# Rochester waltzes to 17th straight victory

By MARTY BUDNER

Andover cach John Maloney is convinced Rochester High School's basket-ball streak is for real.

"Any team that can win 17 games in a row has got to be good How many teams in the state have won that many games in a row" asked Maloney, whose team lost \$2.51 to Rochester Friday evening.

"They're (Rochester) a bunch of winners. They're confident, and they play without hesitation," he said.
"They've learned how to win the close ones."

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And, that's exactly how Andover played Rochester — close. The Falcons

Oakland County's only remaining undefeated high school basketball team
— controled play but never had the game in command.

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The visiting Barons were down by as many as 15 points late in the third quarter, but rallied behind the hot outside shooting of junior gaurd Tim Meter. However, Meter, who missed Andover's last two games with an an-

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Plymouth Canton coach Craig Bell was all wet Friday night — after enjoying the traditional throw-him-in-the-shower victories of the coach was a second to the coach with the coach was a second to the coach with the coach was a second to the coach was a

shower victories, climaxing the Chiefs' first-ever Western Six League basket-ball championship

half championship.
Canton, which has had no trouble in \conference play all season long, got the clincher on its home court, an overwhelming 80-57 victory over Walled Lake Western.
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It was all smiles in the Canton locker room following the historic triumph which raised the Chiefs' record to 8-0 in the Western 5 and 14-4 overall.

Bell came out of the shower in his well clothes displaying a red and white T-shirt which read, Canton — 1979 Western Six League basketball champs.

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"It was a present from my brother," the Canton coach said. "He gave it to me last year. I wore it under by shirt but I wasn't going to show it if we had lost."

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Bell was, no doubt, pleased with his squad's easy victory and their title quest. And he defended the teams which Canton beat in the league. Northville, the second-place team, is the only

kle injury, and his teammates could never quite catch up.

Alter injust, also with the carbon by a MNDOVER CLOSED the gap to \$2.45 with just under three minutes remaining and was forced to foul. The Falcons ruined the strategy by making 10 straight foul shots — all in one-on-one-situations.

Senior guard Jim Jagels made 10 of 12 free throws for the night, and junior forward Chris Ribant had an exception-al fourth quarter. Each connected in the closing moments for the winners. As a team, Rochester made 22 of 26 shots.

"We were hurt late in the game by a couple key plays," said Maloney, Andover's second-year head coach. "We missed some key shots which would have brought us to within four points, and we couldn't come up with a loose hall after a jump."

Ribant and Jagles seach led Rochester with 16 points. However, it was Ribant who kept the Falcons on top with 12 fourth-quarter points — including four straight baskets.

Canton claims WSL title

conference club with an above .500 record, besides Canton.
"Any team in the league has five players who can play." Bell said. "And on any given night if you're not ready to play you can lose." It's a tribute to our kids that there were no breakdowns. They kept work-limp hard.

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"We had all the pressure at the be-ginning of the season when people said we would win the league. These people were right. We did win the Western 6." The league title was the number-one goal for Canton this season. Bell said he

are reague tute was the number-one goal for Canton this season. Bell said he now wants to go undefeated in loop action. The Chiefs face Churchill Friday and Northville next Friday to finday to checkle.

Butch King led the Chiefs' scoring at-lack with 28 points. He hit 12 of 19 outside shots and two free throws to pace he way. Rusty Mandle played another outstanding floor game, scoring 12 points, pulling down nine rebounds and adding 11 assists.

These two players, the Chiefs' senior co-capitains, have led the way all season.

"We started slowly," Bell said of the Western victory. "But we got great

man."

The Barons took advantage of the

The biggest bucket came with Ro-chester holding a 44-34 lead. Ribant sneaked out from his forward position to steal a pass at the top of the key, driving in uncontested for the lay-up. He then hit two long jumpers before stealing an inbounds pass for another two-pointer. The basket gave Roches-ter a insurmountable 52-41 advantage.

"IT (THE GAME) was nothing spectacular. We just played good, solid ball for four quarters," said Rochester coach John Bailey. "We executed our plays very well, but we missed the easy shots when we had them."

Rochester, which faces a major test Tuesday eyening in a non-league battle with North Farmington, started the game in a man-to-man defense. It was the first time this year that the Falcons abandoned their normal 2-3 in favor of single coverage.

"We thought it would catch them off guard a little," said Bailey. "I thought we did all right in it, but we went to the zone because we press better out of the

senior leadership on the floor. We moved the ball around well, offensive-ly. We were not selfish and we took

Western held an early 11-8 lead after the first six minutes of play but the outcome was never in doubt. The Chiefs led 18-13 after the first period, 38-25 at halftime, and scored 26 more points in the third quarter to put the game away. All the Chief reserves saw action the

final six minutes of play.

The Chiefs hit on 35 of 75 shot from the floor for 47 percent, while the War-riors hit on only 20 of 75 shots for 27 percent. The Chiefs outrebounded Western 36-24.

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Bell added Mike Leary and Mike Gollnick, Canton's two senior inside players, dominated the boards. Dave Visser, a junior forward, also contributed with 10 points.

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The Barons took advantage of the opening defense and cruised to a 5-2 lead. The Falcons then switched to cone, and Andover was forced to per-imiter shooting and were unable to penetrate as effectively.

Thanks to a pair of late baskets by senior center Gregg Rohlin, Andover tied Rochester at 13 ending the first quarter. Rochester outscored Andover IN A low-scoring third quarter, Rochester held a 10-7 advantage, Each

20-12 in the second quarter for a 33-25 Meter led the team with 20 points. Roh-halftime lead. Meter led the team with 20 points. Roh-

ROCHESTER 62 -- ANDOVER 51

Andover actually made more field goals than Rochester (21-20), but converted only nine of 17 foul shots. The Barons were outrebounded 26-18.

## Lahser nails Dondero

Bloomfield Hills Lalser upped its record to 15-2 overall with an easy 76-56 cage victory Friday over Royal Oak Doudero in a Metro Shubrah Activities Association (MSAA) game. The Knights, who have already clinched the league title with a 9-0 mark, got off to a slow start and led only 8-6 after the first quarter. The Knights led 32-22 at halltime and outsorred Dondero, 28-16, in the third quarter town going away. Shawn Santa and Scott Pritchett paced Lalser with 19 and 18 points, respectively. The latter added 10 rebounds and three blocked shots. Lalser bosts Mumford Monday night.

WEST BLOOMFIELD outscored Waterford Kettering 3-2 in overtime and held on for a 57-56 victory Friday in a Greater Oakland Activities League (GOAL) game.

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Down by as many as six points in the fourth period, West Bloomfield rallied to the the score 54-54 when Tom D'Agostino canned a jumper with 45 seconds felt.
Chris Mayone hit two free throws in overtime and D'Agostino hit the front end of a bonus foul to secure the win for West Bloomfield.
West Bloomfield, powered by D'Agostino's 17 points, now stands 9-8 overall and 4-4 in the league.
Jim Meyers, 46-6 senior, had his finest game of the season scoring 16

In The Pocket.

points and grabbing six rebounds. West Bloomfield travels to Bloom-field Hills Andover Thursday in GOAL

BIRMINGHAM GROVES gained re-venge against MSAA rival Rochester Adams, notching a 69-60 victory Fri-

day.

The Falcons lost by 20 points in early January to Adams.

Groves (11-7) got 20 points and eight rebounds from 64 senior forward Ted Williams. Three other Falcons also scored in double figures — Chris Atkin-

son (19), Al Campbell (12) and Naim Peress (12). Greg Manning paced Adams with 26 and Joe Koger added 10.

Groves rallied in the second half af-ter trailing, 35-22, at halftime. The Fal-cons outscored Adams, 40-25, in the second half.

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ne used, either on defense or offense. Michigan wanted me as a defensive back. "It thought it over and figured that there's only one position to start from as a tailback, and if I din't make that I wouldn't play much. On defense, there are four positions to choose from and I'd have a better chance to play." Tork north. Ochen played a position similar to Michigan's wolfback. But he received most of his publicity as a running back, rushing for nearly 800 yards

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Some proof that the professionals like the area was manifest over the past week when the men conducted a highly successful event at Sunnybrook Lanes in Sterling Heights.

To make the area more pro conscious, the wom-en pros are scheduled to start Feb. 28 at North Hill Lanes in Rochester.

Lanes in Rochester.

The pros now have been in Allen Park, Berkley, East Detroit, Sterling Heights and Rochester and more of the larger houses are under consideration for future events.

THE PINS were flying in all directions last Tuesday night at Wonderland Lanes. When the roar subsided, a new high for the year had been established when Jim Shelp's Sherwoof Forest team complete a 3446 series on games of 1130, 1173 and 1141. Included in the new mark was a 716 series contributed by Bill Walker and a 699 by Jim Phelps, the captain. The pacemaker, though, was Harry Fill, who turned in a 728 that included a middle zame of 258.

Shelp was the hard luck bowler. After games of 203 and 228, he made a bid for top place and even

er by a single pin.

In the women's division, Virginia Mega closed with a 232 for a 612 to beat Bobby Know by six pins.

WHEN IT COMES to unusual performances, a place high on the list should be reserved for Bernie Woods, who bowls in the Fisher Body league at Wonderland.

After starting with a 128 game that would have discouraged many bowlers, he came right back and found the pocket for a perfect game. It was the 23rd 300 game bowled in the metropolitan area this season.

THE DETROIT BOWLING Hall of Fame committee has scheduled its annual meeting to select this year's inductees for Feb. 28.

The resumes for all candidates should be in the proprietors office prior to that date.

RICK JAMES has added his name to those who have bowled high 700 games at Westland Bowl. He put together counts of 234, 268 and 257 for a 759 in the Monday men's league. Other high scorers in the league included Darryl Magoon, who had a 25. in 676, and Bob Schoulting, who had a 268. In another Wednesday league Bill Mitchell set



the pace with 633 and was followed by Sam Hen-bree with 625 and Bill Guzman with 608. In the morning doubles John Hurley again failed to break the 700 barrier, but Wayne Zagwioli moved to the lead with a 696.

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AT GARDEN LANES Dennis Eckert topped the Iron and Hammer loop with 616 and Jim Bailey had a 258 game in a 609 series. Kevin Erdman landed in third place with 608.

PROFITING by a 238 finish, June Buck took top place in the Merri-Bowl doubles with a 612. Virgin-ia Mega landed the runner-up role with a 594 and Kay Markell had a 589.

LORETTA MOERSCH walked away with top onors in the Ladies Classic at Livonia by taking he third game with 211-29 — 249 and the series with 549-87 — 636.

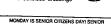
th 549-87 — 636. In the other games Pat Reid took the first with 3-30 — 213 and Dorothy Goryca captured the cond with 220-16 — 236.





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