

Groves Shows Power In Opener

Can Birmingham Groves repeat?
That's the big question this week as the Groves basketball team prepares to start the defense of its Northwest Suburban League title Friday against Oak Park.

Most experts feel that this could be Groves' year again despite some rough opposition from Thurston, Oak Park and Franklin.

The major reason is 6-foot, 6-inch Scott Love, who was the key man in Groves' title chase last year. Love is back and in his senior season he appears to be better than ever.

He was the star when Groves had little trouble roaring to a 60-45 victory over a strong Royal Oak team.

Kimball rival in its final non-league tuneup.

After Kimball took a 12-9 lead in the first quarter, it was Groves in command the rest of the way.

GROVES OUTSCORED Kimball, 19-8, in the second quarter and 18-6 in the third.

period to gain a commanding lead.

Love, with 26 points, paced the Groves assault. He tossed in 10 baskets and clicked on six free throws.

Free throws proved decisive in the game. Groves canned 20 out of 30 while Kimball made good on only seven of 16 attempts.

Groves also enjoyed a hot night from the field, swishing 20 of 41 for 47 per cent. In contrast, the pressure the Groves defense put on forced Kimball to shoot poorly and wind up with just a 27 per cent average.

After Love, Bob Benton followed in scoring for the winners with 12 points on two

baskets and eight free throws.

Dallas Hunt and Mike Pegano each followed with seven points.

Mike Ryan tossed in 18 points for the losers.

The Groves reserves also won, 48-23, as Steve Friesner tossed in 23 points.

observing sports

The preliminaries are over!
Starting Friday, all of the area's high school basketball teams will be shooting for the big marbles — the league titles.

Until now, most have had a chance to warm up... with a non-leaguer, or two.

While it's always nice to win, regardless of the importance of the game, they really start counting and meaning something when the league chases begin.

So, what can we expect in the cold, snowy and chilly days ahead?

IN THE WORDS of one prominent coach, he looks for "a lot of barn burners."

"I'd say that we have more evenly balanced teams than ever around this district," said Dave Mattingly, the veteran Redford Union coach.

Most of the teams seem to have good size, good depth and there doesn't seem to be one which really stands out over the others.

"When that happens, it makes for a very interesting season for all concerned."

SIZING UP THE RACES, here's one man's thoughts on the subject:

SUBURBAN SIX LEAGUE — Just a stab, but it will be Bentley again with Plymouth and Redford Union causing a flock of trouble.

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN — Watch out for Birmingham/Groves!

SOUTHEASTERN — Something tells me... Southfield. I like that Brad Allen. He's a wow.

CATHOLIC LEAGUE — In the major Central Division, Brother Rice will rate one-two.

INTER-LAKES — Is this the year for Farmington? Several coaches are leaning in favor of the Falcons.

TRILIVERS — Who else but Garden City West again?

WAYNE-OAKLAND — Not the season for Clarenceville. Cheer for West Bloomfield.

MID-WAYNE — If not Inkster, then maybe Garden City East can rebound to the top after a three-year absence.

WESTERN SIX — The eyes are on Warren Mott, but after first-night performances, it's conceivable that Churchill or new Farmington Harrison may threaten.

IT'LL BE A BIG NIGHT at North Farmington High Friday night.

Before the varsity basketball collision with Franklin, the North Farmington football team will receive its reward as No. 1 in the state.

Hal Schram, of the Free Press, will be present with the trophy symbolic of the greatest achievement a prep team can earn on the gridiron in Michigan.

Joe Falls is coming along to help Schram carry the trophy. Nothing that's happened in sports in a long time — and Falls has been to everything that's big and not so big — has excited him the way the Raiders did this fall.

Little wonder. North Farmington is Joe's school...

THE THOUGHT COMES to mind that there's only three weeks left to 1970. How awful! Income tax, again... and that property tax bill for the old homestead.

Maybe it's time we slipped off on a vacation we really haven't had this year... like out west to Los Angeles, Portland and San Diego and then down to visit the in-laws and celebrate a 24th wedding anniversary in Hollywood, Fla.

Little wonder, the clerk at Delta laughed when a call was made to reserve 16 seats for the Pistons to fly the 747 down to Atlanta in January.

"Have you enough room for the team?" she was asked.

A chuckle came back.

"Have we! Well, after we reserve those seats for you, we still have 250 empty seats left."

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Puck Loop Opens In Livonia

Stevenson vs. Bentley!
No, it won't be in football or basketball or baseball or tennis or track or in cheer-leading. This time it'll be in ice hockey — this Saturday night at the Ford Arena in Livonia at 8:15 p.m. as a new varsity sports rivalry dawns.

Ice hockey has become a full-fledged varsity sport for the four Livonia high schools. Besides Bentley and Stevenson, Churchill and Franklin will send forth teams.

honor of playing in the first game last weekend and made a creditable showing before winding up a 3-2 loser against Bloomfield Anderson.

Anderson scored three times in the first period, but Stevenson came back to make a battle.

Frank Gelivo knocked in the first Stevenson goal on an assist from John Kowaluk and then Del Marczak scored on a breakaway to put Stevenson into the thick of the fight again.

The showing of the Stevenson team impressed everybody concerned.

Given another game or two, Stevenson figures to be a strong contender for honors.

Franklin OPENED the Livonia league season with a 5-1 victory over Churchill as varsity hockey officially opened on the Ford Arena ice.

Bill Lloyd recorded a first when he collected the first hat trick of the new circuit in leading the Patriots with three goals. Bob Golota and Tom Vistrand scored the other goals.

Cage Referee Clinic For Women Slated

Successful completion of the clinic and registration as an official will qualify those who take the training for officiating at girls basketball games. In addition to being badly needed, they'll be paid for covering the games and mileage expenses.

Additional information may be obtained from Miss Barnes at 487-0347 or 482-4604 after 7 p.m., or from Alice Kildea, news director, at 722-0109.

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The shortage of women to officiate at girls athletic contests no longer will be a problem in the Schoolcraft College area providing women will take advantage of the officials training clinic being offered at the college beginning in January.

The clinic will train girls basketball officials and will be conducted by the Division of Girls and Women's Sports of the Washtenaw County Board of Officials. It is open to all interested — housewives, students, working women — anyone who would like to learn to officiate and to become a registered official.

THE CLINIC will be held in the Schoolcraft Physical Education Building from 6:30 - 8:30 Wednesday nights for six weeks beginning Jan. 6. The deadline for registering for the clinic is Dec. 18.

Clinic chairman Geraldine Barnes of Eastern Michigan University is accepting registrations. She may be written in care of the Warner Gymnasium, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197. A \$5 registration fee is required.

The fee covers all costs for the six training sessions, a rules guide, fees for practical and written tests, board membership dues, dues for the Michigan High School Athletic Association, and an official's patch.

Ridge Cagers Victors Over Highland Five

Farmington's Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College downed Highland, 83-67, after leading 41-32 at the half.

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