

Groves Unveils New Star In 79-73 Win

The name of Dallas Haun often has gone unnoticed in the basketball success story at Birmingham Groves High.

More often one hears about Tom Rex and Scott Love, two of the top reasons why Groves won the Northwest Suburban League title last year and now is considered a major threat to repeat this winter.

But Haun is a 6-2 senior who makes some major contributions, as he did Friday when Groves turned back Oak

Park, 79-73, in its 1970-71 league opener.

"I'm glad for Haun's sake that he had such a fine game against Oak Park," said Coach Al Vordermark of Groves.

HAUN RIFLED in 25 points, second high to Love's 27 while Rex whipped in 17.

"I had had hopes that Haun would one of these days turn loose with such a splendid performance," the coach said.

Then Vordermark added: "And one thing many might have missed is that Haun guarded Rick Sied (who led Oak Park with 26 points) in the final period and Sied got only four points in those eight minutes when we actually won the game."

The game was a seesaw struggle.

Oak Park took command first with a 24-15 lead at the end of the first period when

Sied led the way with eight points.

GROVES REVERSED things in the second period and closed within five points of a tie as Rex with seven points and Love and Haun with six

points helped to outscore Groves, 18-14, in the quarter.

Then Groves tied the game at 35-35 after three periods when Love had nine points, Haun eight and Rex five. Finally, in the deciding

fourth period, Haun, Love and Rex each had eight points.

The victory was the second in three starts for Groves and sets as a very important game next Friday night against Thurston, which is 3-0 overall.

Vordermark said in the end there were three good reasons for the victory:

1-Haun's excellent all-around play which included 10 rebounds.

2-The team's balanced

scoring.

3-The excellent team effort.

In addition to the three-top scorers for Groves, Bob Benton and Bill Hyner each had four points and Mike Pagano fired in two.

Ridgers Favored In Own Tourney

An indication of what the season has in store for the Raiders of Oakland-Orchard Ridge is expected when the squad joins other Michigan Community Junior College Athletic Conference (MCJAC) squads and a tough Ohio quintet next week for the second annual Auburn Hills Christmas Classic.

The eight junior college squads pair off for games Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Oakland University near Rochester. The

championship game is 8 p.m. Wednesday.

Coach Thomas McPhillips and the Raiders suffered through a dismal 9-17 record last season and they were last in the Central Division of the MCJAC at 2-11.

IN FIRST ROUND pairings, the Raiders drew defending champion Highland Park at 6 p.m. on Monday.

Also on hand for the classic are two other Oakland Community College squads - Highland Lakes and host Auburn Hills - along with Macomb, Dearborn Henry Ford, Muskegon and Lakeland Community College (Ohio).

Other Monday pairings find Mason meeting Auburn Hills at 2 p.m., Lakeland and Henry Ford at 4 p.m. and Highland Lakes and Muskegon in the 8 p.m. nightcap.

Highland Park prevailed last year in the finale, downing Henry Ford, 77-71.

McPhillips and the Raiders, who finished fourth in the classic last year, figure to dispose of both the Parkers and Henry Ford en route to the title.

Among reasons for McPhillips' optimistic outlook are prep all-stars Ray Hinton (8-0) of Willow Run, Bob Brown (6-1) of Detroit East Catholic and Chris Lessauw (6-4) of Detroit Holy Redeemer.

They team with two other freshmen to form the starting unit - Alonzo Perry of Detroit Kettering and 6-2 Rayfield Goss of Detroit Chadsey.

The Raiders have rolled up a 3-1 record. They'll share the role of favorite with Henry Ford.

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PHOENIX, ARIZ. This is no place to talk skiing. Nor was Los Angeles, an early stop this week, or San Diego, a port of call this Friday or Miami Beach to where we'll head to celebrate anniversary No. 24 (with our better half) come Monday.

But sooner or later, mostly sooner, it'll be back to the home grounds and by that time skiing should be booming all over the place.

It wasn't too many years ago that unless you lived up in northern Michigan, you gave very little thought to skiing.

But skiing has come to metropolitan Detroit in a big way with several centers less than an hour from most spots around Observerland.

And more and more are turning to skiing every year. It's fast becoming the No. 1 family sport of all.

Show us another activity where dad, mom and the kids can hustle off for an afternoon or a few days and all have fun doing the same thing?

Well, it could be ice skating or swimming, but what's more refreshing and healthy than to get out in the chilly outdoors during the winter and zip down a hill on a pair of skis?

Granted it's not for us. We'd probably bust a leg, an arm and maybe our head in a couple of seconds.

But to anybody with a little grace, well, skiing has to be his or her sport.

IF YOU'RE SKI-MINDED, there's a great chance coming up within the next few weeks to learn a little about all the finer aspects of the sport.

The Free Press will sponsor its annual four week classes beginning right after the first of the year and from what Southfield's Jack Berry tells us, the sessions will be bigger and better than ever this year.

Berry is quite the winter sportsman. He writes about hockey and skiing and the way the Red Wings have been going of late, he probably enjoys the subject of skiing much more these days.

But the beauty of the school is that for less than \$6 you get what ordinarily costs you over \$12... plus you get some expert lessons and before you're through you might find an ideal new way to spend the winter months without complaining about the weather.

The ski fan, you see, loves snow... the more the better.

Michigan has to be one of the nation's leading ski states, although as you cross the country in an American Airlines jet, the various literature presented talks about other states where skiing is big stuff and the pilot is quick to point out the various ski establishments as you pass over the Rockies west of Denver.

LITTLE BY LITTLE skiing also has become a high school sport.

For many years it now has been recognized as an official sport by the State Association and it's the only sport where the state sponsors competition for the girls as well as the boys.

Around our area, Thurston has had a ski team and it's done well. Other schools are going in for skiing as well, although it means the performers must travel around an hour each way to practice and for meets.

But, they don't mind it.

It should be noted that skiing doesn't necessarily have to be an expensive sport. For a reasonable sum, you can buy the various gear that's required.

Naturally, if you're a big spender, you can go all out. But that's hardly necessary if you'll just check with one of the many sporting goods stores in and around Observerland.

As a thought, if you're looking for something different for Christmas, why not try something in the skiing line?

AS FOR US, where we sit now, well, golf and outdoor swimming are the big recreational items and out in San Diego we have an invitation to go deep-sea fishing of all things.

Down in Miami, there's always golf and swimming and the balmy ocean breezes.

But, this is all like make-believe living. To the northerner, who knows he must get back home pretty quickly, you feel that you are living in another world when you desert the cold weather of the homeland to go elsewhere.

Funny, how the newspapers in the warm country always feature headlines on how bad it is back home. They make it sound worse than it is.

But, however, bad as it becomes up north, the skiers really relish it. The more snow the better and we wish them all luck.

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Station spokesman Jim Shafran invites listeners to tune in at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 21, for pre-game information and at 8:30 p.m. that date for the Jay's first game. They go against North Farmington.

Subsequent broadcast times will depend on how the Jays fare in the tournament they'll be hosting.

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Harrison Finally Tastes Cage Victory

It was a glorious night for Farmington's Harrison High... one the basketball team won't soon forget.

After losing three straight, Harrison scored its first basketball victory... a 68-40 romp over Cranbrook.

To make the victory all the more remarkable, Harrison jumped off to a 14-3 lead in the first quarter.

All Cranbrook could do in those first eight minutes was toss in one basket and one free throw.

ONCE IN COMMAND, Harrison made no mistakes the rest of the way, moving on top, 35-14, by the half and adding to the lead in the third and fourth periods.

Jim Mason and Joe Thomas shared individual honors for Harrison.

It was Mason with 21 points—11 in the first half—wop topped the scorers. Thomas chipped in with 11, but his rebounding was brilliant—18 in all.

Rick Hughes chipped in with 11 points for the hot shooting Harrison team which canned 29 out of 59 from the field for 49 per cent. In contrast, the surging Harrison defense checked Cranbrook to the point the losers made only 15 out of 62 for 24 per cent.

Harrison also had a wide edge in rebounds with 50 to 37 for Cranbrook.

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL
FRIDAY
Clarkston at Cheneville
Garden City East at Hobbick
Oak Park at Franklin
Bedford Union at Belleville
Walled Lake Central at Farmington
North Farmington at Glean
Walled Lake Western at Harrison
Beasley at Plymouth

SATURDAY
Sorrow at St. Florian
St. Agatha at Wayne St. Mary's
Thurston at Groves
Warren West at Churchill
Southfield at Seaborn
Lathrup at Pontiac Northern
Catholic Central at Brother Rice

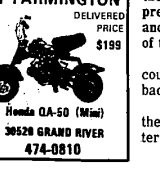
SWIMMING
THURSDAY
Churchill at North Farmington
Oliver Eisenhower at Harrison
Plymouth at Beasley
Belleville at Bedford Union
Thurston at Oak Park
Southfield at Lathrup at Oak Park

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