

Panthers Win, 76-64

RU Breaks Southfield Jinx

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Redford Union finally broke the Blue Jay jinx. The Panthers opened up the 1971-72 basketball season with a 76-64 win over Southfield. It was the first ever for an RU basketball team over Southfield.

"We played a great defensive game," said RU Coach Carl Andrews in his first game as a coach at Redford. "We controlled the boards and this is where the game is played."

RU TOTALED 55 rebounds, with Mark Kenny pacing the squad with 23.

"We got outmuscled and were outsize," said Southfield Coach Don Kaump. "Without the boards, our fast break just wasn't there." RU went in front the opening minute with Mark Durance popping in a 20-footer and the Panthers were in front after

the first eight minutes, 17-10. The second quarter saw RU outscore Southfield 24-20 and the Panthers were up at the half 41-30. Gary Folks led the scoring attack with 11 points the first two quarters.

"FOLKS was the key to our offensive and defensive game," said Andrews. "I put Gary on Southfield's Gary Moscow and he limited him to only 10 points."

Both teams scored 14 points in the third quarter and RU bested the Blue Jays in the final quarter, 21-20.

Southfield's Randy Levine was game high scorer with 21 points and he collected all in the second half.

Folks was high for RU with 19 followed by Durance with 17 and Kenny with 12. Bob Schaner sparked the Panther attack with seven points and 16 rebounds.

RU was 33-57 from the field for 58 per cent while Southfield was 22 for 66 for a 33 per cent average. Freshmen kept Southfield in the game as it hit on 20 of 29 while RU relied on its field goal shooting.

"We are going to have to change pattern of attack," said Southfield's Kaump. "Without the boards, we have to do something. Our sophomore 6-3 forward, Dave Trowbridge, scored only eight points and missed a lot of easy baskets but with experience he could really come around for us."

RU Coach Andrews said, "Their game plan was set up around the fast break but we didn't give it to them. Our offense is set up such that we always have at least one man back minding the store."

RU opens league play Friday with Allen Park while Southfield opens with Ferndale.



IT GOT AWAY -- RU's Mark Kenny (52) let this pass slip away with Mark Stiles (41) of Southfield knocking the ball loose. But RU didn't let the game slip away as the Panthers won their opener, 76-64. (Photo by Enno Korthals)

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL
THURSDAY
Robichaud at Garden City East

FRIDAY
Harrison at Waterford Mott
Southfield at Ferndale
Brother Rice at Redford St. Marys
Allen Park at Redford Union
John Glenn at Birmingham Groves
Franklin at Thurston
Farmington at Waterford
Whitmore Lake at Country Day
Churchill at Northville
Bentley at Edsel Ford
Crestwood at Garden City West
Southfield Lathrup at Stevenson
Clarenceville at Milford
Plymouth at Belleville
North Farmington at Oak Park
Bishop Burgess at Bishop Foley
St. Agatha at St. Andrews

TUESDAY
Farmington at Harrison
Taylor at John Glenn
Country Day at Holy Rosary
Melvindale at Garden City West
Kimball at Southfield Lathrup
W.L. Central at North Farmington

WEDNESDAY
Bentley vs Stevenson at Ford, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill vs Lake Shore at Ford, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
Bentley at Southfield, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY
Country Day at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Bentley vs Franklin at Ford, 7 p.m.
Churchill vs Fraser at Ford, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY
Austin at Country Day, 1 p.m.

Last Week's Results

TUESDAY
G.C. East 77, Edsel Ford 82
Clarenceville 56, Cady 54
Warren 70, Lathrup 59
St. Alphonsus 84, St. Agatha 38

FRIDAY
N. Farmington 71, Harrison 59
W.L. Central 60, Plymouth 57
Redford Union 76, Southfield 64

Kimball 58, Birm. Groves 56
St. Agatha 56, Mt. Carmel 55
Brother Rice 64, Shrine 46
Franklin 72, Wayne 61
John Glenn 80, G.C. West 51
Bentley 73, Farmington 59
Churchill 60, Thornton 48
B. Burgess 72, St. Clements 82
Savannah 71, Thornton 43

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Area Athletes Earn 5 Letters From Albion

Five athletes from Observerland were awarded varsity letters for competition in sports this fall at Albion College.

Albion's harriers finished fourth in MIAA competition with Mark Bock of Southfield and Gary Strokes of Birmingham earning letters.

Bock, junior co-captain, earned his third letter and was named to the all-MIAA team. He finished 10th in the Adrian College Invitational with 101 runners, fifth in the GLCA and sixth in the MIAA.

Bock also set a course record at Olivet, breaking the existing record by six seconds. Team honors went to Bock who was named the Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row.

Three Observerland grid-ders earned letters on the British football squad. They are Mark Thorby of Birmingham, Ray Went of Southfield and Harold Kuhn of Birmingham.

WSU In Tilt

Wayne State University's 1971-72 basketball team will appear in the Augustana Invitational Basketball Tournament Dec. 29-30 at Rock Island, Ill.

WSU Records

Wayne State University cross country team members twice set course records on an opponent circuit during the successful 1971 season.

Franklin Wins Opener, 72-65

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Franklin, picked as one of top prep basketball teams in the area, showed its power in its opening clash against Wayne with a 72-65 come from behind win.

The Patriots trailed 61-50 with three and a half minutes remaining when Jeff Waterstone hit on a jumper and Franklin went up by one. Guy Burke popped in another basket and the Patriots were not to be challenged in the closing minutes.

"Wayne proved to be very quick," said Franklin Coach Bob Visser. "We tried to run against them but our offense didn't click in the typical first game jitter style of play."

FRANKLIN bobbled 22 turnovers while Wayne collected 19. The Patriots held a one-point first quarter lead, 21-20, but Wayne came back to tie it at the half 31-31.

Wayne spurred to a 52-51 third quarter lead and pulled ahead by five points at the beginning of the fourth quarter but Franklin fought back to pull away in the closing minutes.

"The turning point in the game was our control of the boards near the end of the game," said Visser. "Wayne had stopped our running game

and forced us to hurry our shots but when we took control of the boards we got untracked and played our style of game."

TIM DIETZ was high scorer for Franklin with 22 points followed by Rick Graham with 12. Dietz and Graham also led in rebounding with 18 and 10 respectively.

Franklin out-rebounded Wayne 48 to 38.

John Marmul and Randy Lucas shared scoring honors for Wayne with 14 points apiece.

"The Northwest Suburban, as always, will be tough this season with Oak Park looking really strong," said Visser. "North Farmington surprised me in its opener over Harrison as well as Glen's win over Garden City West."

Franklin opens league play at Thurston Friday.

Swimmers

Three area swimmers have made the Oakland University swim team. In the distance events are Thomas Zeob of Thurston High and Jared Krogstad of Birmingham Groves. Kurt Ludwinski of Southfield is in the sprints.

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