

Plymouth Choice In Holiday Tournament

Beaten in the championship finals of the annual holiday tournament, Plymouth High basketballers will try to make up for that upset when they start play in the sixteen-team tournament next Tuesday on the Wayne Memorial High court.

The Rocks, who completely dominated play in the first half of last year's title contest against Cherry Hill before falling apart, are the pre-tournament favorite this year.

Coach Dick Bearup's quintet was slow in developing due to injuries to veteran Charley Wolfe. He rejoined the squad a week ago and immediate improvement was shown in the victory over Belleville.

The luck of the draw found Plymouth drawing host Wayne Memorial in the Tuesday opener at 7 p.m. with Cherry Hill, the defending champion, clashing with

Belleville in the 9 p.m. nightcap.

John Glenn and Livonia Churchill, generally rated as top contenders, drew first round byes and will face the Tuesday victors in the semifinals Saturday.

The losing teams drop into the consolation bracket. The battle for third and fourth place is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 23, followed by the championship battle.

GRADUATION stripped Cherry Hill of the entire starting lineup from last year's champions with the result that the Chargers dropped their first four starts. Cherry Hill is given scant chance of defending its crown on the basis of its showing to date.

Belleville, which pressed Plymouth all the way in their meeting last week in Belleville, could be the

darkhorse. It has height and several veterans and could be the team to beat.

Plymouth, picked by many of the Suburban Six Conference coaches as the most logical contender for loop honors, ran into double trouble in the final football game of the season when Wolfe and John Schunk suffered crippling injuries.

The latter is still huffing with his broken leg in a cast and may not be available for the entire season. Coach Bearup had planned to use him as his starting center and the loss cost height and experience.

Wolfe had an injured arm that became infected and he missed practice sessions and game for the first month of the campaign. It was only a week ago that he received permission from his doctor to resume practice and promptly

showed his value with 19 points in the Belleville victory.

OF THE OTHER four entries, John Glenn and Churchill have shown enough to make each one of the teams to watch.

Churchill, which is making its first appearance in the tournament, has finally arrived and Coach Pat Montague believes the Chargers will surprise more

than one foe before the end of the season.

"We feel that Churchill has finally turned the corner," said Montague. "The tournament may be a little early for us but you can be assured that each of our opponents will know they have been in a battle."

John Glenn and Churchill will delay their tournament appearances until Saturday when they tangle with Tuesday's victory.

Glenn faces the winner of the Plymouth-Wayne contest at 7 p.m. and Churchill meets the victor of the Cherry Hill-Belleville game.

The pairings:

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

1-7 p.m. - Plymouth vs. Wayne Memorial
2-9 p.m. - Cherry Hill vs. Belleville

SATURDAY, DEC. 26

3-7 p.m. - Glenn vs. Winner 1
4-9 p.m. - Churchill vs. Winner 2

TUESDAY, DEC. 29

5-7 p.m. - Loser 3 vs. Loser 4
6-9 p.m. - Winner 3 vs. Winner 4

Four Teams Clash In S'craft Meet

There is no pre-tournament favorite for this year's Schoolcraft College Christmas basketball invitational tournament Dec. 23-29.

Host Schoolcraft will go against Northwestern Michigan Community College in the second game Dec. 23. The Ocelots have been playing about 500 ball for Coach Tom Roncoli, as have the other teams entered in the tournament.

In the opening game Dec. 23, Lansing Community College

will be pitted against Washtenaw Community College. The winners meet for the championship, Dec. 29, following the consolation match between first round losers. Opening games both evenings start at 7 and second games at 9.

Six players, all freshmen, constitute Schoolcraft's starting five. Robert Jenkins, tallest at 6-5, alternates between center and forward. He is a product of Detroit Murray-Wright. A second

starter from the same high school is 6-3 forward Desmond Denham.

John Jetchick from Livonia Stevenson and Rod Shafer who prepued at Garden City East are the starting guards.

Bentley High's Tom Guilfoyle has been a regular at forward. He's 6-3. The team's sixth man is Dennis Rons, a product of Detroit Henry Ford. At 6-2, 220 pounds, he holds down the center post.



BIG REASONS FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE Franklin High quintet thus far this season are shown above. They are; (from left) Mike Graham, Center Tim Dietz, Coach Visser and Rick Graham. The twins and 6'7" Dietz have sparked for the Patriots who were unbeaten through the first four games. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

Patriots Stretch String To 4 Straight Victories

Livonia Franklin remained among the unbeaten and made Dearborn Edsel Ford its fourth victim, 67-58. Coach Bob Visser felt his team may have been looking beyond the Thunderbirds, to Friday's game with Oak Park and "played a flat game."

Edsel Ford jumped off to a 12-0 lead in the first quarter. Behind Tim Dietz and Rick

Graham, Franklin took a 35-30 lead in the first half, before being bombed in the second half to lose 79-50.

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The team as a whole hit 10 of 11 foul shots in the quarter, and 17 of 32 shots in the second half.

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The Lakers could hit only 20 of 60 shots, from the floor, while their opponents made 30 of 61.

Don Blouin led the losers with 13, while Don Feten and Ron Bergeron each chipped in with 10 points.

only 21 of 64. Coach Visser feels that his zone defense made it possible for the Thunderbirds to take only bad outside shots.

Rick Graham and Tim Dietz led Franklin with 22 points each. Mike Graham added 14. Tom Kaseta and Dietz each grabbed 10 rebounds. Rob Berce was high for the losers with 19.

Snow Helps Rabbit Hunt

Last weekend's snow was expected to help rabbit hunters, who need the white stuff for tracking. Highland and Holly Recreation Areas in Oakland County are the usual hot spots.

Bow-and-arrow deer hunting has few takers these days in a season that lasts from Dec. 1-31, according to state officers.

Ice fishing isn't expected to be good until there is a heavy freeze.

Sorrows Crushed By OL St. Mary's

Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows held Orchard Lake St. Mary close in the first half, before being bombed in the second half to lose 79-50.

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Schoolcraft Grapplers Win Twice

Schoolcraft College's wrestling team boosted its dual meet record to 3-0 by beating Hope College and Manchester.

Schoolcraft beat Hope by the score of 26-17. The winners were: 118 pound Bernard Wells, 126 pound Bernie Wells, 150 pound Pat Kern, 177 pound Randy Masburger, and heavyweight Tim Otwell.

The score of the Manchester match was 23-9. The winners were: 112 pound Bernard Wells, 126 pound Bernie Wells, 134 pound Bob Strong, 150 pound Wayne Windday, 190 pound Mike Hydulis, and heavyweight Tim Otwell.

Mt. Carmel Too Much For Agatha

Mt. Carmel was just too much for St. Agatha, 58-52. This evened St. Agatha's record at 2-2.

The teams were tied 11-11 at the end of the first quarter, but a hot hand by Bob Jenner put Mt. Carmel ahead 25-20 at half time.

In the third quarter, St. Agatha contended its poor shooting. Agatha hit only 20 of 70 shots for the evening, for a scant 28.

In the fourth quarter, Tom Churches and Jim Thiesen led St. Agatha to within one point, 43-42 with four minutes left. They had been down as many as seven in the third quarter. Three quick baskets by Mt. Carmel ended the Agatha threat.

Tom Churches and Jim Thiesen led St. Agatha scorers with 12 points each. Bob Jenner finished as the high scorer with 14.

GC East Breaks Loose On Spree To Whip Foe

Garden City East must have been thinking its loss to Annapolis, when it trounced Annapolis, 83-39. This raised the season record to 3-1.

East jumped off to a 26-11 lead at the end of the quarter and 53-21 at halftime. Dave Jackson and Jeff DeHeart each poured in 18 during the half. In the third quarter the Panthers outscored their opponent, 16-6.

In the fourth quarter, the coach emptied the bench, as 11 of the 13 who played got into the scoring column. East shot 35 of 73 for 48 per cent and grabbed 52 rebounds to Annapolis' 19.

Jackson led East scorers with 26 points, though only playing three quarters.

DeHeart had 18 and Ron Chomuk had 10. Mike Roller grabbed 15 rebounds and Jackson had 14. Annapolis was led by Jim Hughes with 12 points.

Howard Yest set the pace with a 77 on games of 257, 224 and 246, but Bill Moore lightened his hold in first place in the averages with a 693 and John Wodarski landed in third place with a 679 count.

Two triplicates were reported during the week. Connie Barkley turned in identical counts of 123 in the Monday Ladies League at Mayflower Lanes. Over at Bel-Aire Lanes Connie Ray, of the Clarenceville United League hit 134 three times in a row.

Borgess Rally Nips Cabrini

Bishop Borgess defeated St. Francis Cabrini, 81-72. This gives Borgess a 3-1 record for the season.

St. Francis led at the end of the first quarter 20-19, during Eric Sallay. In the second quarter Borgess, behind sophomore Mark Sapko's 12 points, took the lead 39-35.

In the second half, things were close as Sallay and Jack Bennett led St. Francis. But in the fourth quarter, Sapko took over again with his scoring and rebounding, to put the finishing touches on the victory.

Bishop Borgess led 59-38 in rebounding, as Sapko and Chris Renauld hauled down 16 and 13 respectively. Center Bob Davis led all rebounders with 17.

Sapko was top scorer with 26, while Renauld and Davis each chipped in with 13.

Szilagay took game honors in scoring with 33 points, including 9-9 at the foul line, while Bennett added 20.

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

The rumble and roar heard in the southwest corner of Overland during the past week was the result of the heaviest pinfall of the season at Westland Bowl.

Over the seven day stretch, six 700 series were reported. Jim Macomber, bowling in the Senior House League, set the pace for the sharpshooters with a 741 series on games of 235, 267 and 239. Next came a fellow bowler in the same league - Jerry Holt - with counts of 258, 246 and 217 for 730.

The Classic furnished three more when Bob Bittner linked counts of 235, 226 and 264 for 730, Dick Lang added a 713 on games of 258, 202 and 255, while Bill Walker laced games of 267, 223 and 207 for 707.

The sixth of the big counts came when Bob Baker, in the Wednesday Mixers League, posted a 280 between games of 204 and 234 for 717.

While the men were having their field day Joey Petersen topped the women with a 606 in the Pinsters circuit.

THE CLASSIC BOWLERS at Wonderland also went on a scoring spree with 29 series above double century figures. Last week they were 41 series in the magic circle.

While scoring slumped in the Bol-Aire Classic Jerry Hay and George Somer carried the banner in the Senior House League. Jerry had a 239 in 672 and George came through in third place with a 247 in 653.

In the Ladies Salad Bowl, Fran Greshover had a 220 and Mirja Hoelt had a 200. In the Ladies Classic Carol Parker was tops with 256, Phyllis Thiel had a 244 in 599, and Chris Stevenson a 244. Yvonne Craig paced the Early Birds with a 575 that included a finishing game of 217.

THE REDFORD Sales Team in the Garden Classic posted a high for the season in the league with a 3279 count that included games of 1129, 1061 and 1089.

Bob Martin paced the individuals with a 703. Other high scores included Rich Morrissey 699, Frank Gonsior 698, John Gansier 679 and Bill Montgomery 669.

PEG WARNER took top honors in the Ladies Classic at Livonia Lanes with a 473-138-611. She had a high game of 185-46-231.

Lee Schuyler was one pin behind with a 205-25-230, and Mary Worn finished third with 175-40-215.

In the Whirlwind circuit Dave Stack had the top series of 630. Jim Becker posted a 224 for high single. Vic Riblett was next with 223 and Frank Sherman Sr., followed with a 213.

Interest continues to mount among the junior bowlers in the Christmas Tree decorating contest. More than 200 decorated balls have been placed on the tree.

The decorations will be judged Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The judges will include: Margaret Miller, Women's Editor of the Observer, Sandra Gierman, Livonia's Junior Miss; Mrs. Edward McNamara, wife of the Livonia Mayor; Carol Duval of WWJ; and Mrs. Virginia Barrie of the Business & Professional Women's Club.

TOM CZARNECKI had an easy time leading the Senior House loop at Oak Park Lanes. He opened with a 204, followed with 212 and closed with 256 for 672.

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Churchill Evens Record

Livonia Churchill evens its basketball record at 2-2, by trouncing Crestwood, 67-58.

Churchill was in the command from the beginning, as it led 19-11 at the end of the first quarter and 33-25, at the half.

Four of the starters chipped in with six points in the first half. They were: Bruce Van Wagner, Brian Sherman, Keith Armstrong, and Gary Leirstein.

In the second half, Crestwood came within six points, 49-43 as Gerry O'Hara hit 10 points in the third quarter.

VanWagner then hit two quick baskets, to put Churchill safely in front again.

VanWagner, in that quarter, wound up with nine points, and

Armstrong had six. In the fourth quarter, the starters were replaced by reserves, as Churchill coasted the rest of the way.

VanWagner and Sherman each had 15 points to lead Churchill. Armstrong had 12 and Leirstein 11.

For Crestwood, Gerry O'Hara was high with 15 and Don Rousseau had 14.