

# Groves Whips N. Farmington; Love Gets 41

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A year ago Observersland followers of high school basketball were singing the praises of Rick Drewitz, lanky Garden City West center who took his team into the semifinals of the state Class A championship tournament before losing for the first time all year, as perhaps the greatest prep career ever developed in the area.

"There won't be another like him for a long time" was the unanimous opinion.

Now the 1970-71 season is barely underway and a brilliant new star has flashed to the front in the person of 6'7" Scott Love of once-beaten Birmingham Groves.

Love, the principal reason for Groves' record of five wins and one defeat, looked even better than Drewitz when he collected 41 points in an 82-65 victory over a stubborn North Farmington quintet.

THE RESPECTABLE Love grabbed 29 of his team's 49 rebounds, scored 24 points in the first half and was the big gunner in a spectacular fourth quarter scoring spree that found the Falcons breaking loose for 33 points to turn a tight contest into a one-sided victory.

Love's 41 points set a Groves' individual scoring mark, shattering the previous high of 33 set by Mike Bearden in 1960-61. He had 19 field goals and three of eight from the foul line.

The victory gave Groves undisputed leadership of the Northwest Suburban Conference with a 3-0 mark. Redford Township's Thurston is in second place with two wins in three starts.

Despite Love's spectacular performance, the Raiders were in the thick of the fight for three periods and held a 51-49 edge going into the final eight minutes.

But the loss of Drew Mahalic, the all-state quarter-back in football and the team's tallest starter and best rebounder, late in the third frame spelled the end for North.

LOVE KNOTTED the count after 10 seconds of the final quarter. Mike Pagano was fouled and converted twice to put Groves ahead, 53-51, and the Falcons never trailed again.

In a minute and a half, Groves changed a two-point deficit into a 59-51 lead as

Pagano tallied twice from the field and Love from the corner.

Meanwhile, the Raiders hit a drought that continued for better than two minutes before Craig Dhue broke loose on a fast break to make the score, 59-53.

Groves' came storming back with Bill Heyne flipping in two free throws, Wallas Hrun getting loose on a fast break and Love hitting on two charity tosses to boost the lead to 18 points at 65-53.

Dhue scored again for North only to have Hrun get loose again. Dave Peterson tapped in a rebound and the Raiders were behind by 10 with three minutes remaining.

The Falcons picked up 15 points in the final three minutes with Hrun contributing eight. North was checked with six during the same time.

THE OPENING CANTO was a battle between the Raiders and Love with the latter getting 13 of his team's 20 points for a 20-13 lead.

Mike Gow, Rick Herpich and Dhue sparked the Raiders to a 23-22 lead with five minutes gone in the second quarter.

That's when Love took charge and scored all 10 of his team's points in the closing three minutes. It wasn't enough, however, since Mahalic tapped in three rebounds along with two pointers by Gow and Herpich to give North a 33-32 edge at the intermission.

The lead changed hands constantly in the third stanza with the Raiders winding up with a 51-49 edge. Mahalic was the big noise with three field goals along with six points by Dhue.

Then Mahalic left the game via the personal foul route and that was the end for the Raiders. They couldn't cope with Love and Co. who dominated both backboards on rebounds.

N. FARMINGTON (41)		G	F	P
Herpich		2	14	11
Mahalic		7	6	13
Peterson		1	2	4
Gow		2	5	13
Dhue		7	2	16
Driggs		1	6	2
Crichton		1	6	2
Beaser		1	6	2
Cobb		1	6	2
Totals		25	74	82

GROVES (52)		G	F	P
Hrun		6	5	11
Rex		2	6	1
Love		19	24	41
Heyne		2	5	7
Pagano		6	5	17
Totals		33	71	82

BY QUARTERS		1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	TOT
North		12	13	12	13	50
Groves		20	17	13	22	72

## Laker Matmen Top Spartans

Stevenson High's wrestling team dropped a 27-14 meet to Wallied Lake Central. It was Stevenson's fourth defeat against as many victories.

Stevenson winners:

112 pounds -- Rick Pavoni 167 -- Ross Jensen, 185 -- Steve Lowery, Heavyweight -- Rick Smith, Bob Johnston of Stevenson drew with Wade Morrison at 155 pounds.

## With Winners

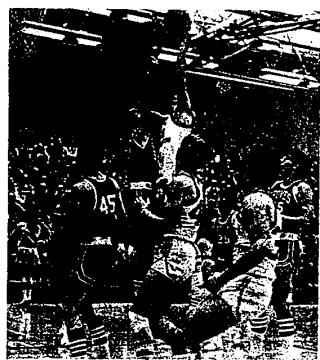
Michigan State football offensive tackle Vic Mittelberg of Skokie, Ill., and defensive halfback Harold Phillips of Detroit were members of the victorious North team in the 1970 North-South Shrine Game at Miami.

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## Woelke's 39 Points Pace Thurston Win

Take a bow, Pat Woelke, and you, too, Steve Hunter. It was Woelke who scored a near record-breaking 39 points for Thurston Friday against Oak Park.

It was Hunter, who scored only nine in the game, but he made two free throws in the final two seconds to win the proceedings, 83-81.

Thus Thurston upped its record to 5-3 overall and 2-1 in the Northwest Suburban League, but it took some strong heart to endure the outcome.

THURSTON ALMOST blew it all, despite the brilliance of Woelke, a senior, who pumped in 14 baskets and 11 charities to achieve a total which came within one of the school mark.

The Townshippers led 47-38 at the half and held a 65-59 going into the closing period. But back came Oak Park to tie the score at 83-83 with 47 seconds to go.

Thurston would have liked to run the clock out and play for the last shot. But it didn't work that way. Oak Park regained the ball and played for its own last shot.

With seven seconds to go, Rick Seid shot for Oak Park. It was an "in-and-out" and when the ball came down

Leonard Glud added 14, Halenbart 12, Hunter nine, Chuck Mallon six and Larry Krus five for the winners. Larry Foote sparked for Oak Park with 31 points on 12 baskets and seven free throws.

IT WAS A different story for Thurston Saturday when the team was downed in a non-leaguer by Edsel Ford, 61-56.

The win was the first for Ford after losing nine in a row.

Rick German tossed in 22 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to pace the winners while Woelke had 17 in a losing cause.

## Schoolcraft Downs Ohio Five, 98-88

With three players in double figures, Schoolcraft College took a free-scoring duel from Cuyahoga (O) Community College, 98-88 on the Ohio court.

The lead changed hands constantly in the first half with the Ocelots going to the dressing room at the intermission with a 47-41 edge.

The Ohioans threatened several times in the second half and twice were within three points of a tie only to have Schoolcraft pull away to stay.

Des Denham topped the victors with 11 points in the first half and 14 in the second for a game total of 25. Rod Schafer was close behind with 20 followed by Jeff Taylor with 18.

## observing sports

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

My, how things have changed in sports.

Time was when a spectacle like Tuesday night's National Basketball Association All Star game here or next Tuesday's National Hockey League All-Star game in Boston would dominate the winter sports scene.

Not any more.

After all, this is Super Bowl week when so many of the sports eyes are directed at warm Miami where Baltimore and Dallas go at it Sunday for the biggest honor in professional football.

And you might say, too, that this is the week that the baseball season begins back in Detroit.

## NEW TIGER MANAGER Billy Martin is making the rounds, meeting the press and the radio and television gang and it's a shame we won't be around for tonight's annual Tiger party at the Sheraton.

Just attending the Tiger affair gives you encouragement--baseball and spring and summer can't be far away.

As if the collision between baseball, basketball, hockey and football isn't enough, what about everything else that's going on in sports these days...from wrestling to swimming to gymnastics to probably the biggest growing of all activities--skiing?

All of which makes for a healthy sign. It certainly proves that the interest in sports and athletics continues to swell year after year.

Further heartening is that while Americans remain great spectator followers of sports, more and more they are becoming active participants in various phases of sports, too.

Look what skiing has done! And snowmobiling. It's bringing out literally thousands to brave the cold and the snow not only back in Detroit, but right here within the shadows of warmer San Diego, where up in the adjacent mountains a few miles away from our hotel, they are skiing this very moment.

THERE'S NO QUESTION Americans are doers. For a few years when television first made its inroads, various sponsors of sports, the theater and what have you were scared.

The good people were staying home.

But that has passed. True, there are certain attractions which send the TV ratings soaring, but by and large you'll find that fans go out in search of live athletic action whenever they can.

Little wonder, high schools sports have soared in the crowd department along with their counterparts in the college and professional ranks.

A good example is prep wrestling. When it was first introduced not too many years ago, there were few who showed up for meets.

Now around Observersland, it's a regular occurrence for 1,000 to turn out for a prep mat attraction.

Swimming is another sport luring more and more fans. And you'll find it's true in gymnastics at the four or five area schools that sponsor teams.

It's fun, it's refreshing...to be able to jump from baseball to basketball to tennis to swimming to hockey to football and to snowmobiling in short order.

THIS WESTWARD TRIP finds us carrying a heavy heart. Our "old" coach, Eddie Powers, passed away in Detroit last week.

Really, we never played under Eddie. We never played under any coach. We never were that good.

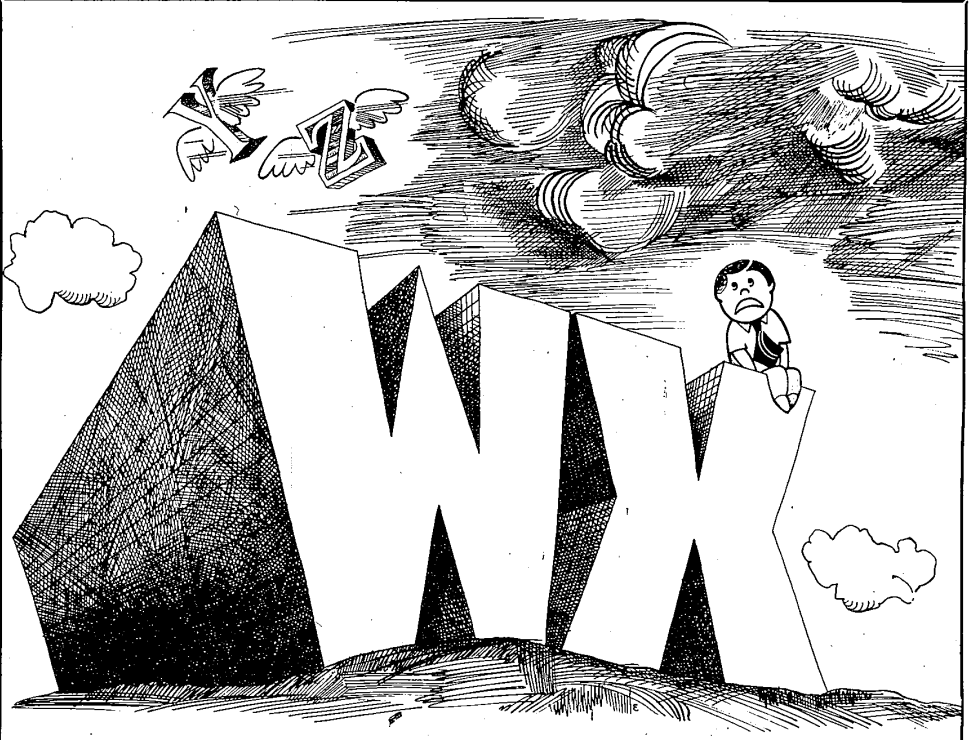
But Eddie was the great basketball coach at Detroit Northern when we went to school there. He turned out one bangup team after another.

He coached at Northern before the Detroit schools dropped out of state competition and when the Detroit schools came back.

He had a state champ in 1930 and some 25 years later his Northern team almost won everything again.

Eddie's teams were the first winners we ever wrote about. Northern was deadly at home in basketball...going some 94 straight games without losing in their dark, dingy gym over on Woodward Avenue.

Even after he retired, Eddie never lost his love for prep sports or the fellows he coached.



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