

Knights' bop Pontiac Northern 69-58

By JIM BOCHENEK

Bloomfield Hills' Lahser's varsity basketball team got ready for its opening district state basketball game by splitting a pair of tough games last week. Coach Bill Ullenbruch's Knights lost to Ferndale High 30-49 last Tuesday but came back three nights later to defeat Pontiac Northern 69-58.

The Knights will open the district tournament tonight when they face the host school, Birmingham Seaholm. Game time is 8 p.m. Birmingham Brothers-Rice, one of the top teams in the state, is included in the six-team competition.

IF LAHSER is to face Rice, it will have to be in the finals. The Knights, if they defeat Seaholm, will go up against Bloomfield Hills Andover on Wednesday night. If Rice defeats Troy and Birmingham Groves, they

too will gain a berth in the district finals.

Ullenbruch is not looking any farther ahead than the Seaholm game. "Seaholm is a team that is a lot like Pontiac Northern," said the Knight mentor. "They are small, quick and aggressive and have really been coming on of late."

LaHSER also has been coming on strong. The team was 1-6 at the Christmas break. The Knights have since gone on a tear that now sees their record at 11-9.

ONE OF THE improving facets of the Knights' game has been its defense. Lahser played a tough zone press and later switched to a man-to-man press in the Northern game. The changes in defensive strategy helped move the Knights from a 36-33 halftime advantage to a 14-point lead after three quarters.

LaHSER outscored Northern 18-7 in the first quarter and five in the third quarter and used a controlled type of offense to keep by at least eight points most of the way.

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that stanza with senior guard Jeff Knudsen leading the way with eight points. Knudsen led the winners in scoring with 19.

Senior guard Steve Ketyeyan added 15 points to the Knights' cause while senior center Scott Palmer played a fine all-around game in adding 14 points and 14 rebounds.

THE KNIGHTS' defense again played well three nights earlier but the offense could not get untracked as a tough Ferndale team stifled them.

Ferndale held Lahser to only four points in the first quarter and five in the third quarter and used a controlled type of offense to keep by at least eight points most of the way.

"We were cold all right but you also have to give credit to the Ferndale

defense," said Ullenbruch. "We had to try to keep them from controlling the tempo of the game but as it turned out we just couldn't do it."

Junior guard Tom Waun, scoring mostly on penetrating drives to the basket, led the Knights with 17 points. Senior guard Scott Terry was the only other Lahser player in double figures as he added 11.

Ferndale center Tom Staton took game scoring honors as he fired in 20 points. Ullenbruch called Staton one of the finest players in the state.

The Lahser mentor stated that the two games during the week were a good test for his club. "We should be

ready for Seaholm tonight," Ullenbruch added. "If we're not, then the season is over for us."

	FG	FT	TP	PG	FR	TR
Lahser (89)	7	0	14			
Scott Palmer	3	0	6			
Mark Terry	1	0	2			
Jeff Knudsen	9	1	10			
Mark Principice	0	0	0			
Tom Waun	3	0	6			
Tom Buescher	1	0	2			
Steve Ketyeyan	6	0	15			
Mike Munson	1	2	4			
Total	31	7	69			

	PG	FR	TR
Pontiac Northern (58)	1	5	7
Harold Evans	4	0	4
Dave Clism	4	2	10
Anthony Coleman	4	3	15
Larry Barnard	1	0	2
Mitch Green	5	0	10
Ray Threlkeld	3	0	6
Rod Henderson	2	0	6
Total	23	10	58

East Hills wins meet

Taking five of 10 weight classes, host East Hills won the 1974 Bloomfield Hills junior high wrestling crown Feb. 14 with 132½ points.

West Hills was runner-up, 15½ points back. Bloomfield Hills Junior High followed, posting 90 points.

Individual champions were:

- 105-pound class - Don Casey (8H)
- 115-pound class - Dave Nichols (EH)
- 130-pound class - Chris Morgan (EH)
- 145-pound class - Doug Stone (WH)
- 160-pound class - Tom Hastings (EH)
- 175-pound class - Tom Simpson (WH)
- 190-pound class - Mike McPhail (EH)
- 215-pound class - Nick Kibicki (WH)
- 230-pound class - Bill Kibicki (WH)
- Heavyweight - John Proppel (8H)

Pony/Colt registers

It's registration time again for Pony/Colt Baseball's summer sandlot season for boys ages 13 through 16.

Applications now are available at all Birmingham School District junior highs plus the Varsity Shop and Griswold Sporting Goods stores in Birmingham.

Applications may be turned in during the special Pony/Colt clinics slated for March 9, 16 and 30 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at Birmingham Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 32340 Pierce, south of 14 Mile Road.

Applications also may be turned in during registration March 30, from 1-4 p.m. at the Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates.

PONY/COLT tryouts are scheduled for April 6 from 1-3 p.m. and April 7 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Birmingham Groves High, Evergreen and 3 Mile Roads.

Boys are reminded to bring their gym shoes and gloves both to clinics and tryouts.

For further information about the Pony/Colt program, contact Pony League President Don Disbrow at 648-4169.

Country Day rips Liggett

Country Day finished the regular basketball season with a respectable 13-4 record, good enough for second in the Metro League with Hamtramck, by downing Liggett 88-58 Friday.

The Yellow Jackets broke it open in the first quarter, totaling 24 points to Liggett's 10. From then on Country Day had little trouble maintaining its lead, holding a 47-30 lead at halftime. The Yellow Jackets outscored Liggett in every quarter but the fourth.

HEAD COACH John Hannett played his first team for top and a half quarters before putting in substitutes. In all, 10 boys got into the game and all 10 scored.

Hannett was pleased with the overall effort on the part of the entire squad. He stated, "they all played well together."

"It was very much a team effort," Hannett noted that the team effort was characteristic of the entire season.

David Merritt led the Yellow Jacket attack with 21 points, shooting 60 per cent from the floor. Sheriff Guindt added 16 more and John Zinkel was also 60 per cent from the floor, totaling 12 points. Zinkel snared nine rebounds.

Mike Solomon was high for Liggett, scoring 32 points off field goals.

Country Day begins district play Monday night against St. Clement at 7:30 p.m. All games will be held at Pontiac Catholic.

	FG	FT	TP
Country Day	8	0-0	16
Sheriff Guindt	4	0-0	8
Eric Hansen	5	2-4	21
David Merritt	2	0-0	4
John Zinkel	2	0-0	4
Blake Glass	4	0-0	8
Hillel Maisel	2	0-0	4
Chris Yelder	3	3-4	9
Willard Holt	2	0-0	4
Harry Davis	0	2-3	2
Jim Boyle	39	10-15	88

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Liggett	1	0-0	2
Greer	15	0-0	32
Solomon	5	0-0	10
Jarson	2	2-3	6
Miller	1	1-2	3
Peseler	1	1-2	3
Meyers	24	23	18-88
Country Day	10	20	9 19-58

Pioneers beaten at Wayne

Oakland University's basketball season came to a disappointing end Wednesday night in a 75-71 loss at Wayne State University.

It was the seventh straight defeat for the Pioneers, who finished the year 15-11. But the 15 victories represents the best total ever for Oakland.

The Pioneers shot 49 per cent from the field, 28 of 57 shots, but turned the ball over 23 times to 11 by the Tartars, and Oakland was out-rebounded 58-36.

Jim Newsom scored 15 points with 18 rebounds and Willie Vofsan hit for 14 points with 14 rebounds for Wayne State.

Larry Pierce, Oakland's senior guard, scored 20 points in his last game for the team. Pierce finished the season with a record for assists for one year.



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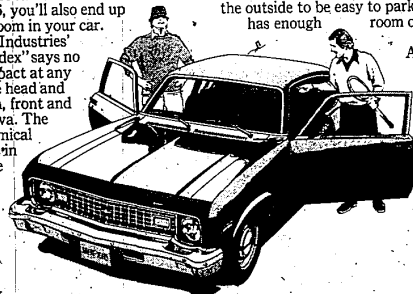
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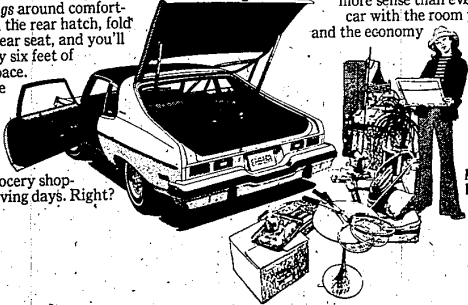
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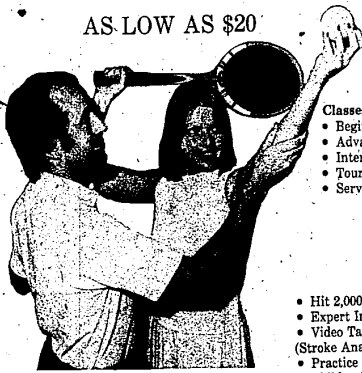
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