

AGATHA, SORROWS, BISHOP BORGESS BLAST FOES

Catholic Quintets Off To Fast Starts

It's quite a charge Observerland's three Catholic League high school basketball teams have set off this season.

St. Agatha and Our Lady of Sorrows both topped their records to 4-1 with Tuesday victories. Bishop Borgess, meantime, made it three out of four on the happy side.

St. Agatha rolled past Wayne St. Mary's, 80-63, while Sorrows' was pushed to down St. Florian, 54-41.

Bishop Borgess had no trouble winning from Gabriel Richard, 66-41.

Mike Murphy, the all-state football back, tossed in four baskets and a free throw to get St. Agatha off to a 22-15 lead after one quarter against Wayne St. Mary's.

19-8 final period to turn the game into a runaway.

Murphy closed the evening with 16 points. Tim Flamboe and George Barbour had 16 points each while Dave Urban had 13 and Doug Inch 10 for the winners.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS built up a 15-11 lead in the first quarter when Ron Patton hit for six points and extended the bulge to 34-22 at the half as Don Blouin fired in eight points in eight minutes.

But St. Florian rallied back to within \$2-51 of the lead after 45 seconds when Chris Strand drilled in a basket to rap up matters for Sorrows.

Strand, the fine sophomore

center for Sorrows, came through with an excellent effort. He scored 10 points and gathered in eight rebounds.

BISHOP BORGESS also jumped off to a roaring start, but kept up the pace the rest of the game.

Borgess had a 23-10 lead after one quarter as Jim Pomeranski made six of his 10 points in the initial quarter.

Then Borgess extended its

lead to 44-18 at the half and clobbered the rest of the way.

The winners made 20 out of 32 shots from the field in the first half for a stunning 63 percent.

Ray Sobocinski and Bob Davis each had 11 points for the winners while Kevin Dowdy also finished in double figures, netting 10.

Davis topped Borgess in rebounding with eight.

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PASADENA, CALIF.

Dear Boss:

Here I am again... standing in the shadow of the Rose Bowl. Ah, a beautiful sight.

But it's going to be so much more gorgeous two weeks from Thursday when Michigan comes out here to play Southern California in the battle of the roses.

Right now all's so peaceful around here. A few folks are working to get the stadium ready.

Here and there a youngster or adult rides by on his bicycle. Those mountains over yonder make this one of the most magnificent beauty spots around.

That's why when they turn the color TV on from here on Jan. 1—first during the Rose parade and then at the game itself—your eyes instantly start popping.

That's why for the second time in less than a month I came back here to look around, while the Pistons were in between games here on the west coast.

Naturally, boss, I'd like to be back here on Jan. 1. But, I'm not trying to hog everything. Since this makes it two rides westward in so short a period for me... gee, I wouldn't object if brother Tommy gets out here to cover Michigan in the Rose Bowl.

THE MICHIGAN FOOTBALL story, of course, is one of the best to unfold during the 1969 season.

You remember back, don't you... when it was announced that Bo Schembechler would be the new coach to replace Bump Elliott.

"Who's Bo?" the world went up almost anywhere.

Around newspaper offices, editors and writers grumbled. Trying to spell "Schembechler" can make a headache.

It certainly causes a jolt to any headline writer.

But, Bo arrived in Ann Arbor and made some promises. Most coaches usually do.

Only in his case, the experts didn't really take what he had to say too seriously. How could Michigan really be a contender among Ohio State, Purdue, Indiana—and even Michigan State?

Impossible!

But, sports thrives on impossibilities. We saw it right around here in Observerland during the recent high school football season.

AFTER ALL, WHO could foresee Redford Union losing its first three and then winding up as co-champs in the Suburban Six League?

Of Franklin, with almost all new faces, losing just once in eight games?

Of unheralded St. Agatha roaring into the Catholic League's Second Division finals?

Or, a lot of other happy things?

And, that's the way it went for Michigan.

They were counting the Wolverines OUT when they folded up against Michigan State. But that was the last time Michigan floundered.

It's here that Michigan's wonderful band will strike up "The Victors," a spine-tingling song, if there ever was one.

It'll be here that Pete Waldmier and Joe Falls and Bill Halls and Curt Sylvester will join hundreds of others writers in telling how Michigan wins over Southern Cal. And, believe me, Michigan WILL WIN.

This sure will be a nice spot to be-on New Year's Day—especially, boss, when you're from the great state of Michigan.

Best regards,

GEORGE

Orchard Ridge Finds Flint Tough Customer

With high scoring Fred Street limited to a mere 14 points compared to his season average of almost 30 per game, the Orchard Ridge Community college basketballers learned why Flint Junior College is rated as the best in Michigan.

The visiting Flint combine rolled to a 54-36 lead at halftime and were ahead by 35 points at one point when the Riders whittled the deficit to a mere 10. That's when the Flint first stringers went back into action.

for Flint, collecting a total of 30 points on 13 field goals and four free throws and completely dominated the backboards.

Flint toppled the Riders, 105-89, while playing without the services of All-American Lee Palmer who sat out the game due to disciplinary reasons.

It was 8-9 Paul Stokes who carried the bulk of the work

Farmington Swims Over Churchill

Led by Larry Henderson, winner in the 50-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle team downed Livonia Churchill, 58-47, in a dual meet.

Kick Hanson captured the 400-yard freestyle and Jack Kerastas the 100-yard backstroke for Farmington, which also took both the relays.

Stacey Swiatkowski and Bill Squires each won two events for Churchill—the former in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle. Squires in butterfly and the individual medley.

Spartans Shatter Four Marks

Four pool records were set but Livonia Stevenson swimmers still dropped a 56-49 verdict to Farmdale in the opening dual meet of the season. It was a tight duel all the way with no more than four points difference until the final event.

Bill Kloke, of Stevenson, established standards in the 400-yard and the 200-yard freestyle events. He was clocked in 4:23.1 in the longer distance and 1:58.2 for the shorter.

The Stevenson freestyle relay

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

A wave of high scoring swept over the Observerland bowling front during the week with the result that a half dozen series above the 700 mark were posted.

The wave hit its peak in the Garden Lanes Classic when three of the peak series were reported.

Ken Lorenz showed the way with a 770 on games of 234, 278 and 238, while Bob Arnold followed with 234, 255, 256 for 735.

Mark Teschner contributed the third when finished with a 290 after games of 203 and 212 for 716.

season in the Wonderland Classic. It was an 1137 while Hearthside Furniture came through with a 3130 series.

DICK BEATTIE, the high scoring southpaw, continued his high scoring pace when he fashioned a 622 series at Wonderland. This enabled him to keep top place in the averages with 220 -- one of the highest averages in the area.

BOB HITT, the veteran Livonia milkman, finally has reached his season goal. He has taken over top place in the averages of the Monday night classic.

Starting from 12th place a month ago in the Livonia Lanes circuit he moved to the top this week with a series that included games of 225 and 231. Other jackpot winners were Dave Bowerman and "Oke" Osterstrom who tied at 224.

Other high counts at Garden included Bill Mull's 692, Howard Vost with 690, Don Michalek with 684, Joe Gill with 658, Bob Cramer with 652 and John Molinar with 650.

Bill Fite joined the week's 700 club when he paced the Westland Classic with 704. He opened with 244, followed with 217 and closed with 223.

Another membership in the club went to Buzz Hansen who posted a 727 at Wonderland on games of 236, 225, and 245.

THE BOWLERS at Livonia Lanes are proving to be capable decorators as well as bowlers, judging from their contributions to the Christmas tree being decorated.

More than 200 bowlers accepted the invitation to decorate a foam ball for the tree and then put it in place. So great has been the response that the tree has become a showpiece and is being fencd off for protection.

Judging of the decorations will be made on Monday morning, Dec. 22.

ONE OF THE MOST satisfied women bowlers in the area was Judy Drilings who registered games of 266, 167, 177 for 610 -- exactly 100 pins over her average.

In speaking of the ladies, Mary Lou Keating linked counts of 212, 230 and 208 for 650 at Bel-Aire Lanes.

Among the other high scorers at the Farmington sig were Con Hamilton with 688, Don Laskas with 682 and Jack Cogan with 653, in the Classic while Gaston Marrois paced the Senior House League with a 238 game to beat out Larry Brandt by six pins.

THE JUNIOR BOWLERS at Farmington Lanes also caught the high scoring fever.

In the high school boys league, Tim McKendry was high with a 211 that gave him a one pin edge over Jim Hone. In the girls section Julie Graham rolled a 204 to beat out Sue Shaw by a single pin.

In the junior high girls division Mary Garzdecki was high with 188 while LuAnn Lashbrook had a 173 and Sue Frick 170.

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The first place winners, all from Clarenceville, were: loze bars and horizontal bars - Mike McCammon; floor exercises and tumbling - Rob Strub; parallel bars - Bill Waddell; side horse - Lyle Sklar; trampoline - Dan Parkinson; and still rings - Vernon Splink.

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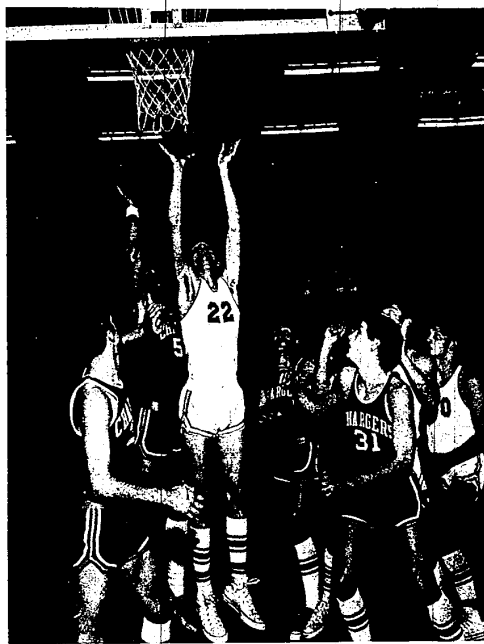
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GOING UP for a tip shot is Steve Scholes (22) of Clarenceville, although Crestwood's Bob Day (53) and Gary Kimball (left) try to block the ball. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

N. Farmington Tankers Roll To Second Straight

North Farmington High has won two swimming meets after losing to Plymouth, 74-31, in the first dual meet.

The Raiders followed by winning from Churchill, 66-38, and Rochester Adams, 54-51.

North Farmington took only four of the 11 events in besting Adams. Steve Tansian won the butterfly, Fred Bertsch the 100-yard free, Matt Conklin the backstroke and the quartet of Frank Worack, Jim Ackroyd, George Benya and Dan Elliott, the freestyle relay.

In the meet with Churchill, Matt Dillon, Mark Peterson, Taonsson and Brad Smith won the medley relay, Bertsch the 50-yard free, Bradd Carr the 100-yard free, and Steve Shakoto the 400-yard free.

North's freestyle relay of

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N. Farmington Matmen Win

North Farmington High grapplers maintained their unbeaten streak with a 20-20 victory over Redford Union in a non-league match. It was the second straight win for the Raiders.

Results: 58 pounds - Frank (NF) defeated Lindberg (RU); 107 pounds - K. Haller (NF) pinned Schafer; 115 pounds - M. Haller (NF) and Campbell drew; 123 pounds - Toobey (NF)

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