

# Experienced Blue Jay Attack Rips Redford Union, 85-53



UP FOR TWO POINTS on a short jumper for Redford Union is Randy Aardal (54) with Southfield's Dave Trowbridge caught looking on. Southfield wound up catching RU looking on in a 85-53 lashing. (Photo by Enno Korthals)

A Blue Jay swooped down and nabbed itself a Panther. An impossible feat, you say? Well, maybe so in the animal world but a reality on the basketball court. Southfield High, picked to be one of the top clubs in Observerland with seven returning starters, reeled off 18 straight points in the first quarter and the Blue Jays went in to devour the Redford Union Panthers, 85-53. "I thought they (RU) would be a lot tougher," commented Southfield Coach Don Kaump who went through a 7-14 season with his junior squad last year. "They have good size and I was really surprised we ran them off like we did."

The opening clash for both clubs was an offensive display with a total of 18 shots taken from the floor. Southfield hit 35 of 83 for 37 per cent and RU made good 23 of 90 for 25 per cent.

RU's Brian Crenshaw popped in the game's first bucket and added two more later in the quarter to account for all of the Panthers' first quarter six points. In between his first and second basket, the Blue Jays popped in 18 straight points, Ira Labensky and Ed Holton scoring six each. Southfield hit 10 of 24 from the floor in the first quarter and the opener was all but decided after eight minutes with Southfield enjoying a 21-6 lead.

Southfield's full-court press continued to stymie RU and the Blue Jays led at the half, 40-20. RU did win the third quarter, 18-16, but the fourth quarter saw Southfield outscore the Panthers, 29-15. Robin Richards and Dave Trowbridge paced Southfield in the final eight minutes with seven and six points respectively with the Blue Jays

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### Ocelots Named League Starts

Three members of the Schoolcraft College soccer squad were named to the 1973 Michigan Community College Athletic Association All-Star team.

Arthur Wyszynski was unanimous selection at full-back with Ocelot George Kala tapped for the other fullback position.

Kamran Asdigha, Schoolcraft's high scoring forward, was also selected to the All-MCCA squad.

### Livonian Aces 123 Yarder

James Gregory, 1612 Burton Court, Livonia, scored his first hole-in-one on the No. 12, 123-yard hole at Idyl Wyld golf course. The 21-year-old used a nine iron and carded an 80 for the 18.

## Canton Chiefs Drop Opener

Plymouth Canton's varsity basketball debut fell short of its goal. "We let the opposition slip away," commented Canton Coach Casey Cavell after Woodhaven handed Canton a 29-43 beating. "This could have very easily ended with us on the top end of a lopsided score."

Canton's failure to convert on 16 one-and-one situations from the free-throw line proved to be Cavell's No. 1 headache.

Canton stayed with Woodhaven the rest of the way with the third quarter proving to be the setback margin. Woodhaven finished with a 35 per cent mark from the floor and Canton with 33 per cent.

"We never should have let them get away," added Cavell. "We beat this same team last year on a junior varsity level by 20 and 25 points."

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## Shrine Hands Borgess 3rd Loss

Bishop Borgess let another slip away. The opening pages of the 1973-74 basketball campaign have just barely been flipped open and Borgess Coach Jim Brisky is out to change the plot.

A 58-54 setback at the hands of Shrine gave Borgess its third defeat, two losses coming in the Thanksgiving journey at Aquinas.

First quarter action had John Wangler popping in 10 points, Shrine hitting 10 of 14 from the floor and jumping to a 20-10 lead. Borgess hit only three of 13.

The Borgess Spartans remained the same distance away in the second stanza to trail at the half, 31-20. But things changed in the third quarter with Borgess outscoring Shrine, 15-5, to tie it at 38-38.

Borgess finished a 19-11 victor in that quarter and trailed 42-39 going into the final eight minutes.

It was back and forth basketball with Shrine's Wangler breaking a 52-all deadlock with 1:21 remaining. Jim Pierce then came up with two of his eight points to again tie it, 54-54, 45 seconds remaining.

### How Teams Fared In 1972-73 Season

The 1972-73 prep basketball season may have been forgotten by some and may still be grieved by others...just how did your school stack up against the 18 schools in Observerland?

Rank	Team	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.
1	Southfield Lathrup	20-2	1514	1275	909	
2	John Glenn	18-4	1451	1268	818	
3	Redford Union	17-4	1517	1345	810	
4	Churchill	19-6	1490	1404	760	
5	Plymouth	15-6	1454	1268	714	
6	Harrison	14-8	1291	1135	636	
7	Franklin	15-9	1520	1464	625	
8	Stevenson	12-9	1226	1197	571	
9	Garden City West	11-10	1285	1304	524	
10	North Farmington	11-10	1267	1226	524	
11	Bishop Borgess	10-11	1296	1401	476	
12	Garden City East	9-12	1259	1245	429	
13	Bentley	8-13	1308	1282	380	
14	Southfield	7-14	1194	1352	333	
15	Thurston	6-17	1493	1566	261	
16	Clarenceville	4-15	1038	1214	210	
17	Farmington	3-18	1148	1453	143	
18	St. Agatha	2-16	1338	1036	111	

### Livonia Ski Skule Announces Dates

It's learn to ski free time in Observerland. The Livonia Ski Skule 1974 program sponsored by the Livonia Recreation Department is again ready to tackle the slopes of Mt. Brighton.

First session dates have been set for Thursdays and Fridays, beginning Jan. 3 and Jan. 4 and lasting through the first week in March.

Second session classes will begin late in January. You may join a class according to your skill level between 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Brighton. To register for the Livonia Ski Skule, all you have to do is fill out the coupon that will be appearing in the Observer sports section and along with \$2, send to the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department.

All registered members will automatically be members of the Metropolitan Detroit Ski Council and are eligible for MDSO ski trips.

This is season No. 11 for the Ski Skule with a membership of about 100 in that first 1962-63 season growing to 1,600 last year.

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