

5th win for Warriors

Brother Rice whips Pioneer, 86-61

Birmingham Brother Rice jumped ahead of Ann Arbor Pioneer early in Saturday's basketball game and coasted to an 86-61 nonleague victory. "We played well," coach Bill Norton said. "Basically, we've been playing three guards in our lineup and Tim Scheerer did an especially good job coming off the bench."

Scheerer, a junior guard, was one

of four Warriors in double figures as he hit for four field goals and two free throws for 10 points. Senior forwards Tom Hunter and Tom Henry paced the attack with 17 and 16 counters, respectively.

"Henry was very consistent," Norton added. "He played a solid game on defense and he rebounded well. Tom Hunter shot well from the outside and his shooting is coming around to what we expected at the start of the season."

After grabbing an 18-15 lead following the first period, Rice romped to a 28-17 advantage in the second quarter for a 14-point (48-31) margin at the half. The Warriors held the edge in the third period to boost the lead to 17 points after three quarters.

WITH A BIG lead in the late stages of the game, Norton emptied his bench and 13 of the 13 Rice players scored. It was the second game in a row in which 12 Warriors scored.

George Thomas paced Pioneer, now 3-3, with 13 points while Eric Zorn and George Frazier added 12 apiece. Ann Arbor hit only 22 of 58 field-goal attempts for 37 per cent while Rice connected on 33 of 40 shots from the floor for 82 per cent. Guard Kevin Smith had a career high 11 assists for the Birmingham cagers.

Rice returns to action Saturday night, traveling to Grand Rapids Creston. Norton said that Creston is "always pretty solid and they have good size—they're 6-5 across the front line."

"We've done well on the road (2-0) so far this year, but we're inexperienced," the Rice mentor said. "This game will give us an indication of how well we'll respond to travel."

After the trip to Grand Rapids, the Warriors will resume their Catholic League schedule against Detroit Catholic Central on Tuesday and against

Bishop Borgess on Friday (Jan. 9), both on the road. The victory lifted Rice to 5-1 overall.

Brother Rice-Ann Arbor Pioneer



Tom Hunter goes up for two of his game-high 17 points for Brother Rice as the Warriors topped Ann Arbor Pioneer, 86-61. The Pioneer's George Frazier (42) waits for the rebound that never came. (Photos by Robert Kozloff)

Many area members

Blizzard skiers begin 12th year

The Blizzard Ski Club began its 12th season recently with a head-start program for beginners.

Over the years, the club has grown from 194 members to some 2,500 children between the ages of eight and 17, but the ratio of students to instructors remains 10 to one, according to Chuck Yeann, director of the club.

The ski season already is more than a month old for the ski instructors. Thirteen Blizzard instructors attended the Vail, Colo., Ski School in late November for retraining in methods of instruction and ski techniques, including a lecture by Hank Abraham, technical director of the Professional Ski Instructors of America.

The adults who attended the Vail school then conducted clinics for other Blizzard instructors on new teaching concepts and technical review.

WHEN CLUB MEMBERS take to the hills at Alpine Valley, Mt. Holly and Mt. Brighton, the adults provide instruction on the mechanics of skiing and ski techniques. The total skiing curriculum also includes a Junior Ski Patrol and training for that program and instruction in various types of ski racing.

"We go out every Saturday that weather permits," Yeann said. "In the past, we've had as many as 12 days of skiing and as few as eight, but we have an average of 10 ski trips every season."

The club also schedules two week-end trips to northern Michigan and a week-long spring visit to Vail, Colo. The trip to Vail features a "Ski with Me" concept as the students apply what they have learned in Michigan while skiing with their instructors. Yeann said that the club has eight ability groups and that it has awarded less than 70 Silver Awards in its 12-year history to skiers who demonstrate their excellence either in northern Michigan or Colorado.

Each summer, a group of about 25 club members returns to Colorado for a back pack vacation.

Each student receives a telephone call every Thursday with information on the Saturday trip. On "ski day" some 30 buses pick up the club members at 24 different pick-up points in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

Yeann said it is still possible to enroll in the club by calling the Blizzard office at 645-1280. The club is sponsored by the Don Thomas Sports Haus.

Cross-country ski

Kensington Metropark near Milford has cross-country ski rental service and a trail center open this winter at the Golf Course Starter Building. For details phone 665-1561 (Milford).

Peewee Warriors win hockey tourney

The Southfield Warriors, a peewee hockey team coached by Mike Rupp, won three straight games to win the first annual Detroit Winter Wonderland Christmas Tournament last weekend.

Southfield defeated Jack Roberts Pools, 2-1, Sunday in the championship game. Southfield's Duane Rupp scored a goal in the first period. Paul Morgan and Wayne Altmann received assists. Mark Brooks added a goal in the second period with the assists going to Carl Sarnacki and Matt Scullin.

The Warriors opened the tourney by beating Roberts Pools, 2-2. Rupp scored the tie-breaking goal late in

the game. Southfield's other goals came from Mark Meek and Sarnacki. Brooks recorded two assists in the game.

Southfield then defeated a Detroit Police Athletic League team 7-2. Altmann and Meek each scored two goals, while teammates Rupp, Morgan and Greg Bego each added one.

For their efforts, Brooks and Rupp were picked for stars of the tournament. The third star spot went to Roberts Pools' Chamberland.

Rupp won another award that weekend. He took the trophy for the Peewee Division speedskating competition, held at Winter Wonderland Sunday.

Burgess 1, 2, 4; Kevin Threlkoff 2, 0, 4; Mark Hayden 1, 0, 2; Jerry Reese 0, 1, 1; Jerry Dietz 0, 1, 1. Totals: 31, 20, 86.
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