

Thurston Starts Slow, Then Whips Franklin

Thurston started slowly, but by the time the game was over, the Township's had routed Franklin 87-49, in their North-west Suburban League game. At the end of the first period, Thurston led by only a 12-9 score.

The margin rose to 37-29 at all time. But the third period told the story. Thurston out-

scored Franklin, 45-8. Both teams played sloppy basketball. Thurston had 17 turnovers in the first half. Nonetheless Thurston held Franklin to just five hoops by the intermission. Franklin hit 18 of 26 chances to stay in the game.

Urban Rice led the way for Thurston with Rick Wagner.

Each had 14 points. Dale Joyce chipped in with 12. Doug Sutton tallied 13 and Chuck Sutton 12 for the losers.

Greg Mutch tossed in 25 points as the Thurston JV's trimmed Franklin, 62-44.

RAIDERS WHIPPED

A sorry finish led to the defeat of North Farmington, 68-60, in its Northwest Suburban League battle with Oak Park.

The Raiders had stormed into a 49-43 lead by outscoring Oak Park, 20-8, in the third period. But then the Parkers switched to a man to man defense and Steve Kaplan and Len Sherman went red hot with the result North Farmington was outscored, 23-11, in the decisive final period.

Oak Park had moved into an 18-15 lead after one quarter and upped the edge to 35-20 at halftime before North Farmington struck with nine baskets and two free throws in its productive third period as Oak Park was held to three baskets and two chances.

Ron Flutur had nine points and Jim Benya five in the big third period drive staged by North Farmington. In the closing period, Kaplan hit for 10 points and Sherman nine for the Parkers.

Accountants

Meet Thursday

The Detroit chapter, National Association of Accountants, will hold its first seminar meeting of the winter season at the Pick-Ford Shelby Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 21, 1967. Three concurrent meetings will be held beginning at 4:30 p.m. and again at 7:30 p.m.

The meetings and the session chairmen are: "Profit Improvement Versus Cost Reduction" - Thomas H. Hardy of Advance Mortgage Co., "The Role of Profit Planning" - Larry Pflieger of Burroughs Corp., and "The Accountant and Inventory Management" - John B. Byrne of Traub Manufacturing Co.

Flutur took individual scoring honors with 24 points. Teammates John Mann and Mike McCoy had 11 each. Kaplan with 20 topped the winners.

GROVES ROLLS ON

There's no slowing down the Birmingham Groves basketball express. Groves rolled to its 38th straight regular-season win and

fifth this season by crushing John Glenn, 63-48, and now is tied for the Northwest Suburban League Lead with Oak Park. Groves amassed a 22-10 field goal advantage and never was in serious trouble. The Birmingham team took a 21-13 lead after one period, expanded it to 36-25 at halftime and then put the game out of reach with

13 points in the third period to only eight for Glenn. Jim Cameron had 19 points and Steve Decker with 12 took scoring honors for John Glenn.

Kerry Webb with 18 points and Steve Decker with 12 took scoring honors for John Glenn.



HANDS EVERYWHERE in this typical basketball scene snapped at the Thurston-Franklin game. All hands reached high to grab the elusive ball on this rebound.

Farmington Ends Slump, Whips Waterford, 65-56

It was a happy way to end a losing streak and finally post their first victory of the season. The Farmington High Panthers had dropped four straight before turning loose on Waterford, 65-56, to even its Interlake League record at 1-1.

A full court, zone press helped Farmington break the game open.

Leading, 34-32, in the third period, Farmington resorted to the pressure tactics. In short order, Waterford had two passes intercepted, one go out of bounds and the ball stolen twice.

Meantime, Mark Lynott hit four straight shots and Doug Hamilton a two pointer to break the festivities open and help Farmington pull away.

FARMINGTON MOVED on top, 44-34, but still had to hang on as Waterford rallied to cut the differential to 51-47.

But in the remaining time, Farmington outscored Waterford, 14-9, to put the game out of reach. After Lynott made 10 points in the third period, Doug Hamilton tossed in six and Paul White five to ward off any Waterford bid to overtake Farmington.

Hamilton wound up with 20

SELF-SACRIFICING

Joe Sparrin led the 1967 Detroit Tigers Picking staff with 13 sacrifice hits in 1967.

points and Lynott 14. Joe Himmelsbach scored nine points, Randy Cleveland seven and White five.

High man for the losers was

Tigers To Face Red Sox In April 9 Opener

After three straight years of opening the American League season on the road, the Tigers have drawn a home opener for 1968—against Boston, launching defense of its league championship.

Appearance of the hard-hitting Red Sox for the traditional Tiger Stadium opener on Tuesday, April 9, was disclosed in the home schedule announced by Jim Campbell, executive vice-president and general manager.

The schedule also disclosed that the Tigers will play their 81 home games on 73 dates—one more than 1967—with 42 at night—two below 1967 and three below the peak of 45 in 1966.

The customary three twinnings are included among the night dates. In addition, there will be five Sunday doubleheaders but the only holiday date on the schedule will be a single afternoon game July

4 against the California Angels. Campbell said he considers the home schedule one of the best the Tigers have had recently.

Because of the decrease in the number of night games, fans will find 29 afternoons of action on the schedule—four Thursdays in addition to Opening Day, 13 Sundays and 11 Saturdays.

RU Tankers

Beat Bentley

For 3rd Win

Redford Union's swimming team remained unbeaten in dual meet action by swamping Bentley, 62-43.

It was RU's third victory of the season and second in Suburban Six League action.

Jerry Hutton won the 200 and 400-yard free style and Ray Woods the 50 and 100-yard free style for the winners, who lost only one event to Bentley.

Hutton's time in the 200 set a new RU varsity record of 1:56.7. He had set the former mark of 1:57.2.

The winners: Medley relay: Redford Union (Myers, Charles, Mullin, Ringel). Time: 1:51.1.

200-yard free: Hutton (RU). Time: 1:56.7.

400-yard free: Woods (RU). Time: 4:15.2.

50-yard free: Woods (RU). Time: 2:18.4.

100-yard free: Woods (RU). Time: 3:45.2.

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Redford To Honor Baseball Champions

Redford Township's Class A and Free Press League baseball champions will be honored at Roma Hall in Livonia on Dec. 28.

The Class A team won the Inter-City League title, the Detroit Metropolitan district crown and then went on to gain runner-up honors both in the state and world American baseball Congress playoffs.

Redford's Free Press team capped the Livonia loop flag, the state title and qualified for the national regionals at Altoona, Pa.

Five members of the "A" team were honored on the 1967 Stan Mustal All Stars, which were picked from players who competed in 745 teams in 44 states and in Canada.

Named to the first team were Tom Tazner and Jim Poburaky. On the second team were Dave Woloch, Keith Spicer and Jay Schwalm.

Several former Redford stars who have graduated into professional baseball, also will attend. The group will be headed by Rick Clark, now a star pitcher for the California Angels of the American League.

Tickets are priced at \$5 each for the banquet and may be obtained at the Redford Township recreation office at 25945 W. 7 Mile between 12:30-5

p.m. daily, Monday through Friday. The office phone is 535-5400 or 532-1199.

The deadline for reservations is next Tuesday.

100 Will Exhibit

Wares In Show

The committee in charge of the first annual Detroit/Camper and Travel Trailer Show has been named by Keith Crawford, chairman.

The show will be held from Feb. 24 through March 3 in the Detroit Artillery Armory on W. Eight Mile Road near Northland. Nearly 100 exhibitors will display more than 450 vehicles representing 125 leading manufacturers from all over the U.S.

MOSTEST

Mickey Lolich walked the most batters (6) and struck out the most (13) for the Tigers during the 1967 season. He also had the longest winning streak (6) and losing streak (10) of any Tiger hurler.

LOCALITIES

The Tigers have 10 Michiganders on their 1968 roster.

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