

Colts Share OB Crown in Defeat

Coach Hits Game Refereeing

By CLARK HALLAS

Weakness at the foul line was the Achilles' heel that killed Troy at Lake Orion Friday night, 66-61, as the Colts failed to clinch undisputed possession of the Oakland B conference title.

Instead Peyton Goodwin's lunch share the crown with Avondale, victors over Clawson 74-63 Friday. Both teams ended regular season play with 9-3 league marks.

Troy went into the game intent on shaking their way, while Jim Goodwin said they were "not going to let them lose three crucial games in the stretch, and in the field lived up to those intentions sufficiently, outpacing Lake Orion, 48-12.

"FROM THE CHARITY line however, it was a different story, the Dragons impressing with a 24-40 percentage while the Colts managed to sink only 13.

Goodwin had few brackets to throw at the referee after the game.

"To sum it up in a few words," he said, "I thought the officiating at Lake Orion was very poor. We played well enough with but those 40 fouls kind of handicapped us."

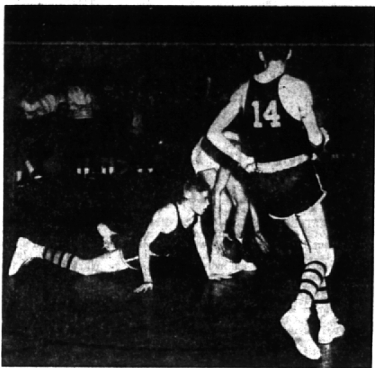
Goodwin said he has been dissatisfied with the refereeing all season and that it was not just an "away game problem."

"THEY HAVEN'T been any better at Troy," he added. "I was criticizing your grapes because we lost Friday. After all, we're champions."

"But looking at the situation as objectively as possible," Goodwin said, "I feel that it's something which could be improved upon a great deal."

"In fact the constant rule changes every year make it hard on referees," the Troy mentor observed. "I can sympathize with them on that account."

"But, still another problem is that the requirements for officials are not as strict as they should be."



HEY REE! Troy's Don Killewald might be yelling as he sprays on the court during 4th period of Friday's 66-61 loss at Lake Orion. This play brought forth a barrage of post-game criticism aimed at the officiating, from Troy coach Peyton Goodwin who claims that Dragons' Nick Neira (crouching for ball) should have been called for tripping but that both referees were at the other end of the floor. Instead Killewald, who re-aggravated a sprained ankle on the fall, left the game with his fifth personal. Running to teammate's help is Colt forward Rich Booth (No. 14).

The Birmingham Eccentric



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Birmingham Shot By McNeal's 38

By TOM McDANIEL

After trailing most of the way, Ferndale's basketball team led the game late in the third period and then outscored Birmingham 18-4 in the final stanza to defeat the Maples 58-41 here last Friday night.

Earl McNeal provided the punch that enabled the Raisplitters to overcome a seven point deficit and then to swamp the Maples in the last quarter. The laicky guard scored 17 points in a row during a six-minute span in the fourth quarter while Birmingham scored only two. He wound up with a total of 38 points for a new Ferndale single game individual scoring record.

THE MAPLES grabbed an early lead when Bob Kneissler hit a short jump shot, but a three-point throw by McNeal a three-point lead put Ferndale in front. Bob Isbell scored five straight points and Birmingham led 7-5. Ferndale rallied when Larry Granzow sank a pair of freethrows to give the Raisplitters an 11-10 lead.

Bob Stephenson scored a tip-in but McNeal sank two quick baskets to give the Bucs a three-point lead. The teams traded field goals before eight fast points by Birmingham extended the Maples' five point margin which they held until halftime, leading 28-21.

MCNEAL CUT the lead by two points in the third quarter when Evangelista hit a long set shot, making the score 30-25. Ferndale trailed by 15 straight minutes and McNeal scored, but Dave Ritchie made two freethrows, extending the locals' lead to three points.

After a pair of freethrows by Granzow, Isbell and Evangelista combined efforts for six Maple points to put Birmingham ahead 38-21. But the Raisplitters recovered quickly on a basket by McNeal and a freethrow and field goal when Granzow trailed by only two.

After Ritchie hit for the Maroons, baskets by McNeal and Granzow in the last minute of the third period led the score at 40-10.

MAPLES then fell apart completely, mostly due to McNeal's scoring spurge of 15 straight Ferndale points in the final quarter. It was a spectacular one-man show by McNeal, who hit 17 of 23 shots he took from the floor and four freethrows for 38 points, leading the locals' lead to 13 points.

Ferndale hit with amazing accuracy, making good on 24 of 45 field goal attempts for 53.3 percent. Birmingham's 14 for 57, or 24.6 percent, nearly good enough to cope with the red hot Dales.

Player	F.G.	F.T.	P.P.T.	PTS
Isbell	1	1	1	3
Ritchie	1	0	0	2
Evangelista	1	0	0	2
Stephenson	2	2	0	4
Granzow	1	1	0	2
Kelly	1	1	0	2
Totals	7	4	1	14

Player	F.G.	F.T.	P.P.T.	PTS
McNeal	17	17	0	38
Granzow	5	6	0	9
Stephenson	2	2	0	4
Palmer	2	0	0	2
Boyer	1	0	0	2
Buttner	0	0	0	0
Stinson	0	0	0	0
Guilford	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	25	0	58

W. Reserve at Cranbrook
YMCA BASKETBALL
 Monday, March 4:
 Presbyterian vs. Methodist, 7 p.m.
 Baptist vs. St. James, 8 p.m.
 Lutheran vs. B'ham Cong., 9 p.m.

RICH BOOTH of Troy (center) simulated the style of a punter in this action taken in the Lake Orion clash Friday. Actually Booth had just deflected a shot by the unidentified Dragon player with his arms raised.

Presbyterian Moving Nearer Y Cage Title

First Presbyterian got a real helping hand in its quest for the YMCA Church basketball title Monday night as its two closest foes in the race, St. James and Lathrup Congregational, both were upset for their third and fourth defeats.

Slumping St. James was nipped, 23-22 by Birmingham Congregational to fall two full games behind league-leading Presbyterian, with only three games left to play. The congregational's fifth victory of the campaign.

Ahead 14-9 at halftime, Congregational used Bill Ware and Dave Mortimer effectively for lay-ups to gain a 22-18 third quarter lead. The tightly-played last period saw only seven points scored.

score was 20-6 in Presbyterian's favor.

League playoffs start March 18 with a junior high.

First Presbyterian drew a first-round bye in the league playoffs starting March 18. Opening game pairing are: St. James vs. First Baptist, 7 p.m. and Lathrup Congregational vs. First Methodist, 8 p.m. A consolation game between Birmingham Congregational and Lathrup Redeemer will start at 9 p.m.

YMCA Church League Standings	W	L	PTS
Presbyterian	11	1	107
St. James	11	1	97
Baptist	10	2	104
Lathrup	9	3	92
Methodist	8	4	86
Lutheran	7	5	72

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WALKER and Mortimer scored 10 and eight respectively to lead both clubs in scoring, while Jim Duffell's seven—his lowest of the year—led the losers.

Lathrup Congregational, minus scoring ace Jay Frazier, was damped by First Baptist, 45-34, after leading most of the way. The Lathrup five couldn't cope with the fast-breaking of the Green and White in the final period.

Ken Almas and Bob Gertz with 14 apiece paced Baptist, Bob Waldron bagging 10 for the losers.

Presbyterian spread its scoring power to defeat Lathrup Redeemer 31-21, for its 11th victory of the year opposed to a single setback.

SWIMMING
 Thursday, February 28:
EMU Finals
BASKETBALL
 Friday, March 1:
 Birmingham at E. Detroit
 Southfield at Berkeley

25 Maples Qualify for League Swimming Finals

Locals Favored in All Events Tonight

By WARREN HARDY

Sweeping every first place and qualifying 25 swimmers in the preliminaries at Ferndale last week, coach J. Jay Myer's swimming team all but assured an overwhelming victory in the Eastern Michigan league meet at Barnum pool tonight.

Pete Palmer, promising sophomore from the Birmingham squad, crossed the finish line first in his heat in the 50 yard freestyle with his time of 24.5. The previous mark was 25.1.

Peter Palmer, promising sophomore from the Birmingham squad, crossed the finish line first in his heat ahead of juniors and seniors from Mt. Clemens, Ferndale and Hazel Park, the other participating schools.

PALMER'S TIME qualified him second only to Sintz in the 50 yard freestyle.

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Bloomfield Breezes By Country Day

Bloomfield Hills made its basketball departure from the Southeast Suburban conference in fancy style Friday night, putting together decisive margins in every quarter to completely overwhelm Country Day. 65-30. It was the hardest game of the season for both schools.

Three years the Barons will be come members of the Wayne-Oakland League. The win left coach Hal Trutt's club in a tie for fourth place with Huron Valley, both 3-7, while the Hawks are 3-7.

Hills' first-half total was enough to defeat Country Day, as it turned out, but the winners added 30 more in the final two periods to tie the victory.

BLOOMFIELD got off to a 23-lead in the first quarter, then won a 12-10 advantage in the second period to lead at halftime, 35-16.

That with John Rick, 63 forward, leading the way the Barons outpointed the losers 30-14 in the quarter and 45-21 at halftime. In the final half they made it close but were outscored 37-15.

Player	F.G.	F.T.	PTS
Drury	1	1	2
Went	1	1	2
Barrett	1	1	2
Harris	1	1	2
Indiger	1	1	2
Lawrence	1	1	2
Thompson	1	1	2
Johnson	1	1	2
Smith	1	1	2
Watts	1	1	2
Totals	12	12	26

Player	F.G.	F.T.	PTS
Martin	1	1	2
Steele	1	1	2
Gaylord	1	1	2
Roberts	1	1	2
Sinck	1	1	2
Rams	1	1	2
Totals	6	6	12

Detroit Lions Give Teachers A Cage Lesson

Many laughs were had by all when the Detroit Lions' basket team invaded the Maple gym last Friday afternoon and defeated a team of Birmingham teachers 27-18.

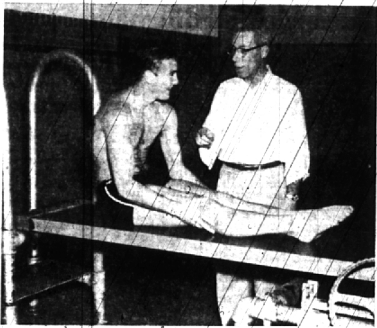
Early in the second quarter, Don Golliber, working from the pivot spot, hit on a hook shot and a jump shot to bring the teachers within two points of the Lions.

PHIL RUNKEL then dropped two set shots from the outside to put the teachers ahead. The Lions quickly pulled back into the lead and led the half 17-12.

The Lions' power was too much for the teachers, who never challenged in the second half.

Golliber led the teachers with six points, Tom Tracy and Jerry Reichow had six each, also.

—Paul Hogan



BIRMINGHAM SWIMMING coach Jack Meyers gives a few last-minute pointers to sophomore diver Paul Kemp before tonight's Eastern Michigan League swimming finals. The Maples are heavy favorites to win the title, having qualified 25 men in the preliminaries at Ferndale last week.

Southfield 5 Nips Bentley At Final Gun

Southfield guard Tom Riley easily popped a 40-foot field goal at the final buzzer to give victory, 20-8, to Southfield in a thrilling 70-68 victory over Livonia-Bentley Tuesday night before a delirious home crowd.

"It was the prettiest sight I ever saw," said coach Bob Watts after the game. "You know, if Riley had taken time to clear his mind he wouldn't have had time to make the shot."

THE VICTORY was Southfield's third against 11 losses this season and averaged an earlier 70-68 defeat at Bentley's hands.

Riley's winning goal put Southfield ahead for the first time in the game. The Jays trailed as much as 10 points and were down six points through most of the contest.

Junior forward Bob Shaw scored 24 to lead Southfield's attack.

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