

Thurston Routs Annapolis



EAGLE DRIVE -- Thurston's John Stein (41) moves in against two Dearborn defenders for two points in the Eagles' 75-52 victory (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Thurston High's first year basketball coach Dan Bennett couldn't have thought of a better way to open the new year.

First, his high scoring forward Steve Hunter was back in action after missing four games because of a sprained ankle. Secondly, his Eagles won a contest going away — which is a sight to behold at Thurston High.

THE EAGLES led all the way in their non-league play with Dearborn Annapolis, winning their second in eight outings, 75-52.

"I think we might surprise a few people from here on out," said Bennett, whose cagers

stand 6-3 in Northwest Sun-urban action.

Thurston jumped to an 18-8 first quarter margin and stood its ground at the half, 37-22. The Eagles scored 19 points in each of the remaining two periods while Annapolis popped in 15 in each for a 23 point victory for Thurston.

Annapolis shot 31 per cent from the floor, 19 of 61, but Thurston came up with its top effort of the campaign, 32 of 66 for 49 per cent.

HUNTER, who responded with 18 points, also paced Thurston with 17 rebounds followed by John Stein with 14 as the Eagles won the board game, 47-28.

Thurston travels to Garden City East Friday in a North-west Suburban clash.

ANNAPOLIS (52)		FG	FT	TP
Barnhouse	2	0	0	4
Switzer	2	3	4	7
Lang	4	3	8	11
Wojewski	3	8	7	11
Buckner	1	0	2	2
Teschendorf	3	2	4	8
Fernandez	4	2	8	8
Totals	19	14	27	62

THURSTON (75)		FG	FT	TP
Hunter	9	0	1	18
Switzer	7	0	1	14
Stein	3	4	6	10
Keenan	8	5	8	21
Felix	2	0	1	4
Dowdy	2	0	0	4
Kerr	1	2	2	4
Baile	32	13	21	76
Annapolis	8	14	15	15
Thurston	18	19	19	19

Stevenson Nips Dearborn, 58-56

Livonia Stevenson kicked off its new year basketball campaign with a non-league triumph over Suburban Eight's Dearborn, 58-56.

The 4-3 Spartans were slow getting started and trailed after one quarter, 10-8.

"I thought a zone would break open Dearborn's pattern basketball," said Stevenson Coach George Van Wagner. "All it did was to slow us down."

STEVENSON HIT only three of 14 in that quarter but rebounded with a nine for 24 second quarter to capture a 29-23 halftime margin.

The Spartans went up by 13 at the end of the third period, 45-32, and VanWagner starting substituting and almost ended up paying the price of too early a gamble.

Dearborn came back with a nine for 22 quarter, outscored Stevenson, 23 to 12, and fell two points shy of nothing it up at the final buzzer.

Stevenson hit 24 of 68 overall for 35 per cent from the floor.

The one item that kept Dearborn within striking distance was Stevenson's performance at the free throw line.

The Spartans made good only 10 of 30 charity tosses.

DEARBORN CAME up with 39 per cent from the floor on 25 of 65 shots.

The boards belonged to Stevenson, outrebounding Dearborn, 57-31, with Greg Eardley hauling in 15, and Tom Centers, Mike Patrick and Dale Haberman 11 each.

Stevenson hosts city rival Franklin Tuesday night and jumps back into inter-lake competition Friday against Waterford.

STEVENSON (58)		FG	FT	TP
Haberman	6	3	6	15
Patrick	4	1	3	9
Eardley	3	0	0	6
Fischer	2	0	0	4
Davis	0	1	2	1
Centers	9	3	11	21
Taylor	0	1	1	0
Baronclough	0	0	4	0
Heppner	0	0	1	0
Totals	24	10	30	58

DEARBORN (56)		FG	FT	TP
Copeland	9	0	1	18
Kraus	1	0	0	2
Whodens	1	0	0	2
Johnson	2	0	0	4
Robins	2	0	0	4
Nelson	2	0	0	4
Vanderhall	1	0	0	2
Tracy	5	5	8	16
Coleberry	1	1	1	5
Totals	25	6	14	56
Stevenson	8	21	17	12
Dearborn	10	13	10	23

Lathrup Wins After Buzzer

The spotlight was on Barry Brodsky and the Southfield Lathrup guard came through to receive a standing ovation.

Lathrup was on the short end of a 57-56 score against Oak Park when the final buzzer sounded, but at the same time there was another noise — a whistle.

Brodsky was fouled on a desperation drive up the middle and much to the amazement of Lathrup Coach Jim Kourakis, his guard was awarded only a one-and-one instead of a two shot foul chance.

"It was a weird situation all around," said Kourakis. "It took a little guts on the ref's part to call that foul at the buzzer on the Oak Park court and all."

BARRY MADE GOOD both tosses from the line and Lathrup chalked up its fifth consecutive win, and sixth in seven outings.

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ONE OF THE week's best battles came in the Westland Classic where only eight pins separated the winners and losers — and they were bowling on the same pair of lanes.

Jerry Holt showed the way with a 697. He was followed by Dick Kendall with a 694 and Ray Dickson with a 689.

In the other Mike Mathis was top man at Garden Lanes with a 719 that included a 267 middle game and Dan Pedrys set the pace at Wonderland with a 710.

THE ONLY other bowler to break the 700 barrier during the week was Don Lutz. Bowling in the Fisher Bowl, he linked games of 253, 247 and 212 for a 712.

and with 112 seconds showing, Brodsky fouled Redskin Willie Rankins.

RANKINS WENT to the line in a one-and-one situation with an opportunity to tuck the game away.

He missed and Lathrup's Andy Tracy hauled in the loose ball, passed up to mid-court and the Chargers and Kourakis took a time-out, five seconds left on the clock.

Malby then passed in to Brodsky, who found no one open in the lane and drove toward the bucket, was fouled, made good two at the line and Lathrup put another notch in the win column.

"It was a good tight one to pull out," said Kourakis. "Oak Park really has some leaguers. I am glad we play them just once."

Oak Park shot 45 per cent from the floor on 26 of 58.

LATHRUP, on the other hand, came up with its worst performance of the season, 23 of 64 for 36 per cent.

LATHRUP (58)		FG	FT	TP
Malby	2	4	5	8
Brodsky	8	5	8	22
Centers	5	0	0	10
Tracy	6	1	2	19
Courtnier	4	1	2	5
Totals	25	12	19	58

OAK PARK (57)		FG	FT	TP
Rankins	10	2	6	32
Milne	3	2	3	9
Milne	7	0	0	14
Ford	5	1	2	11
Highland	0	0	0	2
Totals	28	6	11	57

Lathrup	15	20	11	12
Oak Park	12	18	11	10

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Ski Heil

By BILL CAMERON

Bill Cameron is jetting around the U.S. this week, skiing in Albuquerque, N.M., and becoming a certified tennis pro in Berkeley, Calif. His versatility is boundless! Seeing a faint secretary, I am filling in for him.

I just returned from a ski weekend in our "Mighty North" and in the words of Joan Walsh Anglund, "Memory has many hollows. Let me hid in one." It was perfect! There may not be any powder down here, but rest assured, there is in upper Michigan. Timberlee Hills, near Traverse City, was the setting for our majestic jaunt in the sun 'n' snow.

There was a 32 inch base and three inches of good powder. Even the clouds cooperated to its fullest. To totally release your mind and body of the doldrums of everyday life, invest your time and money into a ski weekend. It can do special things for you!

For beginners and intermediates, Timberlee Hills would be a perfect starting point. The slopes range from gradual to steep and the runs are long. Just three minutes away is Sun Perch, where your lodging is made most comfortable and pleasant.

Our group consisted of seven beginners and three "skiers." The seven of us would like to tell all other beginners to listen to Bill Cameron and "Get It First!" Otherwise, your muscles will rebel for days!

This weekend I decided that the spiraling tow rope had yanked at my triceps for the last time and that it was time to move on to that "ride in the sky." What a thrill when you

take the chair lift for the first time!

One Dr. Throgmorton assisted me in this thrill. Your thoughts on that first ride up are "what if I can't get down?" I was told "not to worry, there is always a way."

My first realization as we started our descent was, "how come on the beginners slope my snow plow and stem christie worked and now when I need them my only means of speed control is propelling myself downward in the snow."

Another girl in the group wondered the same thing, only her technique for stopping was grabbing onto a tree en route and spinning to a stop. She doesn't recommend this method.

But all these little incidents add up to a memorable three days that will whet our thoughts for weeks to come. P.S. Remember the Ladies! Ski Day is held every Tuesday and Thursday at Mount Brighton through the Livonia Family Y. Think snow!

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