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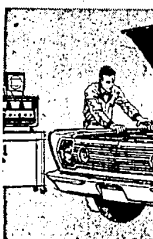


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Rocks Nip Farmington

Pattern play on the basketball floor can be nice. But coach Dick Bearup of Plymouth High is hoping that his cagers don't revert to "pattern" this week. The Rocks began the season by winning two straight. Then they dropped four in a row. Plymouth's slump ended with an overtime victory over Redford Union and last Saturday afternoon the Rocks pulled a major upset by beating Farmington, 61-57, in a non-leaguer. "I sure trust we can add to this winning streak instead of opening another losing spree," Bearup declared after his charges

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had fought back from a 20-14 deficit at the end of the first period. Bearup feels confident that his Rocks have cleared the hump. "Our boys have gained confidence," he said. "This was a big one for us to win."

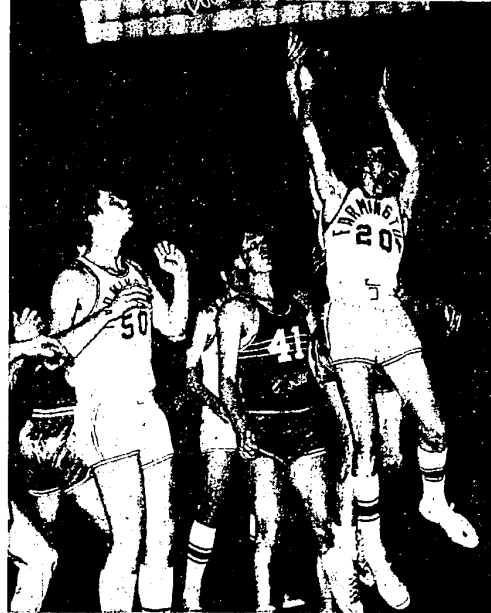
In Farmington, the Rocks topped the front-runners in the Interlakes League. The Falcons are yet to lose in conference play while Plymouth boasts only one triumph in the Suburban Six circuit. Al Kikka and Greg Dorow

ow each rapped in six points to put Farmington on top, 20-14, in the first quarter. But then Nate Lulbrand hit for seven straight points in the second period to put Plymouth back on even terms in the second period. However, at halftime it was still Farmington in the lead, 35-33. Then Ron Lowe and Mike Kubik picked up four points each in the third period as Plymouth went on top and in the final period the score was 44-35.

has proved the right man in the right place for the Rocks with a basket and three free throws in the closing moments of action. Mike Ames had 18 points for Farmington to selso overall scoring honors. — High for the winners was Kubik with 18 points. Stakias and Lulbrand followed with 14 points each. In the reserve action, Plymouth also triumphed, finishing with a 55-45 lead. Tom Peterson's 20 for Farmington took high honors. For Plymouth, Jones led with 15. The schedule this week sends both teams on the road — Farmington to Waterford, Plymouth to Belleville.



UP AND IN — That's Mike Kubik of Plymouth (35) shooting over outstretched hands of Greg Dorow (44) for a basket to help Rocks win battle.



I'VE GOT IT! — Tom Wirtz (20) of Farmington watch the proceedings. Plymouth goes up to haul in a rebound as John Ellison (41) and Mike Ames (50) of Farmington rally to win the game in an upset.

Tourneys Listed For Area Schools

A record number of 123 district tournaments has been set for the 1967 state high school basketball championships. Two of the districts will be held in the area with Farmington and Franklin high schools each being assigned Class A action. An "A" regional also has been assigned to Livonia Franklin.

has been awarded the 1967 state prep gymnastics meet on March 11. It also has been announced that the annual Detroit Tigers schoolboy baseball clinic will be held on Saturday, May 6, when the Tigers host the world champion Baltimore Orioles.

The district meets will begin on Feb. 27 and conclude on March 4. The regionals start on March 7 and finish on the eleventh. The quarterfinals in the state meet are listed for March 15 with the semifinals booked for March 17 at Michigan State and the finals on March 18 also at Michigan State.

It was a heart-stopping finish. As time ran out the ball wiggled around on the basket ... then floated gently through and it spelled a 76-73 victory for powerful Southfield. The losers couldn't believe it. Just seconds before they

The State association also has announced that regional wrestling meets will be held at six centers for Class A teams with Pontiac Northern and Trepion among the area sites. There'll be regionals at six locations for Class B teams.

Just seconds before they

The lower peninsula mat finals will be held on March 14 with Class A teams at Ann Arbor High, Class B teams at Lansing Waverly and Class C-D schools at Lansing Eastern. Michigan State will host the State Class A swimming meet on March 10-11 as the Class B tankers perform the same days at the University of Michigan. North Farmington High

When we first took to pounding our typewriter for the Observer, Newspapers, some of our initial comebacks centered around just such a facility—not only in Livonia, but in Plymouth, in Redford Township, in Farmington, in Garden City and elsewhere. Granted artificial ice palaces don't come cheap. But noting Mr. Dufour's figures, the rinks should pay for themselves. Or come very close.

Schoolcraft Student Lost By Tigers

Rich Konik, who has attended Schoolcraft College, no longer is the property of the Detroit Tigers. — Picked No. 1 in the draft last spring, Konik refused to agree with the Tigers when they came to salary terms. He reportedly demanded \$75,000, but the Tigers didn't want to give him more than \$40,000. Baseball last week held its draft for players who won't sign after six months and the Kansas City Athletics plucked Konik. A product of St. Andrew High, Konik pitches and plays first base.

Observing SPORTS

By George Maskin

Strange is the way of finding sports news. You can track through fog and snow and rain ... bounce in and out of cities like Chicago, Cleveland and Boston ... and where do you encounter the most exciting story of the week? Why, just a few blocks from the Observer offices. It's down Farmington road a bit that Livonia recreation director John Dufour divulges plans for a new artificial ice-skating rink on Ford Field and plans for still another similar structure for Livonia. An artificial rink has been a long time coming! Too long.

DRC Offers Racing Films

An outstanding Thoroughbred racing film, "Champions of 1966," is being offered to civic, fraternal and social groups in the Metropolitan area by the Detroit Race Course. The 20-minute, 16 mm color and sound movie was filmed by Joe Burnham, who is recognized as one of the nation's foremost photographers and film producers. The film is offered free to organizations. Arrangements for a showing can be made by writing Tommy Devine, Public Relations Director, Detroit Race Course, 2076 First National Building, Detroit.

Pitcher with Power

Earl Wilson's seven home runs in 1966 led two short of the American League record for homers by a pitcher in a single season set by Wes Ferrell with Cleveland in 1921 and tied the Detroit Tiger hurler with Don Drysdale and Don Newcomb of the National League.

Little Man Big Man As West Rips Roe

Basketball continues to find a place for the good, little man. Players like 5-8 Dan Bazzarelli of Garden City West's varsity. Dan was by no means a one-man gang for West last Saturday night. His mates contributed a lot, too. Nonetheless, it was Bazzarelli who led the way as West trimmed Cherry Hill, 85-76 in a Tri-River League encounter. It was Bazzarelli who got West going early when he popped in four quick baskets. Dan wound up the game with a personal prep high as he dropped in 13 baskets and three free throws for 39 points. Despite his size, Dan also did a great job of rebounding as he pounded the boards with Dawayne Drewitz and

Jack Mellinger to give West complete domination at both ends. West finished with 48 rebounds to Cherry Hill's 36 as Drewitz and Bazzarelli each hauled in 11 off the boards and Mellinger picked up 10. Both Drewitz and Mellinger are sophomores. It was a rough contest to say the least and there had to be moments when coach Cal Krupa of West wondered if he would have enough players around to finish the game. Both the West starting forwards had four personals slapped on them before the first half ended. When the game ended, six West players had four fouls while another had exited from the premises early with five personals.

All of which resulted in Cherry Hill staging a wild parade to the free throw line. The losers fired up 43 charlies and made 25. In contrast, the winners had 19 successes in 29 tries. West finished with a blitz, making nine of its last 12 shots from the floor in out-scoring Cherry Hill, 24-14, in the last period. In addition to Bazzarelli, West had one other player in double figures, Bob Gamache had 16. Mellinger finished with nine, Jim Mincey eight, Don Smith seven, and Gary Robinson, and George Domanski six each, and Drewitz four. The West reserves lost, 61-57, with Dave Leengraven high for West with 14 points.

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