Troy Paces Oakland B Circuit; Birmingham, Bloomfield Falter

Colt Cagers Win Fourth Straight

Troy's fast-moving basketball team won its fourth and fifth games of the season Friday and Tuesday and moved into undisputed first place in the Oakland B conference race with a 3-0 record.

The greatly improved Colts, coached by Peyton Goodwin, have lost only one game and that was to highly-rated East Detroit in their second outing.

Since that disaster Goodwin's crew has looked every bit the champion in winning four straight.

Friday the Colts downed Roseville, 64-43, to move into the conference lead.

TROY LED 39-17 at halftime and were never threatened seriously although Roseville did put together a 13 point drive while holding the Colts scoreless during a stretch in the third period.

Milan Varajon and Rich Booth paced Troy with 16 points each.

"We have a habit of coasting too much in the first half and then bursting loose in the third quarter," Goodwin said.

"I think we're much improved but it's still too early to be thinking of championships. Four of our next five games are away and I'm not sure what kind of a road club we're going to be", Goodwin said after the Roseville game.

TUESDAY, in a non-league contest, the Colts showed no aversion to playing away from home, beating Lakeview 55-41 in a romp.

The Colts kept close to their accustomed script of starting slowly and then pouring it on in the second half.

Lakeview hustled to a 20-17 halftime lead, outplaying the sluggish Troy five, but in the second half the Colts came to life and racked up a 38-21 advantage.

"IT WAS A TYPICAL Tuesday night game," Goodwin said. "The boys were dull the first half but as soon as they got acquainted with the ball again, after Saturday and Sunday off, they went okay."

"Wayne Figley and Sim Acton played very well the last half," he added.

Figley, with 15 points, and Acton, who got 14, led Troy's scorers. Milan Varajon added 12 to the Colt cause.

Lakeview's Bob Switchulis paced the game scoring with 18 from the pivot position.

TROY

	FG	FT	TP
Acton	3	1-3	7
Weldon	1	0	2
Varajon	6	4-5	16
Booth	5	6-11	16
Killewald	2	4-7	8
Figley	2	0	4
Littleson	0	1-2	1
Mitchell	4	0	8
Fifield	0	2-3	2
Totals	23	18	64

ROSEVILLE

	FG	FT	TP
Walker	2	0	4
Kemp	1	4-6	6
Armstrong	1	0	2
Henry	1	0-1	2
Sims	1	0-2	2
Berger	3	1-3	7
Hussey	5	1-2	11
Nardone	2	5-6	9
totals	16	11	43

Score by quarters:

Troy	19	20	10	15—64
Roseville	9	8	19	7—43

TROY

	FG	FT	TP
Varajon	4	4-9	12
Booth	3	2-4	8
Killewald	1	0	2
Acton	6	2-5	14
Figley	7	1-5	15
Mitchell	2	0	4
totals	23	9	55

LAKEVIEW

	FG	FT	TP
Skinner	2	2	6
Dixon	2	0	4
Switchulis	7	4	18
Bosch	3	5	11
Argo	1	0	2
totals	15	11	41

Score by quarters:

Troy	9	8	21	17—55
Lakeview	6	14	13	8—41

TROY'S RESERVE CAGERS lost to Lakeview Tuesday, 43-37. It was the second loss in six starts for the Colt seconds this season. Larry King led the losers with 11 points.

Poor Shooting Costs Barons Important Game

By CLARK HALLAS

Finesse and marksmanship were at a premium Friday as Bloomfield Hills, before a home crowd, sputtered innocuously to its second basketball defeat of the season, administered by Riverview, 35-31.

The victory moved Riverview into a first-place tie with powerful Harper Woods in the Southeast Suburban conference, each having a 3-0 record in league competition.

Bloomfield with a 1-2 conference mark, dropped to a fourth-place tie with Huron Valley. The Barons almost pulled an upset over the slumping Pirates but unfortunately were having an equally poor night. Only four players shared the Hills' scoring while better team balance paid off for Riverview.

BOTH CLUBS appeared to have suffered a sharp drop in metabolism after a 20-day hibernation, as indicated by the sparse scoring.

Riverview made only 14 points in the second half and the Barons scored even less, getting a meager 10.

Bloomfield made nine field goals in 27 attempts during the first half and then completely lost the range in the second half scoring only two baskets in 19 tries, a grand total of 24 per cent!

The Barons maintained a one-point lead through most of the first period, and led 13-12 at the start of the second quarter.

THE TWO TEAMS continued to exchange points right up to the end of the first half. Randy Barrett hit on a jump-shot from 25 feet out to give the Barons a 21-18 advantage, the biggest either quintet had managed up to that time, but a shot by Riverview's Bogges narrowed the count 21-20 at the half.

The second half got under way with Barons' Dave Drury scoring on a breakaway, making the score 23-20 in favor of Bloomfield.

Riverview then scored six straight points on two one-handed corner shots by Warner, one of them partially deflected, and a twisting under-the-basket marker by Manning. The Pirates led, 26-23.

WITH THE QUARTER nearly over, the Barons finally managed to score, when Chuck Mezey broke the ice with two free throws, cutting Riverview's lead to 26-25.

The third period ended with the visiting team ahead 28-25.

Bloomfield scored only four points during the third quarter, as compared to eight for Riverview.

Barrett made good on a pair of free tosses and Elston dropped a long one in to put the Barons within a point, 30-29.

Then Bob Elston made two free throws and Bloomfield led 31-30, but this ended the Barons' scoring for the evening.

WITH ONLY 1.56 LEFT, Riverview scored five points in rapid succession to sew up the game.

Drury led both teams in scoring with 12 points, on four field goals and four foul shots.

Bloomfield Hills

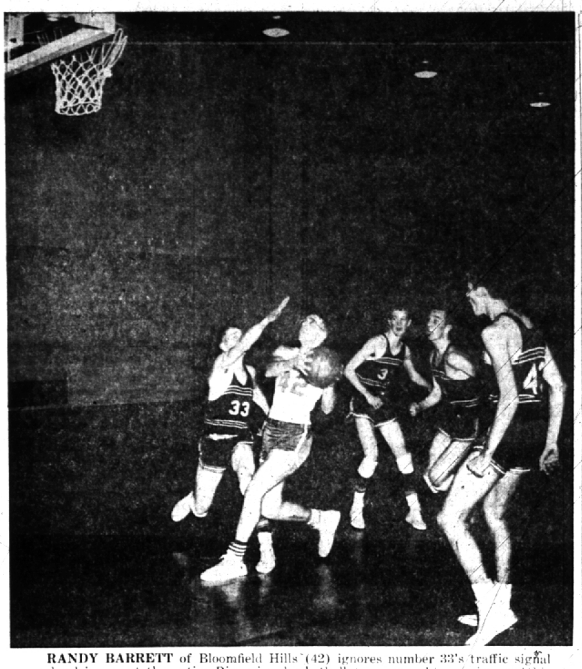
	FG	FT	TP
Drury	4	4	12
Elston	3	3	9
Mezey	0	2	2
Barrett	4	0	8
Totals	11	9	31

Riverview

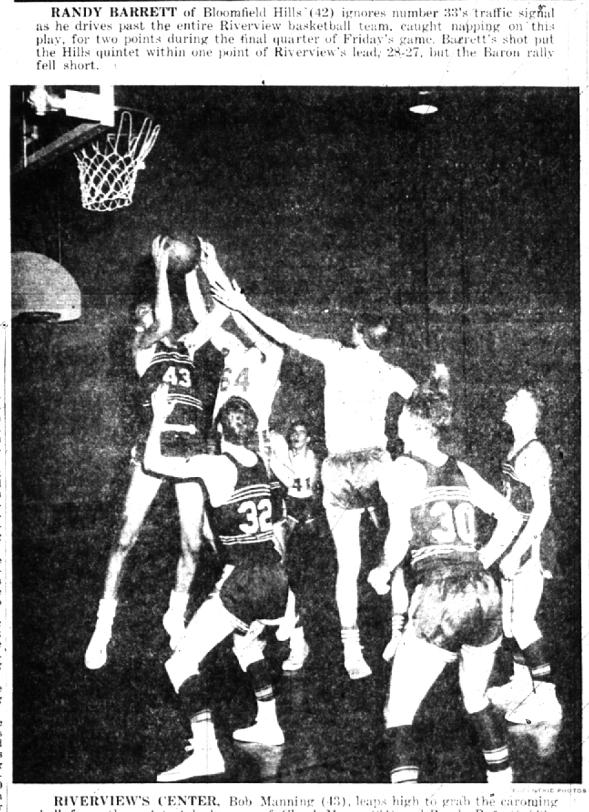
	FG	FT	TP
Coulter	4	1	9
Bone	1	0	2
Gorman	0	1	1
Daly	1	0	2
Warner	3	0	6
McCarten	3	1	7
Manning	3	0	6
Boggs	1	0	2
Totals	16	3	35

Score by quarters:

Riverview	12	8	8	7—35
Bloomfield	13	8	4	6—31

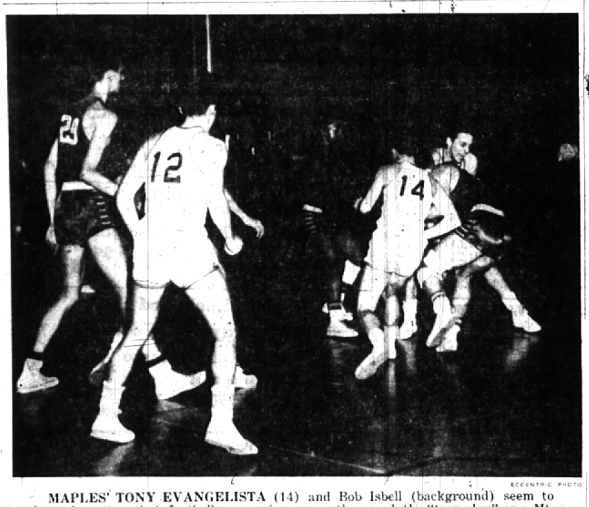


RANDY BARRETT of Bloomfield Hills (42) ignores number 33's traffic signal as he drives past the entire Riverview basketball team, caught napping on this play, for two points during the final quarter of Friday's game. Barrett's shot put the Hills quintet within one point of Riverview's lead, 28-27, but the Baron rally fell short.



ECCENTRIC PHOTOS

RIVERVIEW'S CENTER, Bob Manning (43), leaps high to grab the caroming ball from the outstretched arms of Chuck Mezey (64) and Randy Barrett (42). Bloomfield players, Riverview held the jumping advantage throughout most of Friday's game and won a close decision from the Barons.



ECCENTRIC PHOTO

MAPLES' TONY EVANGELISTA (14) and Bob Isbell (background) seem to have forgotten that football season is over as they work the "trap play" on a Mt. Clemens player in Friday's game. Number 12 is Birmingham guard Bob Peckheiser. The Maples led at this point, 17-10, but finally succumbed to a last-period rally by the Bathers, 58-50.

Final Period Drive Skins Maples Alive

By TOM McDANIEL

With a 22-point rally in the final quarter, Mt. Clemens scored a 58-50 comeback victory over Birmingham in the opener of the Eastern Michigan league for both schools here Friday night.

Trailing by as much as 12 points midway through the third quarter, the Bathers then outscored the Maples 22-8, the last nine points coming in the final two hectic minutes of play.

Baskets by Tom Kelly and Tony Evangelista got the Maples off to a 4-1 lead early in the game. With Birmingham ahead 7-3, a basket by Chuck Nicholai and freethrow by Ed Noe, who shared Mt. Clemens' scoring honors with Nicolai with 14 points, pulled the Bathers to within one point of the hustling Maples.

BOB PECKHEISER, Kelly and Bob Isbell, who took game scoring honors with 23 points, then shot the Maples ahead with a flurry of points, and at the end of the first quarter Birmingham led 15-10. The Maples' lead grew to nine points twice during the second stanza, 19-10 and 23-14, before Mt. Clemens, with the help of baskets by Noe and Nicholai, closed the gap to 26-20 at halftime.

After the teams traded baskets at the start of the second half, Birmingham fired home four straight field goals, extending its lead to 12 points, 36-24, the biggest lead the Maroons had all evening. Mt. Clemens then caught fire, and in less than two minutes, the Bathers had pulled to within four points, 36-32.

ISBELL BROKE the Maple scoring slump with a pair of free tosses and after the teams traded baskets, dropped in a short field goal with eight seconds to go in the period, making it 42-36 for Birmingham.

Phil Doak and Nicolai sank charity tosses for the Bathers early in the final period to narrow the margin to 42-39. Isbell then scored a short jump shot for the Maples before Mt. Clemens again caught fire. Baskets by Dave Mial and Jim Freeman closed the gap to one point. Seconds later Isbell coolly tossed in a pair of freethrows, and the Maples again led by three.

THAT LEAD was short-lived however, with Nicolai and Ken Grimes scoring for the Bathers, giving them the lead for the first time in the game with only 2:37 to go. Bob Stephenson and Isbell scored quick baskets to put Birmingham in front again 50-47.

But that was all for the Maples, with Freeman, Grimes, Doak, and Nicolai combining efforts for nine straight Mt. Clemens points to ice the game for the Bathers.

Birmingham

	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	Pts.
Isbell	8	7	2	23
Peckheiser	4	0	4	8
Kelly	3	1	2	7
Stephenson	2	2	2	6
Evangelista	1	1	1	3
Roe	1	1	5	3
Totals	19	12	16	50

Mt. Clemens

	F.G.	F.T.	P.F.	Pts.
Noe	5	4	3	14
Nicolai	6	2	4	14
Grimes	5	2	2	12
Doak	3	6	0	12
Freeman	2	0	1	4
Mial	1	0	1	2
Weber	0	0	2	0
Falkenhagen	0	0	1	0
Totals	22	14	14	58

RECREATION ROUNDUP

Swimming—Second session swimming for elementary school children at Barnum junior high school is now in full swing. Classes were by pre-registration and meet every Saturday morning.

Adult Night — The next Adult Night sessions will be held Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7-10 p.m. at the Birmingham high school gym. Basketball, volleyball, badminton, pingpong, golf driving and fencing offered, 25c per person.

Therapeutic Swimming — At the Barnum pool on Thursday evening, 6-7. Only requirement is a doctor's certificate filed at the recreation office. There is no charge for the program.

Hockey Clinic—The hockey clinic for boys aged 9-12 at Eton park ice rink, 4-6 p.m. will continue each Monday through March. Only charge is regular skating fee.

Natural Ice Rinks — Natural ice rinks will be ready for skating as soon as weather permits.

Figure Skating — Eton park ice rink, 1-2 p.m. Sunday afternoons for youngsters 15 years and older. Monday, 1-3 p.m., mothers and pre-school classes beginning skating. Thursday, 4-5 p.m., beginning boys aged 6-12, $1.00 monthly. 6-7 p.m., Birmingham junior figure skating club for children under 15 years. 7-8 p.m., parents's skating class for skate dancing.
Saturday, 1-2 p.m., children's beginners class aged 6-12.
Sunday, 1-2 p.m., senior figure skating.

Basketball—Basketball clinic and informal league for boys 9-12 began Saturday, January 5, 9-11 a.m. Following schools will be open for this program: (No registration or fee is necessary)
Adams gym, Baldwin gym, Pierce gym, Torry gym, Birmingham high gym, Barnum Jr high gym, Pembroke gym.
The clinic and informal league will continue each Saturday through March.

HOCKEY STANDINGS:

JUNIOR LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Green Hornets	2	1	0	4	8	6
Eldorados	2	1	0	4	8	8
Banshees	2	1	0	4	7	4
Yellow Jackets	0	3	0	0	3	10

Results of Saturday Jan. 5, 1957
Green Hornets... 5 Eldorados ... 3
Banshees ... 2 Yellow Jackets... 1

Saturday, January 12, 1957
7:30 Yellow Jackets vs Green Hornets
8:30 Eldorados vs Banshees

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Barons	2	0	2	6	5	3
Blue Bombers	2	0	2	6	6	3
Jets	0	2	1	1	3	4
Red Wings	0	3	0	0	1	7

Results of Saturday, Jan. 5, 1957
Barons ... 3 Redwings ... 0
Blue Bombers over Jets (forfeit)

Saturday, January 12, 1957
9:30 Barons vs Blue Bombers
10:30 Jets vs Red Wings

ADULT LEAGUE

	W	L	T	Pts	PF	PA
Varsity Shop	3	1	0	6	14	11
Geri's	2	1	0	4	10	6
Bull Dogs	2	1	0	4	11	8
Walnut Lake	0	4	0	0	5	13

Bull Dogs ... 7 Varsity Shop ... 1
Geri's ... 2 Walnut Lake ... 1

Sunday, January 12, 1957
7:30 Walnut Lake vs Bull Dogs
8:30 Varsity Shop vs Geri's

Crane Wrestler Places Fourth

Cranbrook's Gary Grikscheit took a fourth place in 175-pound division in the Southeastern Michigan Amateur Wrestling Association tournament at Ypsilanti last weekend.

The Crane junior joined two Hazel Park first-place winners and six Berkley qualifiers to head Oakland county's delegation.

HOCKEY SCHEDULES:
Saturday, January 12th, 1957
Junior League
7:30 a.m. Team No. 1 vs Team No. 4
8:30 a.m. Team No. 2 vs Team No. 3
Intermediate League
9:30 a.m. Team No. 1 vs Team No. 4
10:30 a.m. Team No. 3 vs Team No. 2
Adult League
7:30 a.m. Team No. 1 vs Team No. 4
8:30 a.m. Team No. 2 vs Team No. 3

ETON PARK ICE RINK

Eton Park ice rink skaters are waltzing and dancing to the blues. Miss Vivian Heard, Eton rink programmer, will teach the 14 Step this week. Skaters will begin rehearsals for the ice show Thursday.

The junior and senior figure skating clubs have increased 100% in attendance. Three classes have been added to meet demand.

Recreation director Bob Girardin requests that hopefuls for the classes, clubs and ice show contact Miss Heard for details soon.

Basketball Summary

Birmingham

Maples		Opp.
47	Cranbrook	36
60	Royal Oak	62
67	Southfield	47
52	Fitzgerald	58
50	*Mt. Clemens	58

Won 3, Lost 2.

Troy

Colts		Opp.
57	*Madison	36
28	E. Detroit	56
53	*Avondale	38
59	Oxford	35
64	*Roseville	43
55	Lakeview	41

Won 5, Lost 1.

Bloomfield Hills

Barons		Opp.
41	Oak Park	32
30	*Huron Valley	49
33	Fraser	27
31	*Riverview	35

Won 2, Lost 2.

Southfield

Jays		Opp.
35	Ferndale	77
39	Redford Union	47
59	*Walled Lake	84
47	Birmingham	67
65	Bentley	73
45	*Farmington	61

Won 0, Lost 6.

Cranbrook

Cranes		Opp.
38	Walled Lake	49
41	Kennedy	48
36	Birmingham	47
47	Romeo	59
38	Tecumseh	64

Won 0, Lost 5.

* league games.

Basketball Standings

Eastern Michigan

	W	L
Ferndale	1	0
East Detroit	1	0
Mt. Clemens	1	0
Birmingham	0	1
Port Huron	0	1
Hazel Park	0	1

Friday results:
Ferndale 62—Port Huron 58
E. Detroit 66—Hazel Park 30
Mt. Clemens 58—Birmingham 50

Inter-Lakes

	W	L
Walled Lake	2	0
Farmington	2	0
Berkley	1	1
Waterford	1	1
Van Dyke	1	1
Southfield	0	2

Friday results:
Walled Lake 50—Berkley 49
Farmington 61—Southfield 45
Waterford 60—Van Dyke 58

Southeast Suburban

	W	L
Harper Woods	3	0
Riverview	3	0
Huron	1	2
Bloomfield Hills	1	2
Fraser	1	2
Country Day	0	3

Friday results:
Harper Woods 111—Huron 25
Riverview 35—Bloomfield Hills 31
Fraser 50—Country Day 21

Oakland B

	W	L
Troy	3	0
Madison	3	0
Clawson	2	1
Lake Orion	2	2
Avondale	1	2
Fitzgerald	1	3
Roseville	0	3

Friday results:
Troy 64—Roseville 43
Madison 49—Fitzgerald 42
Clawson 56—Lake Orion 54

Recognize Quarton Lake as Skating Area, Board Asked

No long can the city refuse to recognize Quarton lake as a community skating area, Birmingham City Commissioner Carl F. Ingraham declared this week.

He called on the city recreation board to change its past several years' policy of refusing to have anything to do with skating there.

"Over the past weekend, at least 1,000 people could be seen on the lake at most times," Ingraham said he had observed. "I'd like to see the recreation board reconsider its policy regarding the lake—it's going to continue to be used, so we might as well face it."

Bather JV's Easier Foes For Maroons

Winning its fourth victory in five starts, the Birmingham reserve basketball team romped to a 65-44 decision over visiting Mt. Clemens seconds last Friday night.

Coach Lewis Parry's five got off to a quick start, leading the Bathers 17-9 after the first session and pulling steadily away the rest of the game.

Jeff Boucher led the Maple attack with 19 points, followed by John Shelly with 12.

Birmingham will host Port Huron tomorrow night, reserve contest starting at 6:45 and followed by the varsity game at 8:15.

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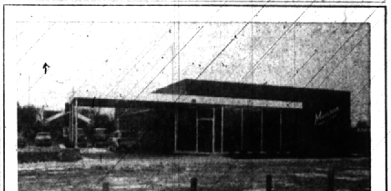

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