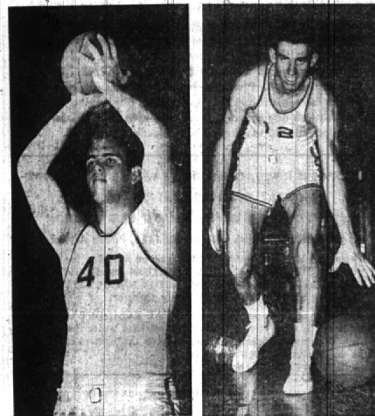


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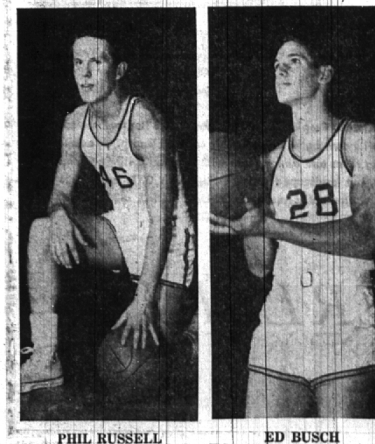
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Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills Reveal New Basketball Squads Friday

Petrakis' Men Await Cranbrook

By LES LINE
Sports Editor

"We're going to be small and without much experience. I honestly don't know how things will turn out. One point is certain though—we'll have a lot of hustle and a lot of scrap, more than anyone else we meet."

That's how the impending basketball campaign looked to Birmingham high's cage mentor, John Petrakis, as Friday night's open with Cranbrook neared.

With only three letter winners around and very little size on hand, Petrakis faces a successful season as rather slim in the Maple camp, even though little opposition is expected from the Cranbrook Friday. That hustle and scrap that Petrakis talks about, though, could make up for a lot of lost ground and, with a few breaks here and there in key spots, Birmingham could cause a lot of headaches for a lot of opponents this winter.

THE THREE VETS returning from the club that won six and dropped eight in regular season play last winter are Dave Ritchie, Bob Stephenson and Chuck Gibson. All have been assured starting berths. All are seniors.

Ritchie, 6-foot forward, missed about eight games last season because of illness. Stephenson, 6-foot center and tallest man on the Maple squad, was the second leading scorer during the '56-'57 campaign. Gibson, 6-1, will hold down the other forward post.

It's a tossup as to who will fill the two guard slots. Petrakis has three leads in mind—Pete Green, Jeff Boucher and Tom Fontaine. Green and Fontaine are both seniors with some varsity background. Boucher, a junior, led the reserves in scoring last season and his point potential could help out tremendously.

THREE OTHERS will also see a lot of action at guard—Ed Eades, Larry Kelly and Fred Nicholas. Eades is a senior transfer from East Lansing where he saw some varsity action before moving here between semesters last winter. Kelly is a junior up from the jayvee squad. Nicholas is a senior with some first string experience.

The only other height on the Maple team will be furnished by Phil Iabell, 6-foot eighth sophomore forward candidate.

Ed Busch, a sharp-shooting junior also up from the second team, is also being groomed for a lot of play at a forward post.

Three other promising candidates who played reserve ball last season are Bob Lovell, Bill Muninger and John Shelley, all juniors.

Baron '5' Could Be Darkhorse

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Coach Hal Trott's Bloomfield Hills basketballers aren't rated too much of a threat in their first season of Wayne-Oakland conference court competition, but the Baron mentor is smiling secretly over a surprise or two he has in store for loop foes.

There are only three returning letterwinners in the Hills camp, but the talent—and experience—has him as it might seem. There just might be enough available to make the Baron the league's darkhorse this winter.

Boosting the Baron squad are son transfer prospects and two other lads who saw some varsity action last winter but fell short of starting berths.

The three returning lettermen are Bob Elston, Chuck Mezey and Doug Danziger.

ELSTON, a 6-1 senior guard, was the leading Hills scorer last season. Danziger, a 6-foot senior, plays either guard or forward and has been on the Baron varsity since his freshman year.

Mezey, a 6-foot senior forward, will be out of action until after the holidays because of a football injury. Danziger and Elston will probably see starting roles Friday night when the Hills cages open their 1957-'58 campaign at Holly in a circuit tilt.

Two other starters have been picked by Trott. One is Bob Barrett, 6-3 center or forward who played some varsity ball last season as a sophomore. The other is Jim Mastin, another 6-3 youngster. Mastin needs some experience but his height will give the Barons a tall overall starting five.

JIM TOWNSEND, a 5-11 junior, is the other Bloomfield Hills cager with some first string experience under his belt. He might get the other starting role, as yet still undecided.

Another 5-11 junior, John Dixon, is in the thick of things when it comes to that vacant starting berth. He's a transfer from Birmingham who played jayvee ball as a sophomore.

The Barons have two other transfer cagers—James McGuire and Blake Noyes, both seniors. Noyes, 6-1 center, is a transfer from Country Day. He won't be eligible until the second semester because of residence qualifications. McGuire who stands just 5-8, is aggressive and a good rebounder. He moved from Birmingham.

FOUR OTHER candidates up from last season's reserve squad are Guards Bob Thompson and John Parker and Forwards Tom Hall and Larry Erdmann. Hall, at 6-1, and Erdmann, at 6 feet, are the tallest of the four.

Last season's Baron record stood at seven wins and 10 defeats.

Maple Tankers Cop Two Dual Wins

A pair of wins over Highland Park and Grosse Pointe have opened the 1957-'58 swimming season for Coach Jay Myers' Birmingham dual tankers.

The Maples routed Highland Park, 69 to 27, Nov. 27 and edged Grosse Pointe, 55 to 41, Tuesday night. The wins were both in the new, Birmingham pool and were the eighth and ninth straight dual triumphs for the Maple swimmers.

The win over Highland Park was the double winners of the evening, Sintz copping first in the 50 and 100-yard free style events and Smith winning the 100-yard backstroke and 150-yard individual medley.

THE 23.8 clocking registered by Sintz in the 50-yard free style equals the Birmingham school record he established last season. His 23.1 time in the 100-yard event falls just shy of the 32.9 school record he set in last season's state meet.

A double win by Dave Rider was

erased when an interpretation of a new rule cost him a first in the 100-yard breast stroke. Rider apparently took too many underwater strokes.

One Maple mark fell in the Grosse Pointe meet, and Sintz was the one who set the new standard. He was timed at 2:36.9 in the 100-yard individual medley. Both he and teammate Dave Smith, who placed second, battered the former record of 1:38 set last season by Tom Reibel.

BIRMINGHAM NOTCHED six of the 10 firsts. Sintz again scored a double win. His other first was

registered in the 100-yard free style.

Birmingham started fast against Grosse Pointe, considered by Coach Myers the toughest foe on the Maple schedule. The Blue Devil tankers pulled within striking distance midway in the meet but Birmingham's first and second in the individual medley pushed the Maples back into a safe lead.

Grosse Pointe had defeated Birmingham last season.

A Blue Devil swimmer, Les Cutler, turned in a fine 1:50 clocking in the 100-yard backstroke, a time Myers compares with state final meet performances.



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Plot Attack for Holly Test

A quartet of Bloomfield Hills prepsters night's opener at Holly. Left to right are who will probably see starting action for the Barons this season go over plans with Coach Hal Trott in preparation for Friday

Colt Cagers Rout Oak Park, 64-25

OAK PARK—Fifteen Troy cagers saw action and 10 broke into the scoring column here Friday night as Coach Peyton Goodwin's Colts opened their season with a 64-25 rout of Oak Park.

Center Rich Booth and Forwards Evans Morgan and Bill Hansen furnished the scoring punch that put the game on ice in the early minutes.

The Colts jumped to a 10-3 first quarter edge as Oak Park failed to score a basket until the final 30 seconds of the period. It was 32 to 14 at halftime and 48 to 18 at the end of the third stanza.

TROY'S ZONE defense proved effective against the small, Redskins, but the Colts' inside jump failed to prove much as far as Goodwin was concerned.

The Colts mentor went with a starting lineup of Morgan, Hansen, Booth and Guards Wayne Fieley and Harned, and probably will stick with those five prepsters in future games.

Fieley and Harned are considered the outstanding shots on the Troy squad but had an off night against Oak Park. Fieley netted six points and Harned tallied just two.

Both topped the Colt scoring effort with 18 points, with Morgan and Hansen adding 10 each.

Charles Miles' 10-point effort was high for Oak Park.

GERRY GLIDEWELL dumped in 21 points and Bud Acton added 13 more as the Troy reserves tripped the Oak Park seconds, 62 to 41, in the preliminary.

Goodwin has indicated he may move Rich McKinnon and Jim DePauw from the varsity to the reserve squad to strengthen the Colt Jayvees.

Troy has a two-week layoff before its Oakland conference opener Dec. 13 with Lake Orion.

TROY (64)
Morgan, f, 4-2-10; Hansen, f, 5-0-19; Booth, c, 2-0-1; Fieley, g, 2-3-6; Harned, f, 1-0-2; Litchmon, g, 3-0-6; McKinnon, g, 0-2-2.

Cranbrook Bluejays Split In Opener

WALLED LAKE — Four Vikings cagers scored in the double figures as Wallied Lake, which went to the state semifinals last March and compiled an overall 21-2 record, crushed Cranbrook by a 70-37 count here Nov. 25.

After a fairly close first half, Wallied Lake vaulted to a commanding lead early in the third quarter. The Vikings led by 20 points in that stanza to six for the Cranes and held a 17-8 edge in the final eight minutes of play.

Walled Lake was in front by a 20-9 margin at the end of the first quarter. At halftime it was 38 to 23.

When the third period ended the Vikings held a 53-29 lead.

TEN Walled Lake prepsters broke into the scoring column. Ken Hill Hooley and guard Larry Vanderveide netted 15 each, high for the night, while forwards Bob Smith and Dennis McClelland totalled 13 and 10, respectively.

Only four Cranes to go. John Studebaker and Pete Ordway garnered 13 apiece.

The game marked the debut of John Shadford as head Wallied Lake basketball coach.

The Walled Lake reserves took a 56-38 triumph in the preliminary battle.

WALLED LAKE (70)
McClelland, f, 5-0-10; Taulbee, f, 1-0-2; Smith, f, 6-1-13; Hooley, g, 1-0-1; Yank, c, 2-0-1; Whitcomb, c, 1-0-2; Vanderveide, g, 6-8-15; Fink, g, 1-1-3; Evans, f, 1-0-2; Anderson, g, 2-0-1.

Bluejays Split Hardwood Play

Bow to Bentley By 61-49 Count

SOUTHFIELD — Control ball and phenomenal out-court accuracy paid off with a victory for Livonia Bentley here Nov. 27 as host Southfield fell, 61 to 49, in the Jays' court opener.

The visiting Bulldogs connected on 20 of 40 shots for a blistering 30 percent shooting pace. Bentley's slow, deliberate play also succeeded in holding Southfield's shots down. Coach Bob Watt's cagers hit on 19 of 61 shots during the course of the evening.

Bentley led all the way. The Bulldogs grabbed a 12-11 edge at the end of the first quarter and then pulled to a 10-point lead, 35 to 25, at halftime.

SOUTHFIELD narrowed the count to 42 to 37 at the close of the third stanza and then pulled within four points with four minutes to go.

Bentley, however, fouling in on heavy Southfield cashing in the closing minutes to pull the game out of the fire. The Bulldogs hit on 21 of 38 free-throw attempts. Southfield was tagged with 26 personal fouls.

With Jim Youngness dumping in 18 points, the Southfield reserves capped a 54-38 win in the preliminary.

BENTLEY (61)
King, f, 4-2-10; Johnson, f, 4-2-11; Studebaker, g, 6-1-13; Klein, g, 3-1-7.

BYPASS CRANE Quint, 64-30

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Forward Bob Shull dunked 16 points for Southfield Tuesday afternoon as the Bluejays swept past Cranbrook, 64 to 30, in the Crane gym.

Southfield's experience and size proved too much for the small Cranbrook cagers. Coach Bob Wattle's Jays grabbed a commanding 19-6 lead at the end of the first quarter and increased it to 34 to 15 at intermission.

It was 53 to 19 at the close of the third period.

The win ended the Jays' record and 1-1.

SHULL CONNECTED on six field goals and four free throws for his game-high total. Forward Bob Klein paced the Cranbrook effort with 15 points.

Southfield's second team took home a 56-33 win in the second game of the afternoon. Jim Stueland of Southfield and Cranbrook's George Gologly each tallied 13 points.

SOUTHFIELD (64)
Krause, f, 1-1-3; Filar, f, 2-6-4; Shull, f, 4-4-16; Yank, f, 3-0-4; Larson, c, 2-3-7; Grant, c, 3-2-8; Solberg, g, 2-0-4; Ridley, g, 2-1-2; Kennedy, g, 3-1-7.

CRANBROOK (30)
Klein, f, 3-2-12; Collins, f, 0-0-0; Turner, f, 0-1-1; Ordway, c, 2-1-5; Studebaker, g, 2-3-7; Doolittle, c, 1-2-4; Mirra, g, 0-2-2.

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If you've been exposed to high school basketball 1957-'58 style, chances are you're thoroughly confused by the host of new rules and regulations introduced this season. And if you haven't seen the prep courtiers in action yet, when you do you may not even recognize the game.

When the National Basketball Committee of the United States and Canada put its collective heads together a few months back to revise the rules that govern prep and college basketball play, it really went overboard.

Seven major changes were made and to mention countless minor revisions. According to a veteran Birmingham official—Hal Buerge—the major changes he can remember in many years.

A few of the new rules make sense. All in all, however, they add up to confusion and more confusion on the part of coaches, players and spectators and headaches on the part of officials who have to enforce them.

HERE'S A RUNDOWN on the major changes, some of the thinking behind them and the effect they will have:

(1) High school teams will use a 12-foot free-throw lane. The rules, now uniform with college regulations, is intended to reduce the advantage of the tall man. It keeps him away from the basket and will cut tips on missed free throws.

(2) No offensive player—with or without the ball—may be in the 12-foot free-throw area more than three seconds. Last season the three-second rule covered only the man with the ball.

(3) No free throws will be awarded for a double foul. It will now result in a center jump. Last winter each player involved in a double foul received one shot.

(4) THE BALL may be thrown in from any place on the floor. Last season the area under the basket between the free-throw lanes was taboo. A team lost possession if the ball was put in play from that area.

(5) Touching the ball in the rim of the basket—either by an offensive or defensive player—is illegal. Other changes tighten the rules on goaltending even further. Dunking (continuous contact) is still allowed.

(6) Certain types of stalling will bring a technical foul. When behind score or on defense with the score tied, and after warning by the referee, failure to be reasonably active in attempting to secure the ball on defense, or failure to move the ball to secure a desirable scoring position if on offense, is forbidden. This is designed, apparently, to speed up play and to prevent jamming up the middle area by defense.

(7) In high school ball, each team is allowed four personal fouls in each half before the bonus rules go into effect. In college it is six a half. This will help keep the game from turning into a free-throw contest as many did in the past when a player was awarded a bonus shot if he made his first free throw.

THE EFFECT of the changes has been felt even this early in the season. Scores have been low—in the 30's and 40's. Free-throw shooting has been cut tremendously. The tall man isn't as valuable as he used to be.

Whether the new rules will be for the betterment of the game will be determined as the season progresses. In the couple of things are certain—the game isn't what it used to be, and the officials, as they weren't busy enough before, have a new batch of zany regulations to make of their job harder.

AS BUERGE put it a few days ago: "In the view of the old basketball fan who enjoyed ball handling in difference to scoring, the game has slipped in the last few years. Much of the good ball handling has been eliminated to benefit scoring. Coaches and veteran players alike express the opinion the game is not as good as it used to be. And it's much harder for officials to legislate."

Basketball has changed a lot in the past 15 to 20 years. A lot of that change has been improvement. It's time, though, for the rulemakers to apply the rules before they go too far—if it's not already too late.

Crane Frash-Soph Open Play Tuesday

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Cranbrook's frash-soph basketball team opens a nine-game schedule Tuesday afternoon at Oak Park. Coach of the young Cranes is Hugh M. Davison. All games will begin at 4 p.m.

The schedule:
Dec. 10—Oak Park (away); Jan. 14—Berkeley-Norway Junior High (away); Jan. 27—Royal Oak Dondoro (home); Jan. 31—Hazel Park (home); Feb. 7—Ferndale (away); Feb. 11—Royal Oak Dondoro (away); Feb. 18—Royal Oak Kimball (away); Feb. 21—Oak Park (home); Feb. 25—Royal Oak Kimball (home).