# Rocks, Falcons Gain Finals In Cage Tourney

After losing at the final mington state tourney chapter whistle by two points to Walled Lake Central in December. Set trumph. Set trumph. Set trumph. Set the base of the set of

the winner to advance to the upcoming regional segment on the Livonia Franklin court. CHARLE WOLF'S opening Saket gave the front-running to 13 points.

sharpshooting could not offset Plymouth's balance nor its advantage from the foul line. Oddly. Walled Lake's statis-tics showed only two success-ful charity tosses against 13 free throws made good by the Rocks. Therein lay the differ-ence as the Lakers outshot the Rocks by one field goal from the fleet. the flo

Capt. Pat Cunningham. Plym-outh was on top by six at the quarter. 10 at the half and again by the same margin after three quarters. Cunningham wound up with 22 points. 15 of them in the first half, and had great support from Wolfe with 17 and Howie Schryer with 12. LED BY "old reliable."

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What a difference a period of 8 hours can make. It's early evening and sort of like "homecom-ing." You're at North Farmington High for the dis-trict basketball tournament. We say "homecoming." no because we at-tended North Farmington, not that we reside in the Farmington school district. It's just that North Farmington happens to be the closest of the Observerland schools to where we live... It's there such close associates as Joe Falls, Ed Coil and Al Colfman all have youngsters in at-tendance.

Bet Coil and Al Coffman all have youngsters in attendance. The last time we had been to North Farmington was a year ago ... again on the occasion of the districts. In between visits, a rough guess would be that we had logged over 80,000 miles flying to and from basketball games involving the Pistons. As we stood in the gym awaiting the tipoff, memories flowed swiftly ... how about the night when there were 15,000 in Madisod Square Garden in New York? ... or the afternoon before that game in San Diego in December when you walked on the beach in the warm 55-degree air? What about the ride up to Spattle, or down to Memphis or Atlanta ... visits to Boston, Baltimore and Philadelphia ... the ride in from the airport in Syracuse with the roads banked by 10 feet of snow? RIVT AS THEY SAY, there's no place like home.

and Philadelphia ... the ride in from the airport in Syracuse with the roads banked by 10 feet of snow? BUT AS THEY SAY, there's no place like home. ... and never did the Star Spangled Banner sound more motivating than it did when the kids of North Farmington and Plymouth Highs ... and the adults in the crowd... sang out. ... It was refreshing to say the least, looking about ... at the players on the floor, at the charming cheer-leaders ... at everybody else present that evening. You hear so much, you read so much about how terrible our kids are today. Phooey. You have to sit as we did in the North Farming-ting some to sit as we care that the gals are much more attractive and eye-appealing today. The sportsmanship coulda' the toped. My there was that incident at halfitme, when, with North Farmington football coach from Agint on a hosts, had offered their guests from Plymouth popsicles. ... The gals from North Farmington , as hosts, had offered their guests from Plymouth popsicles. ... When the game was over, and Plymouth had won, not only did the rival coachesiand players con-gratulate one another, but the thereleaders from the top-raused with a few words of cheer, especially from the winners to the losers.

steps: store are high ... \$50 or six days in jail ... \$55 or five days ... it all depended on other violations you might have had. ... The irony of the whole story for most drivers was—or is—that they could have licenses. just as easily as you or me. They just were too lazy tog and get them. Easy to alibi and iry to get away with breaking the law. .

BEFORE REFEREE BYRD came two or three young men for other reasons. Three had been jailed overnight for carrying a knife. "Why did you have the knife on you?" each was

asked.

next morning. It's the good and bad of our existence. Thankful-ly, we have to believe and hope the good outnumber the bad.

the winners to the losers. YOU LEFT NORTH FARWINGTON truly in-spired by an evening that had overshadowed what you had experienced on basketbal nights elsewhere-from New York to Los Angeles ... from Atlanta to Boston and Seattle. Life was truly beautiful. Associating with the sports world gives one a perspective of harmony and brotherhood. The cruel world of reality, away from sports, can be disillusioning. The next morning, for instance, we dropped in on referee Fred Byrd in Detroit's Traffic Court. It just so happened that we were in the new neighborhood. The chambers were packed as the good referee was beseiged with cases of people who had been nailed driving without licenses. Byrd'stopped after handing several cases. Like a teacher he lectured his listeness:

"It's not my ruling that you must have a state driver's license to operate a car in Michigan. Nor is it my ruling that you can't drive here with a license from any other state if you're living here. "It wish I didn't have to punish you ... but some of you I must. Some of you the court would like to help, if that's possible." One after another, the licenseless drivers stepped before the bench. One after another pleaded guilty.

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Serra hit for 19 of his points in the second half, but lacked the support to make it any-thing more than a one--man show

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It boiled down to one man against two and the one man dominated in Farmington's conquest over Walled Lake Western, 75-64.

The one man was Farming-ton's Paul White, a 30-point average scorer during the reg-ular season.

The two were the Gross brothers of Western -- Marvin and Cecil.

White cut loose with a 41-point explosion of his own to beat the combined efforts of, the Gross boys who clicked for 37 between them – 26 by Mar-vin and 11 by Cecil.

IT WAS MARVIN who shot in four quickies and sent West-ern off to a surprising 10-4 lead before the game was three minutes old.

But then White found his eye and countered with six baskets and one foul shot in the first period, three more hoops and a charity in the second to give him 20 points for the first half and his teammates a 37-29 edge at the Intermission.

White's credentials didn't White's credentials didn't phase the Gross brothers. They came out gunning in the third period and first it was Marvin then Cecil and before one knew it the Farmington lead had been slashed to 46-43.

lead had been slasted to 4643. But White eased matters for Farmington with two free throws and two backets and Farmington finished the third quarter well in front. 55-46. In the period, the Gross boys accounted for all but two of the Western team's 16 points. White had 11 of the 18 Farmington points in the quarter.

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THE GROSS brothers kept popping in the fourth period and made things fairly hot for Farmington despite the fact Randy Cleveland and White were connecting at the other end with Dan Steinke and Bob Chapman.

chapman. Western trailed by seven points with three minutes left when Steinke flipped in a bas-ket and White followed with five straight free throws to put the game on ice and send Farmington into the district finals. finals

White hit for 16 baskets and nine free throws as he fell just four shy of matching his sea-son's high of 5 points. Cleveland also finished in double figures. scoring 15 points and was a dominant fac-torion the boards for the Fal-cons.

In addition to the Gross brothers, Rick McClelland sparkled for the losers, scoring 20 points.



Weekend of March 7-8, 1970

## **Trojans Finish Banner** Season In Swimming

The best swimming season in the history of Clarenceville High has ended. A S-42 with over John Glenn Hilted the Trojans find ductories and the trojans find ductories and the trojans of the trojans of the last starts and sends the Tro-lans on to next weekend's slate Class B meet at Michigan State in optimistic mood. There were several other bright features in the season for Clarencewille. All but vine varsity record went by the boards. Junior Don Ahonen emerged

wer supply. A real 

as the finest individual per-former the school has had in swimming. He went unbeaten in both the 50 and 100-yard freestyle events during the season in dual action. IN ADDITION Ahonen per-sonally cracked three school records - thé 30-yard free with a time of 23 seconds. the 100-yard free with a time of 34 seconds and the 200-yard free in 2::65.9. What's more he also anc-hored the medley and frees-tyle relays to new respective marks of 1::55.3 and 3::46.1. Ahonen will lead the Trojans marks of 1:55.3 and 3:46.1. Abonen will lead the Trojans to East Lansing, Others from Clarenceville who have quali-fied include John Sydor (200 and 400-yard free), Tom Sydor (diving), Dale Kuehen (individual mediley), Carl Sjo-gren (butterfly) and the two relays. 

Ahonen won both the 50 and 100-yard free styles as the Trojans captured nine events against Glenn.

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interview the stars.

# Your Saturday Bank

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PAUL WHITE fires for two points during his 41-point spree against Walled Lake Western in the 'A' semifinals on the North Farmington High court, Farmington High's cone-man gang was the big gunner in his teams 75-64 victory. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

**Bad** Start

**Kills** Off

The basketball season has ended for Bishop Borgess but in the days and weeks ahead, the players won't easily forget what happened to them in the first half against Detroit Red-ford in the opening game of the Class A district tournament at Evert Hieb

Class A district tournament at Ford High. Borgess had enjoyed a fine regular season, just missing out on making the Catholic League playoffs. The team had shot ex-tremiely well over the cam-paign, but agains. Redford in the first half, it was like some-body had put a lid on the bas-ket.

body mag put a nu on the bas-ket. BORGESS MADE only one hoop in the first quarter and only five more in the second stanza. By halftime Borgess trailed, 40-15, and it was no problem from there for Red-ford to emerge a 68-55 winner and knock Borgess out of the meet.

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AFTER THE HALF. Bor-gess had the upper hand in the scoring, but was two late in what actually was a strange game. Shaw's free throw at

game. Shaw's free throw at the outset of the game made it 1-0 for Borgess and that's the way matters stood for almost four minutes until Redford got going

going. Sobocinski had 17 points and Quay 12 for Borgess. Bob Frederick had 25 to lead Hed-ford.

Interested in learning some of the fine points needed for managing or coaching a sum-mer time baseball team? Then make plans to attend Morday's baseball clinic at Redford Un-ter the states of the second second

baseball clinic at Redford Un-ion High. Coach Bob Atkins has ar-ranged a special clinic and program starting at 7 p.m. It is geared for those needing a bit more information about handling a team.

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Set Baseball **Clinic Monday** 

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