

Rocks win, 65-40

With University of Michigan basketball coach John Orr scouting from a seat in the Plymouth Salem rooting section, the Rocks attacked Edsel Ford Tuesday as though every man had his heart set on a Wolverine scholarship.

In the process, Plymouth destroyed the Thunderbirds, 65-40, to take a two-game lead in its drive toward the Suburban Eight championship.

In winning their 10th straight and boosting the overall record to 14-2, the Rocks climbed to 9-1 in the league with four games remaining.

Edsel Ford and Dearborn are tied for second at 7-3, Livonia Bentley and Allen Park share the next rung at 5-5, Redford Union follows at 4-6, while Belleville is 2-8 and Trenton 1-9.

Realizing that a loss meant dropping back into a first place tie with Edsel Ford,

the Rocks stormed to 14-8, 34-21 and 53-28 leads at the quarter, half and third period breaks before Coach Fred Thomann cleared his bench in the last stanza.

Eric Agardy, 6-9 junior center, put 10 points on the board in each of the first two periods, winding up with 24. He had substantial support from 6-6 sophomore Jim Ellinghausen, who netted 14 and set the rebounding pace with 13.

Plymouth got the lead for keeps at 6-4 when Agardy canned his second bucket on a feed from Ellinghausen three minutes into the opening quarter, and the romp was on.

The Rocks led in rebounds, 35-28, and hit 25 of 61 shots from the floor for 41 per

cent. Edsel Ford netted only 14 of 61 for 23 per cent. Guard Todd Bedenis was the only Thunderbird in double figures with 10 points.

The defensive play of the Rocks again was impressive and the team drew praise from Orr when he visited their locker room to extend congratulations before heading back to Ann Arbor.

In the preliminary, the Plymouth Jayvees went into overtime before notching a 62-56 victory and now are 13-2.

Tonight Plymouth will be at Allen Park for another league battle, one which carries special meaning to Agardy who was a member of the Jaguar squad last year before the family moved to Plymouth.



CAUGHT LOOKING BEHIND is Stevenson goalie Curt Downs with the sliding puck banging off the netminder's best friend, his goal post. Stevenson edged Churchill, 3-2. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Southfield roars, 103-60

Spartan grapplers push mark to 3-4

Area cagers up win mark

By TOM DONOGHUE
Sports Editor

Just when it appeared the quickly deflating basketball of Observerland was nearing its last breaths of air ... along came a fresh victory pump and a shot up to .428 winning percentage.

An 18 win, - 11 loss week for the 19 schools in the area upped the season showing to 128 - 168. Area prepsters slipped to a season low of .401 win percentage last week.

It appears things will continue to improve before deflating again with an 11 win -

seven loss card slated for tonight. But that climb up to an overall .500 percentage has to be tougher and tougher with every week.

Tuesday's night action showed an eight win - five loss mark for Observerland cagers with St. Agatha, Bentley, Southfield, Franklin, Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, Redford Union and Southfield Lathrup adding another notch in the victory column.

Clarenceville, Bishop Burgess, Farmington, Garden City East and North Farmington slipped into the loss column.

A 15 contest card is set for tonight with Churchill at Ann Arbor Huron the solo Saturday night clash.

Plymouth Canton's basketball story has to be one of coming of age.

Casey Cavell's Canton Chiefs, who had been winless in their first 13 outings, finally exploded into the win column Saturday in a 59-47 triumph over Farmington Harrison.

Not to rid itself of a good thing, the Chiefs toppled Woodhaven to make it two straight, 64-49. Ron Lack popped in 16 points as the Chiefs jumped to a 12-7 first

quarter lead and increased it to 32-9 at the half.

Canton wound up 25 of 63 from the floor for 40 per cent.

Livonia Franklin and Garden City East were both hit hard by virus attacks of key players, Franklin managing to survive in a win over Northville but East finding too tough a competitor in Fordson.

Franklin was without the services of the area's No. 1

Stevenson High jumped two steps closer to the .500 mark in wrestling with back-to-back victories over Melvindale and Waterford Kettering upping the Spartans to a three win - four loss record.

The Spartans dumped Kettering 39 - 24. Jim Treharne and Jim Shepherd recorded pins. Stevenson also received three forfeit matches.

Jeff McClain, John Reuland, Shepherd, Tom Canty and Doug Stein paced the Spartans with pins in the 43 - 15 romp of Melvindale. Results:

- STEVENSON 30**
KETTERING 24
- 98 lbs-John Berry(S) defeated Bob Sevelin(K), 6-0.
 - 105 lbs-Ray Daugherty(K) pinned Don Mancini(S), 3:00.
 - 112 lbs-Dave Jensen(K) pinned Ed Quinn(S), 1:20.
 - 118 lbs-Joe Foltz(K) defeated Jeff McClain(S), 2-8.
 - 120 lbs-Jim Treharne(S) pinned Jeff Taylor(K), 5:35.
 - 132 lbs-Dan Whiston(K) defeated John Reuland(S), 8-2.
 - 135 lbs-Mike Mariotti(S) defeated John Ellis(K), 5-0.
 - 148 lbs-Jim Shepherd(S) pinned Jay Smith(K), 5:40.
 - 155 lbs-Kevin Wall(K) pinned Tom Canty(S), 2:35.
 - 167 lbs-Dan Replani(S) won by forfeit.
 - 185 lbs-Doug Stein(S) won by forfeit.
 - HWT-Kevin McNamara(S) won by forfeit.

- STEVENSON 43**
MELVINDALE 15
- 98 lbs-Matt Marlin(M) defeated John Berry(S), 9-0.
 - 105 lbs-Don Mancini(S) defeated Ron Melnick(M), 15-8.
 - 112 lbs-Dob Mazmanian(M) pinned Ed Quinn(S), 2:25.
 - 118 lbs-Jeff McClain(S) pinned Ron Mazmanian(M), 1:50.
 - 120 lbs-Jim Treharne(S) defeated Mike Kn(M), 17-3.
 - 132 lbs-John Reuland(S) pinned Allen Dow(M), 3:37.
 - 135 lbs-Bob McConk(M) defeated Mike Mariotti(S), 9-5.
 - 148 lbs-Jim Shepherd(S) pinned Scott Whitehouse(M), 2:52.
 - 155 lbs-Tom Canty(S) pinned Tim Dear(M), 1:21.
 - 167 lbs-Dan Replani(M) defeated Dan Replani(S), 15-5.
 - 185 lbs-Doug Stein(S) pinned Jim Pasco(M), 1:45.
 - HWT-Kevin McNamara(S) won by forfeit.

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St. Agatha girl cager shining at Schoolcraft

A 5-foot-6 bonny freshman from St. Agatha High School



ELAINE BECKER
Pops In 30 Points

is churning things up on the Schoolcraft College girls basketball squad.

Elaine Becker all but carried the Ocelots past their latest foe, Concordia Junior College, with a 30 point performance in a 50 - 32 victory.

Miss Becker, who has now compiled 78 points in four games, popped in 13 buckets and hit four of five from the charity line.

Schoolcraft stands at two all in competition, losing the last to Delta College, 63 - 43.

Elaine who played varsity basketball at St. Agatha for four years, was an All-City selection in her senior year and now returns to help coach the St. Agatha girls. She is assistant coach under

a former teammate in '71, Agatha grad Lynn Zuzga.

Miss Becker also finds time, to teach basketball at the Wayne County Child Development Center in Northville Township.

In the 50 - 32 conquest of Concordia, Miss Becker's 30 points was a Schoolcraft girls record and was complemented by teammates Cheryl Szedrowski's 12 points.

Other members of the team are Nadeen Ouellette(Bentley), Mary Jiminez(John Glenn), Diane Becker(GC West), Peggy Boyce(GC East), Sherry Meyer(Bentley), Kathy O'Connell(Stevenson), and Janine Miner(Franklin).

Prep Schedule

TONIGHT (Friday)

- Trenton at **BENTLEY**
- Northville at **CHURCHILL**
- Clarenceville at **CLARKSTON**
- Waterford at **FARMINGTON**
- WATERFORD MOTT** at Harrison
- Thurston at **FRANKLIN**
- Garden City East at **JOHN GLENN**
- GARDEN CITY WEST** at Melvindale
- Oak Park at **NORTH FARMINGTON**
- PLYMOUTH CANTON** at Walled Lake Western
- PLYMOUTH SALEM** at Allen Park
- Redford Union at **EDEL FORD**
- FERNDALE** at Southfield
- Rochester Adams at **SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP**
- STEVENSON** at Dearborn Annapolis
- SATURDAY (Feb. 16)**
- Churchill at **ANN ARBOR HURON**
- TUESDAY (Feb. 19)**
- Franklin at Farmington Harrison
- Schafer at **GARDEN CITY WEST**
- REDFORD UNION** at Thurston
- Andover at **SOUTHFIELD**
- Ferndale at **SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP**
- Stevenson at **EDEL FORD**
- (Tuesday's Predictions, 11-2; Overall Record, 180-56)
- Probable winners in bold-face caps**
- PREDICTION WIN PERCENTAGE, .787**

Blue Jays tie Lathrup, 3-3

A goal by Rick Damitz, with 2:21 remaining gave Southfield a three-all tie with city rival Lathrup in a Suburban Hockey loop contest. Results:

SOUTHFIELD	1	1	1	3
LATHRUP	1	1	1	3
FIRST PERIOD				
SCORING: Lathrup - Naimy (Halse), 17:28; Southfield - Bonino (Haw), 14:59.				
SECOND PERIOD				
SCORING: Southfield - Crist (Bonino), 17:03; Lathrup - Naimy (Halse), 7:20. PENALTIES: Crist (S), Trudeau (SL), Halse (SL).				
THIRD PERIOD				
SCORING: Lathrup - Naimy (Lax), 5:05; Southfield - Damitz (Crist), 2:21. PENALTIES: Bonino (S), 12:44; Bonino (S), 7:32. Antczak (SL), 2:48.				