bettered his 25-point average for the season with 12 baskets and four free throws for 28 points.

St. Agatha fell behind Wayne St. Mary's early, lagged, 41-27, at halftime and never was able to close in on the opposition.

The losers did have one consolation. Pat Murphy of St. Agatha paced all scorers in the game with 25 points. He made 10 hoops and added five charity tosses.

Second high for St. Agatha was Dan Pavlat with 10 points.

The leader for St. Mary's was Mike Kraminski with 29 points.

Some fancy scoring by Charles Costello and Jerry Myron carried the St. Agatha reserves to an 84-60 romp. Costello clicked for 13 baskets and three fouls shots for 28 points. Myron wound up with 20 points.

SPEEDY BENGALS

The 1965 Detroit Tigers played three games in one hour, 48 minutes each.

Second Half Collapse Kills Thurston's Hopes

Coach Mike Pasternak of Thurston high school's basketball team plans to change his half-time "pop" talks.

There had to be something he said last Friday night—so it would seem—that changed the entire complexion of what was transpiring on the floor in Thurston's showdown with Birmingham Groves for first place in the Northwest Suburban League.

Thurston had reached the end of the first period with an 18-17 lead.

When the half ended, it was 35-35—Groves on top.

But look at what happened in the third period!

Groves tossed in 36 points in eight minutes to 17 for the Thurston team.

"It's impossible to believe what happened," said Pasternak.

"We came out of that period, ready to try and play the same way we did in the second period. We decided to stick to a man-to-man defense. "But the ball just wouldn't bounce for us. And everything Groves did ... it worked."

Never before had Thurston given up 36 points in one period. Professional teams, who play 12-minute periods, rarely hit as many points.

The net result was that Thurston had reached the end

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Totals	23	30	74

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