

HOW OTHER TEAMS 'SHAPE UP'

Favor Falcons for Title

Champs in 1965-66... and favorites again in 1966-67? That's the basketball story at Farmington high school as the Falcons and other area public school teams prepare to swing into action this week.

Coached again by Jack Quigley, a former standout at Michigan State, the Falcons boast four regulars back from last year's flag winners in the Interlake Conference.

Topping the returnees are Mike Ames, who stands 6-4; Mike Thompson, 6-4; and Greg Dorow, at 6-10.

In addition, Farmington has fine new talent coming up in Mark Lynett, 6-4, a sophomore; Doug Hamilton, 6-2, and Charles Conn, a 6-2 junior.

Only Mike Wilson and Steve Moore have departed from the Farmington scene. The Falcons face a busy start this weekend. They

play at Bentley Friday night, then host North Farmington on Saturday. The league season begins on Friday, Dec. 10, when Farmington takes on Pontiac Northern.

Here's what other teams in the area have in the way of

prospects for the 1966-67 campaign: **NORTH FARMINGTON** Three returners are on deck to cheer coach Dick Wilson. They are Jim Rolapough, 6-10, Rick (Hub) Copp, an even six feet, and Dan Lightman, 5-10.

Only Rolapough played first-string a year ago. Rick Knock, a transfer student from Thurston who stands 6-2, figures to help the North Farmington varsity along with John Mann, a 6-4 junior, Mark Falleri, a junior varsity graduate who aver-

aged 21 points with the second stringers last year; Ron Flutrum 5-11, and Mike McCoy, 5-10.

THURSTON Mike Pasternak is back in command of the team which lost twice last year in the league. But both, the school's brilliant and the backs came at the hands of Groves, which went on to take the Northwest League championships.

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BACK TO ALMA MATER: That's coach here with Dave Wilson (from left), Jim Clark, Scholes (kneeling), who formerly Amick, Ron Ray, Mike Nye, Mark Diver played for Clarenceville high school. Now Dorf, John Thompson, and Chuck Watkins, he's school's basketball coach. He huddles

senior unit, starting with Franklin's opener against Wayne High in the Livonian's gym Saturday evening.

Franklin won't have too much size. "We'll be stocky and fast," says Hartsig.

Big man of the team will be 6-4 Ron Wicks. He'll be

flanked up front by Karl Gulbransen and Ray Porter, both 6-1. Gulbransen made all-area honors on the Observer football teams as an end and this past week.

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TALKING STRATEGY: Coach Bob Dorow (left) talks with his veterans. From left: John Kill-

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Observing SPORTS

By George Maskin

The refreshing part of sports are the new faces which constantly appear.

Around our area, we're blessed this year by the "arrivals" of two young gentlemen. One's Karl Sweetan, the other Dave Bing of the Pistons.

Sweetan and Bing couldn't have popped into standouts at a more appropriate time for their respective teams.

The Lions had been a struggling team, a group ripped apart almost daily in the newspapers, on radio and television, and by the fans.

Then along came Sweetan, rushed on to the scene when (Milt Plum suffered an injury that put him out for the season.

Now one never seems to hear about Plum any more. Sweetan has made the Lions fans forget.

Through his brilliance, the Lions tied one, then won a pair, including a big upset over Baltimore to knock the Colts out of first place.

It was too much to expect that Sweetan and the Lions could maintain their terrific late spurge. And it happened, on Thanksgiving Day, when the San Francisco 49'ers mauled the Detroiters apart.

But with Sweetan on deck, the Lion's outlook for 1967 has to be more encouraging. You won't hear any shouts:

"Get another quarterback."

Something will have to be done to bolster the

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