

Franklin Wakes Up To Tip Southfield, 63-60

By TOM DONOGHUE
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A small but spirited, hot-shooting Southfield High took on defending Northwest Suburban basketball champion Franklin and led for all but five minutes — the last five — as Franklin squeaked out a 63-60 victory over the winless Blue Jays.

Southfield won the shooting game on the floor with 25 field goals in 52 attempts for 48 per cent while Franklin sputtered

around the 32 per cent mark with 21 of 64.

Franklin won the game at the free throw line.

THE BLUE JAYS have to play a scrappy style of basketball to keep up with their always taller opponents and Franklin made good 21 of 31 from the line.

The rebounding angle was another important aspect with the Patriots holding a slim 17-15 edge at the half but taking control in the second half, 30-

14, for an overall margin of 47-23.

Franklin won the opening tip, but in a matter of 40 seconds the Patriots had picked up two fouls and Southfield had baskets by Dave Trowbridge, Greg Miller, and Tony Diemont for a 6-0 lead.

SOUTHFIELD WAS hitting from the outside and led after the quarter, 15-11.

Blue Jay Coach Don Kaump put 6-1 junior Robin Richards

in the game at the start of the second quarter and he could do no wrong.

Southfield went up by as much as eight in the second with Richards hitting seven of eight from the floor. Five of these were from at least 15 feet out.

Tony Kaseta kept Franklin within reach and closed the gap to 33-31 at the half.

"We were awful tight in that half," said Franklin Coach Bob Visser. "We were playing

as individuals and not as a team."

THE PATRIOTS hit five of 15 in the opening quarter and six of 17 in the second while Southfield popped in five of 11 in the first and eight of 13 in the second.

Jamie Knapp hit eight quick points after intermission and with 2:38 remaining in the third quarter Franklin had a 43-42 edge.

But the lead was short-lived as Southfield's Ira Labensky

hit three buckets and the Blue Jays were up, 49-45, going into the final eight minutes.

FRANKLIN finally went to the boards in the final period and with 5:02 remaining, Tim Fisher made good a one-and-one situation to tie it at 53-53 and the Patriots were never to fall behind.

Fisher popped in a two-pointer, Kirk Caldwell a free throw and Franklin was up, 57-53. Southfield just couldn't hit from the floor and after Greg Miller made one free throw, the Blue Jays missed three and Jeff Waterstone sank two for Franklin to put the Patriots up, 59-54, with two minutes remaining.

SOUTHFIELD (60)

	FG	FT	TP
Miller	5	4	14
Fastbinder	1	0	1
Trowbridge	2	4	8
Labensky	3	3	8
Diemont	3	0	0
Richards	11	6	22
Totals	25	10	60

FRANKLIN (63)

	FG	FT	TP
Waterstone	4	4	12
Emmons	3	3	9
Kaseta	6	9	18
Caldwell	0	2	3
Knapp	4	3	11
Fisher	4	2	10
Totals	21	31	63
SOUTHFIELD	15	20	14
FRANKLIN	11	20	14

It's Edsel Ford, 50-48 Plymouth Cagers Drop 2nd

By FRED DeLANO

The momentum from Dearborn Edsel Ford's championship football season apparently has carried over to the basketball campaign, making the Thunderbirds the surprise team of early Suburban Eight competition.

A 50-48 victory by the defensive-minded T-birds over Plymouth Tuesday made Edsel Ford 3-0 overall and 2-0 in the league, leaving the

Rocks 2-2 overall and a disappointing 0-2 in the Sub-8.

Although the Plymouth troops figured they "blew it" on the Ford court by slipping to a 36 per cent shooting mark after averaging 77 points a game in the first three starts, Ford Coach Skip Domke credited the harrassing defense by his own team as the big factor in the outcome.

His argument is substantiated by the fact that no team has yet scored more

than 51 points against the pressing T-birds.

FORD PERMITTED the Rocks only 52 shots from the floor, and in contrast Plymouth had 80 attempts in the 79-74 loss to Allen Park last weekend.

Plymouth came back from a 16-9 first quarter deficit to take the lead at halftime, 25-23, and the lead then changed hands seven times in the second half as neither club ever pushed in front by more than four.

Plymouth's Tim Van Wagoner, who led all scorers with 17 points, gave the Rocks a 48-46 edge with two minutes left in the game, but with 1:40 to go it was tied on a long jumper by Greg Gomolak.

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	FG	FT	TP
Booth	3	2	5
Gomolak	3	3	9
Gancars	3	6	12
Geras	5	0	10
Sade	5	0	10
Hanson	0	1	2
Totals	19	12	50

PLYMOUTH (48)

	FG	FT	TP
Spitzgill	2	1	2
Robb	6	0	10
Egloff	2	3	7
Jahson	2	0	1
Van Wagoner	6	5	17
Moore	0	1	2
Preater	1	0	2
Totals	19	10	48

Patriots Thump Lathrup, 7-1

It was a night of firsts in Suburban Hockey League action.

Southfield Lathrup was in its first clash with a Livonia team.

For Lathrup, it was its first game at Livonia's Ford Ice Rink.

It was Franklin's first win and first triumph for first year head coach Paul Ferguson.

It was Franklin's 7-1 over Lathrup.

Franklin outskated, outshot, and completely outplayed the "rookie team" in the league for its first victory after losing to Stevenson, 4-1.

two past Ruhl in the Lathrup net, with Tom Lubig adding the other.

Only 11 penalties were called with Lathrup picking up seven two-minute infractions.

IT WAS LOSS NO. 2 for Franklin — Karpczuk (Hart, Field), 9:10.

Franklin — Field (Lundell), 9:40.

Franklin — Wright (Pennington), 11:10.

Franklin — Wright (Pennington), 14:54.

Penalties: Schultz (SL), 13:21.

Turf Tips,

By Doc Minard

To the surprise of practically no one, which makes two meetings. The first of

Director John Carlo, will have

THE PATRIOT pucksters outshot Lathrup, 65-18, with Charger goalie Bruce Ruhl getting a good workout behind a weak defense.

Franklin boasted three players with two goals apiece.

Jack Wright, Ken Karpczuk, and Mark Field each rifled

To the surprise of practically no one, which makes one wonder just why Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley has to wait until the final moment to make his announcement, the harness racing dates for 1973 were divulged earlier in the week by the racing chief.

As could be expected, dates were made public for the first time in the weekly meeting of the Detroit Broadcasters' Association and as anticipated not one of the area radio and television stations as much as mentioned the news.

That should prove something to the commissioner, the only ones interested in his pronouncements are the press. If the local media doesn't use space to tell of the commissioner's activities, then none does.

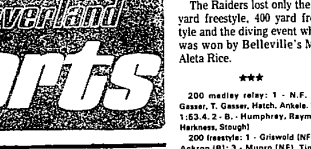
But that's another matter. It has been known for some time that Shirley had decided on the 1973 dates but wouldn't make them public until the Dec. 15 deadline set by state law.

Almost two weeks ago, Jackson Raceway officials indicated they had been notified of approval of Jan. 1 through Jan. 27 dates for the first meeting of the new year at Northville Downs. It will be recalled that last year the commissioner made the Jackson-Northville meeting cease operations in late December and then reopen after the start of the New Year.

It came at a time when Northville was just getting the impetus to make things interesting for Windsor Raceway. The two week break gave the Canadian track the opening it sought and Northville never did regain the earlier impetus.

Be that as it may, the dates for 1973 parallel those of 1972 with Jackson receiving 24 nights in January, 27 nights at the Jackson track and 47 more in November and December at Northville.

Northville Downs, under the supervision of Executive



Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Director John Carlo, will have two meetings. The first of 39 nights from Jan. 29 through March 14 and the second lists 36 nights from June 20 through July 31.

Wolverine Raceway and Hazel Park received 82 nights each with the former operating in late winter and spring and the latter in late summer and early fall.

The complete dates for harness and thoroughbred racing:

THOROUGHBRED HAZEL PARK-Friday, March 9-Saturday, July 28 (121 days, no racing on Sundays and Good Friday, April 20).

DETROIT RACE COURSE-Monday, July 30-Saturday, Nov. 10. (90 days).

HAZEL PARK-Wednesday, Nov. 14-Saturday, Dec. 22 (29 days, no racing Sundays or on the following Tuesdays-Nov. 20 and 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18).

NF Swimmers Splash Over Belleville

North Farmington won eight of 11 events to topple Belleville in a non-league swimming meet, 64-41.

The Raiders lost only the 100 yard freestyle, 400 yard freestyle and the diving event which was won by Belleville's Miss Aleta Rice.

200 medley relay: 1 - N.F. - M. Gasser, T. Gasser, Hatch, Ankala. Time 1:53.4. 2 - B. Humphrey, Raymond, Harkness, Stough.

200 freestyle: 1 - Graveland (NF); 2 - Ackron (B); 3 - Manor (NF). Time 1:56.1.

200 individual medley: 1 - Peterson (NF); 2 - Gilmore (NF); 3 - Liddell (B). Time 2:16.1.

50 freestyle: 1 - Ankala (NF); 2 - Warner (NF); 3 - Stone (B). Time 23.8.

Diving: 1 - Aleta Rice (B); 2 - Labeiler (1); 3 - Larsen (B). Points 158.4.

100 butterfly: 1 - Munro (NF); 2 - Ackron (B); 3 - T. Gasser (NF). Time: 2:13.

100 backstroke: 1 - Tights (NF); 2 - Hatch (NF); 3 - Stone (B). Time 1:06.2.

100 breaststroke: 1 - M. Gasser (NF); 2 - Byrnes (B); 3 - Campbell (NF). Time 1:53.1.

400 freestyle relay: 1 - (NF) - Graveland, Peterson, Munro, Ankala. Time 3:26.0. 2 - B. Liddell, Rottler, Stone, Ackron.

SOFT TOUCH -- Franklin's Tony Kaseta (34) lays it up for two points before Southfield's Dave Trowbridge could get his hand in for the block. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)



DRIVING IN for two Patriot points is Franklin's 6-6 senior, Tim Fisher, with Southfield's Dave Trowbridge (31) caught looking up. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

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