Transfers Push Salem To Sub 8 Favorite Role

This could be the "Year of the Rocks" in the Suburban Eight basketball race. Fred Thoman's second year at Plymouth Salem could carry a tune of a championship. Allen Park won it all last year and Redford Union the year before. These two gulds should provide the strongest opposition to Thoman's plans.

plans. Thomann's "rookie stint." the Rocks placed 9-5 in the loop and 13-6 overall, the lone loss outside the league coming in a district finale against Churchill.

The 1974 picture wasn't bright for Plymouth with no starters returning — losing nine seniors. But a 6-9 junior from Allen Park transferred in, a 6-2 junior guard from from Allen Park transferred in, a 6-2 junior guard from Trenton transferred in, a 6-3 forward from Oblo has moved in and just two weeks ago a 6-6 sophomore from Peoria, Ill. transferred into Plymouth Salem territory. A somewhat puzzled picture has turned to the bright eithe

ture has turned to the origin side.
"I think we can do it," said Thomann. "The kids are coming along and we are really excited about the sea-son. These extra bonuses have really given us a new outlook.

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"It is not everyday that a 6-9 player, with tremendous potential moves into your area, to say nothing of the other three transfers," added the Salem coach.

Thomann has two half-year

Thomann has two ball-year starters returning in 6-6 sentor forward Bruce Johnson and 5-9 senior guard Rick Reu. Both saw limited action last year due to injuries.

Dave Prueter at 6-0 is another guard off last year's varsity Thomann will be recentling on the senting t





FRED THOMANN
Plymouth Salem
Senior Jeff Zeal at 64 and 62-Jim Mason will be adding bench strength to the Rock assault, From Nolo is 64 jurior Mark Manthey and from Trenton High is transfer jurior Mark Manthey and from Trenton High is transfer jurior 62-Jim Anderson. Mike Jones (5-10), John Maloney (6-1) and Joe Lang-kabel (6-3) round out the 8-alem card.

This card, which Thomana was more than content with, jor.



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Borgess Cagers Dumped Twice In Holiday Meet

Bishop Borgess' basketball quintet found little to give thanks for in the Thanksgiving tourney at Southgate Aquinas.

Coming off a 10-11 season, Jim Brisky's crew came up with little to cheer about in the four team tourney – the lone club not to break into the four team tourney. — the lone club not to break into the win column. The side of the win column rounded Brisky and the side of the side of the win columns? 25 of 51 for 11 for the side of t

and invitational stories will be weekly team ratings along with individual ratings. Sports Editor Tom Donoghue will meet every week with three coaches who will be re-sponsible for three separate areas in Observerland.

Thurston High Coach Jim
Copp will be handling Redford Union, Southfield, Southrield Lathrup, Bishop Borgess and Bentley along with
his Eagle squad. North
Parmington head mentor
Jim O'Leary will be responsible for talent information
out of Farmington, Harrison,
Clarenceville, Stevenson,
Franklin and his Raider
squad.



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