

Sidelines

By RON HINGST

The axe falls for Groves coach

AL VORDERMARK is a nice guy who finished out of his job as head basketball coach at Birmingham Groves. Vordermark, 41, who spent the last 12 years on the Falcon coaching staff and the last 6½ as head basketball coach, was told prior to the recent Easter vacation that he would be replaced as a coach next season. The Groves cagers finished the season with an 8-12 overall record.

"AL VORDERMARK is one great guy in the classroom as a teacher and as a person, but we felt in terms of our basketball program we needed some more help," said Groves principal Ron Ralph earlier this week in a telephone conversation. There is reason to believe here, that the entire matter boils down to one word—winning. Vordermark agreed. "Primarily, I felt I was fired because we were not winning enough," the former Groves coach said. "Of course you are never pleased with a losing season, but I felt with the talent we had, our kids played their hearts out. We gave quite a few teams trouble." Of course, one of the hazards of coaching is to bear the brunt of criticism when a team is not doing well. A team wins and everyone is happy. Lose and the coach is the goat.

THERE IS some question here about Vordermark's dismissal. The Falcons entered the season without an abundance of talent and height. Groves' tallest starter last season was six-foot-three and more often than not, the Falcons were outmanned. There were occasions, to the credit of Vordermark and his team, Groves compensated for their lack of size with hustle and desire. Despite the mediocre 8-12 record, the Falcons won a Christmas tourna-

ment for the second consecutive year, defeated Metro Suburban Association champions Bloomfield Hills Lakers and lost close decisions to highly rated Bloomfield Hills Andover and Berkley "Bruce Flowers" High.

THE "HOW soon they forgot" idea also comes into play because Groves under Vordermark, won league championships in 1969-70 and '70-71.

Vordermark admitted the news of his departure as a coach at first came as a "shock," but he pointed out that his four winning youngsters at home, "sometimes things work out for the best."

The sad thing about dismissing a prep coach is that the position is a labor of love. Coaches are paid, but if one was to compute the hours in and out of the gym, the paycheck received the entire effort is not a financial winner. Nevertheless, most coaches enjoy working with kids and love sports.

Sentiment for Vordermark here is based on personal experiences during the past season. More than one opposing coach, whose team faced Groves this year, commended the work of the now deposed Falcon mentor. Also, Vordermark was a gentleman in victory as well as defeat.

THAT TRAIT in my mind, is far more important than winning in prep sports.

Granted, the Groves cagers had a losing season this year, but Vordermark is no loser.

Box lacrosse players needed in Southfield

Southfield's box lacrosse team needs players from 18 to 22 years of age. The team, which plays in the Michigan Junior Lacrosse League, is coached by Gary Law. League play begins around May 26. Southfield's home games will be played at the new Beechwood Arena. Additional information may be obtained by calling Law at 866-2827, or by asking the manager at Beechwood. There is no residency requirement.

Jays stun Kimball, 7-6

Hawk chucker blanks Parkers

If the name Chris Kallgren doesn't ring a bell with Farmington Hills baseball fans, just wait awhile.

Chris Kallgren could become a household word around Farmington if the sophomore pitcher continues to do what he did at Highland Park last Friday. Kallgren tossed a three hitter, struck out four, and walked one in

Harrison's 1-0 victory over the Parkers in a nonleague game. That pitching performance becomes even more impressive when you consider two facts: One — Kallgren had never pitched a high-school game before last afternoon. Two — Highland Park had looked good in winning its first four games without a loss. "He just keeps throwing those

curves," said Harrison coach John Harrison, whose team won its first game of the season against four losses. "He wasn't overpowering, but he had a sharp-breaking curve ball, and they were biting on it."

Harrison had only four hits against Highland Park, and Harrison has said that the team has been having problems at the plate. But the Hawks finally managed to score a run. The tally came in the fourth inning when Doug Kallgren, Chris' brother, made first on an error, and then stole second. Left fielder Tom Uphoff then singled to drive in Kallgren.

One Hawk who hasn't been affected by the team's hitting slump is Steve Harrison, a senior infielder. He pounded out two doubles against Highland Park pitcher John Johnson.

Earlier last week, Plymouth Canton edged Harrison, 1-0, in a Western Six League game. Canton's Chris Martucci tossed a three hitter at the Hawks, and teammate Tom Close homered in the first inning.

Harrison plays next on Monday (April 30) at Waterford East. The Western Six contest begins at 4 p.m.

Southfield-Kimball

Everybody knows that the South-eastern Michigan Association is very strong when it comes to baseball. After all, the SMA has Royal Oak Kimball and Hazel Park — and those two schools seem to be involved in the state Class A final every year.

But move over Vikings and Knights. Here comes Southfield High. Southfield defeated Kimball, 7-4,

last Friday, and coach Greg is excited about the Blue Jays' prospects this season.

"They'll all be looking at us pretty soon," said Shweta, who is in his second year as baseball coach at Southfield. "We're starting to play well."

Southfield got 11 hits. Catcher Dino Antonacci had three singles and an RBI. Don Fisher led off the first inning with a home run. Southfield pitcher Steve Looney gave Kimball just four hits.

Southfield led, 7-2, in the last of the sixth Kimball then staged a rally with the help of some Blue Jay errors.

Southfield, now 2-3 this season, plays next on Monday (April 30) at Birmingham Seaholm. The SMA game begins at 4:15 p.m.

Falcon gridded to Grand Valley

Jeff Schultz, an all-Ister Lakes League linebacker at Farmington High School last fall, has signed a letter of intent to attend Grand Valley State College. GVSU football coach Jim Harbema announced.

Schultz, a 6-2, 186 pounder, set school records for tackles and assists in his senior year — his first season of varsity football. He is also a two-year letterman on Farmington High's baseball team.

Harbema coached Grand Valley '67, a 12-4 record over the past two seasons. Last year the team finished 17th in the NIAA Division II national rankings.

Hall of Fame for Farmington man

Benjamin Bagdade of Farmington, whose name has been synonymous with speed skating in Michigan for more than half a century, will be one of 10 celebrities inducted into the Michigan Amateur Sports Hall of Fame at the annual awards dinner at the Warren Chateau on May 8.

The other inductees and their sports include Walter Bietala, of Ironwood, skiing; George Jaglowicz, basketball; the late Dr. Robert Bennett, boxing; Herbert E. Cook, figure skating; Lawrence Cain, hockey; Earl Hickey, paddle ball; Frances Bloomfield, field hockey; Dean L. Rockwell, wrestling; and Nicholas Russell, golf football.

Bagdade is being honored as a reward for his many years of dedicated service that included the formation of the Michigan Skating Association in the early 1930's. He also was the founder of the Gold and Silver Skates Derbies in Detroit and they are among the oldest speed skating events in the country.

Among his many honors he served

as president of the Amateur Skating Union of the U.S. for an unprecedented three years and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating Committee along with managing the U.S. team in Switzerland in 1948. He also served as referee in the Winter Olympics in Oslo and was an official in the 1968-1969 season.

Born in Montreal, Canada, Ben came with his family to Searsville Lake, N.Y. when he was four years old. He began skating competitively in high school and won the national intermediate championship in 1959.

During his years in Michigan he has helped develop several champions and has a record of never missing a championship meet anywhere in the state.

John Walter, retired sports writer from the Detroit News who also lives in Farmington Hills, will be master of ceremonies at the awards dinner.



BENJAMIN BAGDADE
A place in the Hall of Fame

In college...

Six former area athletes are listed on spring rosters for the Albion College baseball and track teams. Bloomfield Hills residents Jeff and Jim Knudson and Rob Ledbetter of Birmingham are members of Albion baseball coach Frank Joranko's pitching staff.



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Obbligations of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations		924,312	00
Obbligations of States and political subdivisions		1,609,062	13
Other securities (including 1,200,000.00 corporate stock)		20,000	00
Trading account securities		None	
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell		1,750,000	00
Loans		11,610,924	16
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Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		6,230,417	45
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		10,140,846	33
Deposits of United States Government		153,912	33
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		1,623,728	19
Deposits of foreign governments and official institutions		None	
Deposits of commercial banks		None	
Certified and officers' checks, etc.		270,278	15
TOTAL DEPOSITS		18,840,182	45
(a) Total demand deposits		6,230,417	45
(b) Total time and savings deposits		13,609,765	33
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase		None	
Liabilities for borrowed money		None	
Mortgage individuals		None	
Acceptances executed by or for account of this bank and outstanding		None	
Other liabilities		523,547	34
TOTAL LIABILITIES		19,363,729	79
MINORITY INTEREST IN CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES			
RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES			
Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to FRB rulings)		92,622	52
Other reserves on loans		-0-	
Reserve on securities		92,622	52
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES		185,244	04
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS			
Capital notes and debentures		250,000	00
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Equity capital-total			
Preferred stock-total par value			
No. shares outstanding		475,000	00
Common stock-total par value			
No. shares authorized		1,250,000	
No. shares outstanding		1,250,000	
Surplus		192,000	00
Undivided profits		411,314	66
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		32,622	32
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		1,260,936	32
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		20,817,289	16
MEMORANDA			
Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date		16,974,794	00
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