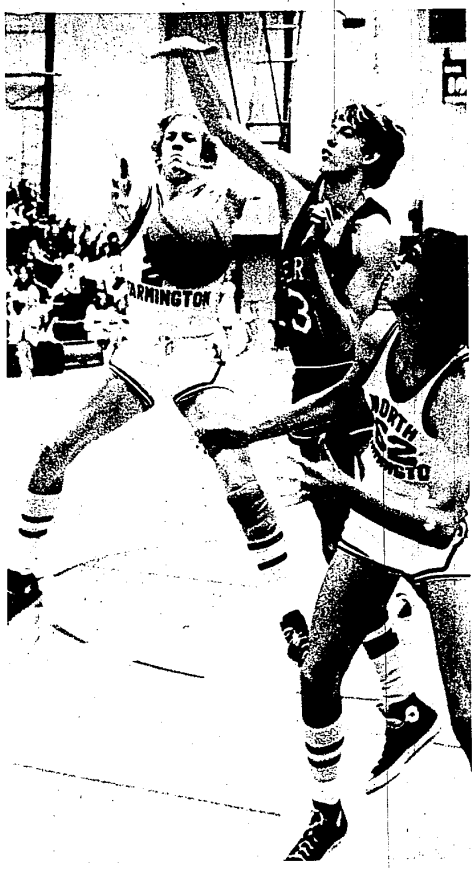

LOOSE BALL UP FOR GRABS--Berkley's Bruce Flowers (35) finds himself in the midst of North Farmington's Mike Daley (24) and Dave Ellsworth (52). (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

State-Ranked Berkley Clips NF Raider Cagers, 71-60

North Farmington lost only one quarter against the No. 7 basketball team in the state.

Ken Dean's Raiders from North won two quarters and tied one against Berkley, with the one eight minute period they lost spelling defeat.

BERKLEY outscored North, 22 - 6 in the second quarter, and held on to topple the Northwest Suburban foes, 71 - 60.

It was Berkley's 14th win against no defeats and for North it was its sixth loss in 14 outings.

North jumped to a 6-0 lead on buckets by Kim Parker and Dave Ellsworth but Berkley found the range on the Raider court and sliced it to 18-16 after eight minutes.

Berkley came out running the second period and all but ran the Raiders back into their locker room.

"Berkley came at us with a man - to - man press. Our guards were beating their man but we aren't geared for a five - on - four break and the kids just got all confused," said Dean.

North hit only three of 16 from the floor in the quarter to add to the confusion.

DEAN DID have visions of a major upset after the first quarter as his Raiders had Berkley's two big men in foul trouble. Sophomore Bruce Flowers at 6-6 and 6-5 Tom Karchon picked up two apiece in the first but settled down and added to the winning cause.

Both teams accounted for 14 points in the third quarter with Berkley showing a 52-38 margin after three.

North moved into its press in the third and came within eight points but sputtered out and fell 11 points off the mark.

Berkley wound up hitting 31 of 68 from the floor for 46 per cent and North hit 25 of 68 for 37 per cent.

FLOWERS HAULED in 22 rebounds with Berkley also winning the rebound battle, 42 - 35.

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BERKLEY (71)

	FG	FT	TP
Karchon	4	0-0	8
Bloom	5	2-3	12
Flowers	10	0-0	20
Pyykkonen	7	6-6	20
Potter	3	1-3	7
Shekell	2	0-0	4
Totals	31	9-12	71

N. FARMINGTON (60)

	FG	FT	TP
Parker	8	3-3	19
Fredericks	6	0-0	12
Ellsworth	3	3-4	9
Daley	4	3-4	11
Gasior	2	1-3	5
Foster	2	0-0	4
Totals	25	10-14	60

BERKLEY	16	22	14	19-71
N. FARMINGTON	18	6	14	22-60

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A 71-54 Surprise!

Churchill Upends GC East

By TOM DONOGHUE
Sports Editor

The Churchill Chargers have struck paydirt again outside the Western Six Conference.

Churchill blitzed Northwest Suburban foe Garden City East, 71-54, for its 11th victory in 15 games and seventh outside its league.

For Billy Joe Young's East cagers, it was their sixth defeat in 14 games and only their second since Dec. 19.

"We caught East flat," said Churchill Coach Pat Montagano. "Our zone defense had to throw them off.

"Our kids held their two big men, Grigal and Soya, to eight points apiece in the first half and they just couldn't find the help to give their two top scorers."

CHURCHILL jumped in front, 10-2, with Rich Van Wagoner scoring three straight buckets. A John Grigal field goal cut it to 12-6 with 30 seconds remaining in the opening quarter and that was the closest East was to get the entire evening--six points.

Jim Foster popped in a 30 footer for Churchill at the buzzer and the Chargers led 14-6.

Mark Reed hit three quick baskets in the second with Phil Damaska adding six points in the closing stages of the period to give Churchill a 33-21 halftime margin.

Churchill kept pulling away, increasing its lead to 51-36 after three quarters, and closing with two buckets by Al Leirstein for a 17 point victory.

East finished with only 20 of 62 from the field for 29 per cent while Churchill scored 27 of 61 for 44 per cent. The Chargers came up with their top showing at the free throw line, hitting 17 of 22.

REBOUNDING was a little closer than the score with Churchill holding a 42-35 edge. Mark and Don Braun collected eight each.

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GC EAST (54)

	FG	FT	TP
Haydon	0	0-0	0
Taylor	0	1-2	1
Grigal	8	2-2	18
Arner	3	0-1	6
Soya	7	5-8	19
Anleither	0	5-8	5
Garnet	1	0-2	2
Totals	20	14-24	54

CHURCHILL (71)

	FG	FT	TP
Wood	0	0-0	0
VanWagoner	5	2-4	12
Braun	3	4-5	10
Reed	5	3-3	13
Foster	4	2-4	10
Damaska	3	2-2	8
Skender	1	0-0	2
Fillipps	1	4-4	6
Landini	0	0-0	0
Forest	2	0-0	4
Bleies	0	0-0	0
Kelly	1	0-0	2
Leirstein	2	0-0	4
Totals	27	17-22	71

GC EAST	6	15	15	18-54
CHURCHILL	14	19	18	20--71

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Blue Jays Win, 68-64

Southfield High snapped a three-game losing streak to return to the ranks of .500 basketball in the Southeastern Michigan Conference.

The Blue Jays got by Ferndale, 68-64, for their third league victory against three losses. Southfield stands 4-10 overall.

Four free throws in the closing minute spelled the difference, with the Southfield crew holding its composure for victory.

Tom Staton hit for 10 points in the opening quarter for Ferndale as the Blue Jays trailed after eight minutes, 16-15. Southfield fought back to tie it at 29-all at the half and slipped ahead after three quarters, 45-44.

THE BLUE JAYS found the range early in the fourth.

Southfield hit on its first six field goal attempts from the floor with Dave Trowbridge and Ed Holton sinking two each and Greg Miller and Dennis Fasbinder one apiece. The Blue Jays led mid-way through the fourth, 57-52.

Ferndale stayed within range and with 42 seconds remaining, tied it at 64-all.

MILLER PUT Southfield up, 65-64, with one of two free throws and with 19 seconds left, Holton made the first of a one and one situation.

Ferndale had the ball and called time out with 13 seconds showing on the clock.

Staton, who had scored 29 points, took a short jumper for Ferndale but missed and Trowbridge hauled in the rebound and was fouled with three seconds remaining.

Trowbridge made both from the charity line and the Blue Jays had held on to break a three game sour streak.

Southfield hit 27 of 63 from the field for 43 per cent while Ferndale scored 30 of 65 for 46 per cent. The difference was at the free throw line where the Blue Jays made good 14 of 19, and Ferndale only four of 12.

Rebounding was even with each squad collecting 36. Trowbridge was high for Southfield with 14.

Southfield travels to Farmington High Tuesday in an annual non-leaguer. The Blue Jays toppled the Falcons last season, 81-75.

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SOUTHFIELD (68)

	FG	FT	TP
Miller	7	4-8	18
Richards	2	0-0	4
Trowbridge	5	2-2	12
Labensky	3	1-1	7
Holton	6	5-6	17
Fasbinder	2	2-2	6
MacNamee	2	0-0	4
Totals	27	14-19	68

FERNDALE (64)

	FG	FT	TP
Staton	13	3-5	29
McIntee	6	0-1	12
Oldhan	2	0-0	4
Stuart	4	1-2	9
Kenner	2	0-4	4
Harris	1	0-0	2
Felton	1	0-0	2
Scott	1	0-1	2
Totals	30	4-12	64

SOUTHFIELD	16	14	18	23-68
FERNDALE	16	13	15	20-64

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Harrison Surprises Birmingham Seaholm

Farmington Harrison has drawn first blood in its initial clash with a Southeastern Michigan Conference basketball team.

Harrison's first game against a Southeastern Michigan loop club was with Birmingham Seaholm and the Western Six Hawks sped to a 70-43 victory.

BOTH CLUBS sported an overall 6-6 mark going into the contest.

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SEAHOLM (43)

	FG	FT	TP
Keller	8	3-5	19
Raymond	3	0-0	6
Ladbetter	1	2-2	4
Marx	3	2-2	8
Davis	0	2-2	2
Bower	0	1-2	1
Longe	0	1-2	1
Jaske	1	0 0	2
Totals	16	11-14	43

HARRISON (70)

	FG	FT	TP
Hickey	4	5-7	13
Nicolay	6	4-6	16
Sieloff	8	4-6	20
Cleary	3	0-0	6
McGrath	2	2-2	6
Harpich	1	0-0	2
Collins	3	0-0	6
Klink	0	1-1	1
Totals	27	16-22	70

SEAHOLM	8	8	11	16--43
HARRISON	12	20	13	25--70

"I really didn't know what to expect from Seaholm," said Harrison Coach Bob Sutter.

Churchill, which is the Western Six's current front runner and defending champion, played Southfield High earlier in the year. The Churchill squad also toppled the Southeastern Michigan team, 57-55.

NICK NICOLAY popped in the opening bucket for Harrison against Seaholm and the Hawks were off to a 12-8 first quarter lead.

Seaholm went into a press the second period but the Hawks beat it, Nicolay scoring eight of his 16 points. Harrison led at the half, 32-16.

The second half saw Seaholm break into a press again but the Hawks stood their ground and pushed their margin to 45-27 going into the final eight minutes.

SEAHOLM TIRED the final period, and Harrison outscored the Southeastern crew, 25-16, for a 27 point victory.

Harrison scored 11 of its fourth quarter 25 points at the free throw line, making good 11 of 16 with Dan Hickey scoring nine and converting five of seven charity tosses.

The Hawks finished 27 of 54 from the field for 50 per cent and Seaholm sputtered to a 16 for 63 showing for 27 per cent.

Jeff Sieloff dominated the boards with 22 rebounds for Harrison as the Hawks won that battle, 53-36.

Harrison is off Tuesday night but jumps back into Western Six action Friday at home against Northville.

IN THE POCKET
By W.W. EDGAR

The jinx that has caused the downfall of the defending champion since the inception of the Masters Tournament a decade ago held good again.

Bowling at Ramona Lanes in the rich singles event sponsored by the Greater Detroit Bowling Association, Jack Trealor, last year's champion, could do no better than finish in last place.

As Trealor was falling from the champion's throne, Roger Thorpe, one of the young bowlers who competes regularly in Observerland, came on to win the $1,000 prize, the title and all the honor that goes with pacing the parade of the area's better bowlers.

It wasn't only the nod from Lady Luck that helped Roger. He averaged 215.8 for 36 games that included the two qualifying rounds. He beat out Dick Beattie, the southpaw sharpshooter, who is one of the Classic leaders at Wonderland and Westland Bowl.

Trealor's fall marked the 10th time that the defending champion has failed to repeat. But none fell any further than Jack who went from first to last.

THERE'S SOME real competition going on at Bel-Aire Lanes. It's not between individual bowlers, but between leagues with the Businessmen's loop trying to outdo the Classic in a scoring way.

This week the Businessmen came up with the leader when Jerry Hay put together games of 247, 256 and 227 for a 730.

In its attempt to offset that, the Classic produced two bowlers who crashed the 700 barrier and another who missed by a single pin.

Danny Feloni made good use of an opening 266 to post a 720 series while Bill Cooper opened with games of 269 and 256 before closing at 181 for 706 and second place. Dick Wetly also opened with a 269 but had to be content with his other counts of 226 and 204 for third place at 699.

The high game of the week, however, came in the Mixed League where Mario Ilardi started with nine strikes in a row on the way to a 277 opener. It proved too much and the pressure got him as he followed with a 202 and finished with 146 for 625.

In the women's sections Casey Brumm had a 225 in 495 and Nancy Wilson had a 226 in 492.

THE BIGGEST one-day charity event of the year is scheduled this Sunday afternoon at the Astro Lanes at 14-Mile Road and John R. when B'nai B'rith will be entertained by the Father Kramer Council, K of C.

More than 200 bowlers are expected to compete with all of the receipts going to the Crippled Children's Association Clinic.

This is an annual affair that attracts bowlers from all sections of the metropolitan area.

The bowler of the week at Plymouth Bowl turned out to be Ken Lee, a teen-ager who posted a 267 game in a 606 series.

"They tore the place apart," was the way George Bashara reported the activities of the Wonderland Classic.

When the last pin fell, the Jessie Jackson team had posted a 3328 series -- a new high for the season -- on games of 1083, 1146 and 1099.

Earl Vanness, of the Palace team, paced the individuals with a 752 that came on counts of 267, 237 and 248. Right behind him came John Ayotte with a 740, made possible with a closing game of 279 where he had the last 11 strikes in a row. Bill Walker landed third place with a 706.

On the ladies side, Jean Zirill showed the way in the Junior House League with a 653 series that included games of 224, 191 and 238.

A FAMILIAR name popped to the head of the list in the Westland Classic when B.C. Nunnery linked games of 253, 225 and 243 for a 721. His closest rival was Bob Hart with games of 245 and 243 in 692. Harry Fielek profited by a middle game of 246 for a 662 and third place.

In the Ladies Classic Ann Andrews showed the way with a 614 on games of 186, 200 and 228.

THE CLASSIC bowlers at Garden Bowl had to give way to Wayne Rieter for scoring honors this week. Bowling in the Vinco circuit, Wayne opened with a 210, then found the range for counts of 254 and 269 for a 733.

Larry Brandt showed the way in the Classic with a 696. He was followed by Roger Thorpe with 676, Al Massecar with 660 and Lou Haydu with a 652.

THE WOMEN had a great time at Farmington Lanes.

Alice McComas took top honors in the Ladies Classic with a 214 in 574 and Dot Jacquemette had a 233 in 515. Bonnie Alarie, a 117 average bowler in the Strikes and Spares loop, fashioned a 246 game. In the Canterbury Commons circuit, Mary Lou Boyle had a 224, Connie Travis a 208 and Joann Taki a 205.

Garry Vanderwill set the pace in the Junior High boys league with a 229 in 644 and Gary Grimes was top man in the Teen Classic with a 220 in 620.

THE TOP honors in the Livonia Ladies Classic went to Dot Fulton who fashioned a 480-123--603 that included a high single of 182-41--233. Other single game winners were Lois Merriman with 184-30--214, Ellie Wilkins and Betty Moeller who shared the opener. Ellie had a 189-21--210 and Betty matched it with 175-35--210.

THE ODDITY of the week was provided by Louise Dodson who contributed a 150 triplicate.

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