

Plymouth High To Test Pro 24 Second Rule

Permission has been granted to athletic director John Sandmann of Plymouth to try a high school basketball experiment. When the Rocks play Farmington on Jan. 5 in a non-league game, the two schools will borrow from the professionals and use a special 24-second, shooting clock.

"It's time something is done to speed up pro basketball," Sandmann said.

"Right now, we have a lot of stalling around and also we frequently run into two types of games being played by a team on the same evening.

"This is particularly true when your team leads. For three periods or so, you move the ball and shoot.

"Then you go into a stall and the only course open to your opponents is to shoot."

SANDMANN FEELS that with the 24-second clock in operation, the tempo of high school games will remain the same.

"It's worked for the professionals, why can't it work for us in high school?" Sandmann asked.

Apparently, Sandmann has some supporters on the issue. Dick Bearup, the Plymouth coach, is anxious to see how it works. So is Ray Boyles, who coaches at Farmington High. And Farmington's veteran athletic director Jack Cotton is for it, too.

Equally interested is state prep director Charles E. Forsythe who has given Plymouth and Farmington the official "go-ahead."

"Mr. Forsythe is very anxious to hear from us how he works," Sandmann explained.

"After the game, we will sit down and write a detailed report, which probably will be published in special magazines for schoolboy coaches."

SANDMANN said there was some discussion on whether the prep should try a 24 or 30 second clock. In the Olympics the teams utilize a 30-second ruling.

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Wayne Hosts Big Holiday Cage Meet

Wayne State University will stage the largest holiday basketball tournament ever held in the City of Detroit on Dec. 18, 19 and 20. To be called the Wayne State University Centennial Classic, it will be held in the new Frederick C. Matthei building on the campus.

Besides host WSU, the Michigan schools competing include Central Michigan University, state representative in two national tournaments for the last two years and winner of 23 of 26 starts last year; Eastern Michigan University, winner of 18 of 25 starts last year; and Northern Michigan.

They are complemented by the University of Maine from the Yankee Conference; Hardin-Simmons (Texas) University, an independent; South Dakota State, NCAA College Division Champion of 1963; and Washington (St. Louis) University.

The tournament will have afternoon (3:15) and evening (7:15) doubleheaders each of the three days (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday).

In game one (Monday 3:15) of the first round, Northern Michigan University will host Washington University. In game two (5:15) Central Michigan University meets Dakota State. In the second doubleheader, game three, (7:15) Eastern Michigan University will host Hardin-Simmons, and in game four (9:15) Wayne State University faces Maine.

3 Clarenceville Mentioned For On Top Team

Three Clarenceville football players recently received honorable mention on the Wayne-Oakland County League's All-Conference team.

Kerry Riffin, junior center, Dennis Russo, senior guard, and Rob Weller, freshman half-back, were selected by a vote conducted by all coaches in the League at a recent meeting.

Players named to the conference's first team: Ends - Greg Carr, Northville senior and Tom Bullard, Clarkston senior; Tackles - Steve Jones, Bloomfield Hills senior and Robin Andrews, Milford senior; Guards - Bob Brady, Milford senior and Kevin Gaurpinski, West Bloomfield junior; Center - Kurt Maslowski, Clarkston senior; Quarterback - Robin Brennan, West Bloomfield junior; Backs - Bob McFarland, Milford senior, Greg Roche, Bloomfield Hills senior, and Tom Hayes, Holly senior.

Young Wedding Trend Spreads

Teen-age weddings have parents all over the nation upset.

But the trend seems to be spreading—downward.

When Julie Burchell came home from school in Ogden, Utah, sporting a diamond on the third finger of her left hand, her parents were anything but happy.

Sports On TV

SATURDAY

- 2 p.m. — AFL Football: Buffalo at Boston, Channel 5.
- 2 p.m. — College Football: Florida vs. Miami (Fla.), Channel 5.
- 2:30 p.m. — Roller Derby: Channel 5.
- 6 p.m. — NFL Football: Green Bay at Los Angeles, Channel 5.
- 8 p.m. — World of Sports, Channel 5.
- 8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Pistons at New York, Channel 5.
- 8:30 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Boston at Toronto, Channel 5.

SUNDAY

- 1:30 p.m. — NFL Football: Detroit Lions at New York, Channel 5.
- 2 p.m. — AFL Football: Kansas City at New York, Channel 5.
- 6:30 p.m. — NFL Football: Cleveland at St. Louis, Channel 5.
- 8 p.m. — AFL Football: Oakland at Houston, Channel 5.

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