

# One-Two Punch Puts Sorrows in 1st

Talk about your great one-two punches in basketball. Our Lady of Sorrows High boasts one of the best in Frank Carrico and Tim Doyle.

Little wonder that Sorrows this week had seized the lead in the Northwestern Division of the Catholic League after knocking off St. James, 71-62, and St. Rita, 87-70, in a pair of conference battles.

The Sorrows record thus read 3-1 going into Tuesday night's game with Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which has slipped back to second with a 6-2 mark.

As for Doyle and Carrico, both are averaging better than 20 points per game.

In the game against St. James, Sorrows trailed 37-32 at halftime when Doyle al-

most personally took matters into his own hands. He drilled in 14 points in eight minutes to put his team in front for keeps.

By the time the game had finished, Doyle had 40 points on 15 baskets and 10 free throws. Carrico had 12 points in the game, while Dennis Perry scored eight, Mike Briolati five and Mike Christopher six.

The Carrico-Doyle combine came within two points of matching St. Rita's entire output.

Carrico had high honors with 37 points on 15 baskets and seven free throws. He knocked in eight baskets for 16 points in the first period to shoot Sorrows into a 29-13 lead and the team never was threatened the rest of the way.



DENNY McLAIN, Tigers star pitcher (center) with new pitcher Dave Smith (right) and Observer Sports Editor George Maskin. McLain lives in Livonia.

Doyle wound up with 31 points, caging 12 baskets and seven free throws.

Other scoring for Sorrows: Christopher eight, Mike Barnes five, Perry three, Briolati two and Don Kiska one.

Sorrows won both the regular games.

## Strategy Fails for Raider 5

Coaches like North Farmington's Dick Wilson work feverishly to pull off strategy which will pay off with a victory.

Wilson thought he had something going last Friday night against Birmingham Groves when he devised a way to keep six-foot, midget Craig Love in check.

At least the Raiders held Love to 12 points.

But while Love was "cut down," Mike Rafferty, the brilliant all-around Groves star, emerged as a hero and ruined the night for Wilson and North Farmington.

With Rafferty pumping 23 points, Groves roared to an 85-62 victory and remained in undisputed possession of first place in the Northwest Suburban League.

The Groves team, now 10-1 in the race, led all the way. It was 15-0 after one quarter and 40-24 at the half.

"They just had too much height for us," declared Wilson after the game. "They average better than 6-3 per man and how in the world can we hold back a team like that."

Mark Faller wound up his high man for the losers with 17 points. Jim Rulapough had 11 points and Mike McCaffrey 10.

The rest of the North Farmington players lagged far back in scoring. Hub Copp had five points; Ron Slater, Roy Schuler and Allen Knick four each. Jim Benya three and John Mann and Dave Lichtman two apiece.

The North Farmington reserves triumphed by a 24-15 score as Joel Comstock clipped in six baskets and five free throws for 17 points.



IT'S A FOUL: Referee in background signals that Don Smith (30) of Garden City East is being clipped by a Southgate opponent. But it was Southgate that won the game.

## Golden Chance Fluffed by West

The golden opportunity presented itself. But the Garden City West basketball team refused to take advantage of the situation.

The net result — a double blow: 1—West lost to Southgate, 74-69.

2—West dropped out of 1st for first place in the Tri River League, yielding the lead to Southgate.

"We had them, too," moaned Cal Krupa, the West coach. "We could have been leading the league, but we free-threw shooting foul apart. That killed us."

Krupa was referring to what happened in the final moments of action. West missed on seven out of eight free throws while Southgate wound up with seven successes in 11 free-throw tries in the last period in which Southgate outscored West, 20-11.

Overall in the game, Southgate earned 22 out of 35 free ones to West's 19 for 44.

"How can a team have such a poor foul-shooting night?" added Krupa. "Early in the week, when we beat Schafer, 88-85, we made 24 out of 32 free ones."

The loss on fouls of Dan Bazzarelli West's fine guard, also played a big factor in the game. He made 15 points in the first half, but drew his fifth personal early in the third period, and that was that for him in the game.

It was Bazzarelli with ten baskets which sent West off to a 23-15 lead in the first quarter. But Southgate then went to work, recovered and pulled out the victory.

Gary Robinson had 20 points and Bazzarelli 15 for the losers.

Against Schafer West broke an 18-18 tie at the outset of the second period and outscored Schafer, 26-9, by halftime as Bazzarelli drilled in 11 points, Bob Gamache nine and Jim Mincey six.

A half-court press and eight steals demoralized Schafer.

Gamache and Bazzarelli each counted 22 points while Mincey had 16, Robinson and Bob Mellinger ten each.

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# Late Surge by Holly Clips Clarenceville

Four points in the final 16 seconds.

That told the story of how Holly High edged Clarenceville, 62-61, in a see-saw fourth period before a basket, by Tom Hayes on a layup put Holly in front, 63-62, with 16 seconds left.

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The Trojans had the ball, but couldn't score . . . and

# Thurston Sweats, but Still Wins

Add together a good start and a good finish and a lot of "sweating it out in between" and you have the answer to Thurston High's 68-58 basketball victory over Oak Park.

The Townshipers jumped away to a 19-10 lead after one quarter, then lost ground to Oak Park in the second and third stanzas before Thurston finished with a flourish.

However, a barrage of fouls didn't make life easy for Thurston. Two starters had to spend a great deal of time on the bench because of personals and one finally fouled out.

But in the end, Thurston had too much scoring balance and strength for Oak Park, which has won only one of seven starts this season.

Thurston, now 2-2 in Northwest Suburban League action, received a nine-point effort from Bob Wardrop in the first period to go ahead, 19-10.

By halftime Thurston was on top, 33-23, but then Oak Park started to make matters uncomfortable until Thurston regained its scoring touch in the closing eight minutes of play.

Barringer maintained his 20 point average by hitting an 18-20 points. Wardrop was right behind with 18, while Don Block scored eight.

Dale Joyce turned in seven points, Gary Schulte seven and Dan Kope a single point for the winners.

Thurston triumphed in reserve action, 64-57, as Dave Day, Urban Rice and Dave Fears each registered 14 points.



PICTURE TELLS THE STORY of the troubles Schoolcraft College has run into in basketball. Lack of rebounding has hurt the team. In this case two Kellogg players outleap Don Cranford (10), of Schoolcraft, as three of Cranford's mates can do little else but watch.

## Observing Sports

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"I'll bet this is the first time you ever honored a player who lost 14 games in one season . . . and gave up 42 home run pitches."

Generally speaking, there's great optimism among the Tiger brass. Campbell feels that he has assembled a new managerial team that can do the job — win a pennant for Detroit.

Smith feels he has the talent, adding: "If I didn't think the Tigers could do something big, I wouldn't have given up my soft job coaching with the New York Yankees."

McLain's ears perked up considerably when pitching coach John Sain was asked about Y. P. Thoma, the big disappointment among Tiger pitchers, and like Denny, a resident of Livonia.

"It's hard to really figure out what went wrong with Sparna last season," said Sain. "Maybe the fact he had a bad year for the first time in his sports career shook him up. (Sparna was a football and baseball great at Ohio State before coming to the Tigers.)"

"But from what we have seen of Joe in winter baseball, he looks like he's made a few adjustments. There are at that — to become a winner again. The kid has the arm . . . and if you have the arm and throw the way he does, you're bound to succeed."

"Remember, too, — Joe's only 23. Some pitchers take a few years to really arrive. Warren Spahn didn't do much until he was 26. So, let's not write off Sparna . . . not for a few years. He'll be dandy."

The talk about the Tigers rambled on . . . Into the next day when the annual mid-winter dinner, hosted by the ball club was staged at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

In less than four weeks, the Tigers will be shipping south. As we said last week, spring has to be just around the corner . . . regardless of what Sonny might say on your TV tonight.

Enter Joe Schmidt as the new coach of the Detroit Lions.

There are those who already are knocking Schmidt. He lacks the experience, the offensive background, this and that. Some argue he's been too close to the players, players who couldn't get along with George Wilson and then Harry Gilmer.

"We don't know Schmidt. But we have a hunch that he'll do a good job."

To expect, however, that he'll lead the Lions out of the wilderness in one year or two or even three might be placing an unfair load on Schmidt.

One must remember that the Lions have some problems. They need help desperately in their defensive backfield and perhaps at a spot or two up front.

The offense must unveil some better running and it remains to be seen just how good a quarterback Karl Sweetan is.

The Lions must rebuild. This takes time.

## No Rebounding Hurts College 5

Rebounding — or the lack of same — isn't helping the Schoolcraft College basketball team.

The team suffered two more setbacks last week — losing to Kellogg, 102-77, and to Jackson, 97-68.

In each game Schoolcraft moved along well for a half. But the strain of trying to pound the boards against bigger, stronger and more experienced talent began to tell as the games went into the later stages.

But Coach Bob Leggett of Schoolcraft had reasons to be encouraged.

His forces shot the best last week they have all season. They hit 44 percent against Kellogg and 40 percent against Jackson.

But in rebounding, it was 52-42 for Kellogg and an overwhelming 61-35 for Jackson.

In the Jackson game, Moore tossed in 22 points. Felmet 16 and Lovel Hahn 12.

The Schoolcraft team is idle now until Friday when it plays at Flint.

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