## Ex-Rock star excels on all levels

IKE MCBRIDE HAS to wooder what it takes to get a
little recognition.
McBride was a threeyear starter on the Plymouth Salem
basketball team. He was an outstand-

basketball team. He was an outstanding scover, an aggressive rebounder, a sold defensive player and, most importantly, a classic 'team' player.

In his senior year, 1931-37, be averaged 15 points and six rebounds per game for a team that won league and district titles and was eventually out-ed from the state tournament by a Detroit Southwestern team lead by Antion-Southwestern team lead by Ant

YET, UPON graduation in 1982, only two colleges had expressed an interest in the 6-foot-3, 190-pound small for-

AMONG HIS high school highlights was a 34-point performance against

#### people in sports

Livonia Franklin. He once alt a 21-foot jumper at the buzzer to defeat rival Plymouth Canton.

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I don't know why. I'm not real quick, that was one problem. I don't have obstanding size and my stats weren't all that outstanding."

But, anyone who saw Salem play, cs-

pecially in 1981-82, knew that McBride was a key man in Thomana's system of play and that system didn't always ac-centuate individual talents.

to come out for the team.

McBride obliged. He wz. a major

contributor in Albion's undersated

league championahip season: last

spring. It was the fifth straight league

title for the Briton runners. McBride

was a member of the Briton's league

champion mile relay team and he also

lettered in the quarter mile.

THE TRACK EXPERIENCE rekinded McBride's competitive spirit. He came to baskeball camp in great shape, both physically and mentally. He earned a spot on the varsity cage team and is trying to work this way into a starting role.

The major stumbling block for McBride now is sophomore Dwayne Johnson from Saghaw. As a freshman, Johnson started and led the varsity Britons in scoring and was nithin the league with a 14.3-points-per-game average.

loaguo when a hard-erage. McBride plays behind Johnson. Still, McBride has had his moments during this young season. In very limit-ed playing time, he has averaged eight points and almost five rebounds per game. His shooting proficiency as

been phenomenal, hitting 20 of 29 shots from the floor.

McBride was at his best last week against Concordia College of Ann Arbor. McBride entered a fairly close game in the first half. Twenty minutes later, be had tellied 18 points and pulled down 10 rebounds leading the Britons (3-3) to a rout.

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YET, McBRIDE still lingers in anonymity on the Briton beach. In the game prior to Concordia, an Albion loss to Wabash, McBride didn't get off the beach. The coach, Mike Turner, said nothing to him afterward.

Again, nothing was said to him after his 13-point performance against Concordia. No congratulations, no pat on the back, nothing.

"I really don't know what to think. I just want to play. Till of all I can do to help the team. I'm not going to make n lig deal about not playing. I don't want to cause problems, he said.

Actually, McBride is quite happy at Albion. He considers track his No. I sport now. He works hard in the classroom carrying a 3.0 grade-point average as an economics major.

#### Coaches clinic set

The seventh annual Great Lakes High School ootball coaching clinic will take place Friday and aturday, Jan. 6-7, at Sterling Heights Stevenson ligh School.

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The clinic is designed for high school, junior high and youth league football coaches.
On hand to direct the clinic Bill bo Bob Leahy of the Michigan Panthers, Stor Frances of Michigan State, George hier of Sagriaw Westley State, and Ron Labadde of Adrain, Alaskan Walley State, and high school coaches Chuck Stanner of Birmingham Scaholm, Gary Cock of Blabep Borgess, and Bill Rankin of Birmingham (The sessions un from 8 to 3)

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### Rankin of Birmingham Groves. The sessions run from 6 to 11 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. The fee for both days is \$20. Reservations abould be mailed to: Great Lakes Coaches Football Clinic, P.O. Box 626, Sterling Heights 48078, Call Rick Bye at 268-4700 for more

## Rebirth in 1984

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His team began the scason with three staright losses. In two of those games his team played well enough to win, but somehow, failed to get the job accomplished.
The team was dejected. He was dejected. Then came an early Christmas present. His team traveled to Birmingham Seaholm and scored an impressive 48-43 overtime victory.

Hallelaja

what Roy had to say after

that win: "We were 0-3, but we had played two fairly good games against Northville and Stevenson. If we were 0-4 going into Christmas, it would have been hard to motivate them (the

players)."

With the taste of victory fresh in their minds, the Falcons should be raring to go in 1984.

Sophomore Bruce Kratt and Tim Carruthers have combined to give the Falcons an impressive backcourt combination. Both pumped in 14 against Scaholm.





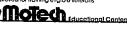
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