



Ski Heil

By
BILL CAMERON

It didn't take long to find out who was going to be No. 1 in Observerland. Danny Williamson, son of Dan and Barbara Williamson, of 18722 San Diego, Lathrup Village, became the first ski casualty of the 1971-72 season.

Danny, 14, broke his ankle while skiing on Lower Pepee's at Sugarloaf Mt. on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Not only was it his first day out this season, but it was the second time in his ski career he has suffered a fracture.

Well, one consolation is that you're used to wearing a cast. Think of it as a status symbol. Our condolences go out to you and your family.

WHICH BRINGS me to the question some of you may have. What happens if I break a bone while skiing?

Never fear, the greatest group of volunteer workers in any organization, the National Ski Patrol, will be near at hand to take care of you. They are the men and women you see at all ski areas wearing a rust-colored parka with a six-pointed star and white cross on the back.

One of their functions is to get to an injured skier, make them as comfortable as possible, give emergency first-aid, get him off the slope to the first-aid shelter and then to the hospital if necessary.

I've seen these people operate in sub-zero temperatures when you and I have been warming ourselves in the lodge. A little snowstorm might send you or I running for shelter but the Ski Patrol has its duty to perform.

How did it all begin? Read the following excerpt from the NSPS manual...

"The National Ski Patrol System was founded in March, 1938, by a 36-year-old New York insurance broker, Charles Minot 'Minnie' Dele,

who fractured an ankle on one of New England's ski slopes. "For an hour he fretted in the freezing snow, unable to move without torturing himself, while a friend, Frank Edson, went for help. Two and a half hours later he reached the doctor after a ride down the slope on a piece of corrugated tin without the benefit of a splint on his broken ankle.

"Later, while still encased in a cast, he received word that Edson had died in a similar accident. Finally, up and around again, he was determined to find a way to prevent skiing accidents and provide care if they did occur."

OUT OF A definite need there grew an idea. An idea that has saved countless lives of skiers throughout the world. It is inconceivable for me to imagine a ski area without a ski patrol. The larger the area, the usually less noticeable the patrol but they always seem to materialize when you need them.

One difference between our National Ski Patrol and that of European patrols you should be aware of if you plan on skiing in Europe. If you require assistance on the slopes and have to be brought down the mountain, you will be charged for it.

The price varies from \$5-\$15 depending on the country. They may even ask you for the money before they put you in the basket. You don't have to worry about that with our Patrol. They deserve a pat-on-the-back.

WSU Swimming

Wayne State University's swimming team opens its 1971-72 season with appearances in the Notre Dame Relays (Dec. 3) and the Michigan Collegiate Relays (Dec. 4).

Plymouth Drops 2nd Overtime Clash

By FRED DELANO

It took only Friday's first round of Suburban Eight basketball action to convince Coach "Dick" Bearup of Plymouth that there will be no such thing as a perfect record within the loop this winter.

"We're too well balanced with too many teams capable of pulling surprises to see anyone go through the 12-game league schedule unbeaten as Bentley did over 10 games in the old Suburban Six

last year," commented Bearup after seeing his Rocks drop a double overtime decision at Belleville, 79-76.

It was Plymouth's first loss to Belleville in five years, and Bearup drew in this result plus Edsel Ford's triumph over Bentley as indication that the Sub-8 is in store for a wild title chase.

This week Plymouth will host that same Edsel Ford; quietest as the Rocks try again to post their first victory in their new gym after losing a

non-league start there to Franklin 10 days ago.

ALTHOUGH Plymouth's varsity is dominated by juniors, the Rocks led Belleville all the way until late in the fourth quarter, and even after regaining the lead saw a three-point margin fade away in the last 18 seconds of regulation time.

Behind the steady shooting of Dave Van Wagoner, Jim Szilagyi and Steve Robb, the Rocks led 20-12 at the end of

the first quarter, 35-29 at the half and 51-49 after three periods.

Belleville pulled into a 61-61 tie as regulation time ended, and both clubs got seven points in the first overtime. In the second extra session Belleville banged in six quick points before Plymouth could score and the Rocks never could catch up.

MIKE GARLAND of Belleville was the game's high scorer with 31 points, as Van

Wagoner set the Plymouth pace with 23.

The teams were even in field goals with 30 apiece, but Belleville dropped in 19 charity tosses to only 16 out of 30 for the Rocks who now have made 38 from the line against 41 misses in three games.

Both Van Wagoner and Robb of Plymouth fouled out in the second overtime.

Aggies Win 3rd Contest

Tom Churches scored a career high of 34 points and the St. Agatha cagers captured their third win of the season in a 67-58 win over St. Andrews.

Churches hit 11 of 14 from the field and 12 of 17 from the line.

Churches, senior co-captain, Churches, really came on strong for us," said Agatha Coach Tom Sankovic. "He got nine of his points in the fourth quarter when we really needed it."

St. Andrews opened the game with eight straight points but Churches got the Aggies back in the game with six straight points of his own and the Aggies were down 12-10 at the end of one quarter.

ST. AGATHA outscored St. Andrews, 20-16, in the second quarter to score a 30-28 halftime lead.

It was 21-16 in favor of the Aggies in the third quarter but St. Andrews was ready to pounce back.

With three minutes remaining in the game, St. Andrews closed the gap to two

points... but Aggie Mark Miron scored three free-throw shots and Churches popped in five, and in a matter of two minutes St. Agatha outscored St. Andrews, 12-4.

"The game was plagued with fouls," said Sankovic. "We had 21 against us and they had three players foul out."

"The game became a foul shooting contest," added Sankovic. "St. Andrews collected 30 fouls."

CHURCHES paced all scorers with 34 points. Aggies Tim Nemes and Miron also hit the double figure mark with 12 and 11 points respectively.

Sophomore Bernie Czarnick led St. Andrews scorers with 18 points. Mike Demsky totaled 14 and Manuel Conway 13 in the losing effort.

St. Agatha stands at 3-1 and hosts St. Thomas Friday night.

"If we can go into the Christmas break at 5-1, we will be in good shape in the Catholic League Second Division West," added Sankovic.

Hawks Lose, 59-56

Mott Topples Harrison

Farmington Harrison is still waiting to break into the win column after the Hawks suffered their third defeat at the hands of Waterford Mott, 59-56.

Harrison was picked to be one of the area's stronger basketball teams and a top contender in the Western Six, but the inexperience of three starting juniors is showing, and Hawk Coach Bob Sutter is hoping for a change.

"The season is still young and I think we still have a good shot at the Western Six crown," said Sutter.

The Hawks jumped to a 11-3 first quarter lead but Mott picked up a man - to man press the second quarter and narrowed the score to 26-17 at the half.

"The press wore us down," said Sutter. "It's constant pressure and the inexperience led to our downfall."

MOTT tied the game up at 37-37, at the end of three quarters.

Harrison's Mike McGrath fouled out with three minutes remaining in the game and Jeff Siefelf followed suit with

one minute left. Mott scored seven straight points during this span and led 56-52, with a little over a minute remaining.

Mott stole the ball twice in in-bounds passes and Tim Simon hit on two free-throws to put Waterford up 59-56 with one second remaining.

"The third quarter really killed us," said Sutter. "We totaled only 11 to their 20 and the errors in the press really hurt."

HARRISON'S JIM MASON led all scorers with 17 points followed by Siefelf with 16 and Joe Doak with 14.

Holiday Tilt At Warren

OCC To Host Hockey Tourney

Dec. 17 and 18 are the dates, and Warren Ice Arena the location, for the Oakland Community College in-house holiday hockey tournament.

Alma-Boasts Stevenson Grad

ALMA College basketball team. The Scot basketball team is entered in the Capital City Basketball Tournament in Columbus, Ohio, on Dec. 21 and 22.

The Raiders of the Farmington campus of OCC will play host to Central Michigan, Western Michigan, and the University of Illinois at 9:30 p.m. The tournament championship will be decided beginning at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18, preceded by a 6 p.m. consolation game.

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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 17
7 p.m. - Central Michigan vs. Western Michigan
9:30 p.m. - Oakland CC vs. University of Illinois
Saturday, Dec. 18
6 p.m. - Consolation
8:30 p.m. - CHAMPIONSHIP

In its seven games Oakland has outscored its opposition 58-24.

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