



Allen Park Smothers Plymouth's Cage Hopes

By FRED DeLANO

Plymouth's Rocks gave it all they had, but as Coach Fred Thomas conceded, "We just didn't have enough." In succumbing to Allen Park's Suburban Eight leaders, 77-63, when the invading Jaguars ran wild to an 18-5 margin in the final five minutes.

Even without their top musclemen and rebounder, Ron Egloff, who was in bed with the flu, the Rocks fought Allen Park virtually to a stand-off before the Jaguars slammed the door with convincing authority.

Trailing just three minutes into the fourth period, Plymouth suddenly wilted. From then until the final buzzer the Rocks could net only one field goal and three free throws against the unrelenting Parkers and their intimidating 6-11 1/2 star, Tom Agardy.

"Tom pulled it out for us," remarked Jaguar Coach Mike O'Hara in tribute to the big senior's game-leading 27 points and domination of the backboards. In that department Allen Park led 46-27, and Agardy got at least half of them.

Plymouth's Jeff Jacobs, drawing the defensive assignment on Agardy as the sub for Egloff, played his best game of the season, but spotting the Jaguar a height edge of seven inches was too much. Agardy's turn-around jumper and tip-ins complemented his rebounding to such a degree as to leave Plymouth only one hope.

To win this one, the Rocks needed a superb shooting night and they didn't get it. In fact, the Jaguars had an edge

there, too. They averaged 43 per cent by hitting 33 of 77 from the floor compared to Plymouth's 35 per cent on 24 of 68.

Although Kevin Moore and Steve Robb each popped in 19 points for the Rocks, Allen Park's tight defensive tactics on Tim Van Wagoner accomplished just what O'Hara wanted.

The Rocks' No. 1 gunner with an average of 20 points through the first 12 games, Van Wagoner rarely had time to maneuver for a clear shot Friday and made only three of 19 from the field. This was 16 per cent compared to his 12 game mark of 48 per cent.

Allen Park is now 7-0 in the Sub-8 and 11-2 overall; Plymouth has fallen to 4-4 in the league and 9-4 in the season.

This game, coupled with Livonia Bentley's loss to Dearborn, turns the Sub-8 title chase into a two team affair between Allen Park and 7-1 Redford Union, which invades Plymouth Friday: RU is 12-1 for the season, the only loss being 79-63 at Allen Park. The rematch for those two will be at RU Feb. 13 and it could be for all the marbles.

Plymouth led the Jaguars five different times, but never at a quarter break. Allen Park had the nod, 18-17, after the first period, 35-31 at the half and 51-47 after three quarters.

Plymouth made a major bid for control as Jim Szilagyi and Moore learned for nine points as the second half opened. This put the Rocks on top 40-37, but Agardy, Jim Bearman and Mike Flood retaliated with 10 straight and the Jaguars led, 47-40.

Robb, Moore and Jacobs brought the Rocks on strong again, despite a personal

spree of 10 by Agardy. With the Allen Park lead down to one point at 59-58, it looked for a moment as though the Rocks might stave off the 75-74 defeat the Jaguars handed them in December.

Then, whoosh! After the count had edged to 64-60 it took Agardy, Bearman, Kirk Tooley, Jim Perry and Jeff Maddock just two minutes to make it 75-60. There was no comeback from that.

A touch of irony surfaced after the game in conversation with Agardy's father. After leaving the Plymouth gym, the elder Agardy - 6-4 himself and a former Cass Tech basketball player in the '40s - headed for his job on the midnight shift as a supervisor in the Chevrolet plant on Eckles Rd., Livonia, where he has worked for 17 years.

All that time he has been commuting from Allen Park, but admitted that "lately I've been thinking about moving up this way."

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Churchill Puckmen Fall To Southfield, 6-1

"The Jays are back!" bellowed Southfield High hockey Coach Art Carinci after his Blue Jays outskated, outscored and upset Churchill High, 6-1.

It was the third victory for Southfield and the first ever for a Southfield team over a Livonia squad in Suburban Hockey League action.

THREE QUICK goals in the first 6 1/2 minutes told the story, with the Blue Jays outshooting Churchill, 24-20.

For Churchill and Coach Adam Mitchell, it was probably the most disappointing setback in their hockey history.

"It was a key game for us and we blew it," said Mitchell.

whose Chargers stand 5-2-1 in the Suburban League behind Stevenson at 7-0. "The only hope we have now is if somebody else beats Stevenson and we beat them twice."

"Southfield came out to play and we didn't," added Mitchell. "Their three quick goals all but killed us."

"Maybe we didn't deserve to win, but we shouldn't have lost that bad. We just can't win away from home!"

Southfield drew first blood at the 1:10 mark in the opening period when Mark Farber bashed Churchill netminder Mike Parks. Bob Mead assisting.

Churchill then fell two men short when Sam Bird and Bob Rion were off for roughing and

the Blue Jays struck again. Farber scoring with Jack Booth assisting.

TWO MINUTES later, Bob Mead slapped a shot by Parks and it was 3-0 Southfield after the first period.

Southfield was a man short when it scored its fourth goal late in the second stanza. Roger Mead was off for high-sticking but his brother Bob assisted in his second goal to flourish.

Churchill did manage to bounce back, with Mead still in the penalty box, for its lone tally.

SAM BIRD scored, Brian Veasey assisting, to make it 4-1 after two periods.

The Blue Jays were not to be headed in the third period and flipped in two more goals by

Roger Mead and Kevin Nucelli to all but tack away a Southfield first.

CHURCHILL 0 1 0-1
SOUTHFIELD 3 1 2-6

FIRST PERIOD
Southfield - Farber (B. Mead), 1:10
Southfield - Farber (Booth), 4:29
Southfield - B. Mead (Nucelli), 8:38
Penalties: Bird (C), 2:40; Rion (C), 2:15; Farber (S), 8:44; Sund (S), 10:17; Rion (C), 11:53; Meyers (C), 14:13

SECOND PERIOD
Southfield - B. Mead (unassisted), 12:53
Churchill - Bird (Veasey), 13:16
Penalties: Booth (S), 2:33; Rion (C), 9:20; R. Mead (S), 11:51

THIRD PERIOD
Southfield - R. Mead (B. Mead), 8:17
Southfield - Nucelli (Booth), 14:38
Penalties: Bird (C), 0:28; Booth (S), 1:00; R. Mead (S), 0:55; Farber (S), 1:02 (C), 6:07; Parks (C), 7:32; Sund (S), 12:11; Black (S), 12:11

Farmington Wrestlers Win NF Invitational

The Farmington High grapplers are knocking down almost everything they meet on the mats these days.

Besides sporting a 9-0 dual meet record, the Falcons chalked up their second consecutive invitational victory with a first in the North Farmington Invitational.

FARMINGTON was hot off

a first in the Redford Union meet and captured five individual titles to take top honors with 99.5 points.

Ferndale finished second to Farmington, well off the pace with 68.5 points.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS
99 - DAN LONGTINE (F) pinned Bob Dunn (E), 1:06; Ed Vickland (NF) took third

105 - JOHN OSENTOSKI (F) defeated Robin Currie (WB), 9:5; Steve Ford (S) took third
112 - KERRY MORGAN (RU) defeated Bill Mason (F), 4:3 in overtime
119 - CRAIG KILMER (NF) defeated Dan Balkin (E), 16:4; Matt Williams (WB) took third
126 - STEVE HALLER (NF) defeated Bob Barman (WB), 3:0; Gilbert Morrell (S) took third
132 - MIKE KALLIL (RU) defeated Dan Harte (Ferndale), 8:0; Dave Weiss (WB) took third
138 - MARK CHURELLA (F) defeated Glenn Morgan (Farn), 21:5;

Gray Coat (E) took third
145 - JOHN GARCIA (Ferndale) defeated Jack Gardner (F), 4:2; Carl Darnell (NF) took third
155 - JEFF KRAUSE (F) defeated Rene O'Driscoll (E), 6:1; Saeed Kasseh (Farn) took third
167 - JIM MASCOV (F) defeated Bob D'Agostino (E), 4:0; Kevin Kallil (NF) took third
185 - PAUL MATTHEWS (RU) pinned Max Weiss (F), 3:08; Bill Louph (NF) took third
HWT - FRED STANTON (E) defeated Leo Carr (Farn), 6:4; Bill Zukoff (S) took third

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