

Southfield, Troy Quintets Extend Streaks; Hills Still Without Victory

Southfield high's Inter-Lakes conference brethren are beginning to cast some mighty suspicious glances in the direction of Coach Bob Watts' Bluejay basketballers.

The Jays managed to scrape out just one win in their first five outings, but that was before Dec. 20, the start of their Christmas tournament at Farmington.

Southfield roared through that tournament as though they had lit a four-alarm blaze right behind them and they haven't yet bothered to slow down to catch their breath.

RIGHT NOW the Jays are sporting a victory streak that stands at five games and Watts' squad, if they maintain their blistering pace, could find themselves occupying the

Inter-Lakes basketball throne on Feb. 21 and their conference wrap-up.

Farmington made the latest victim of the surging Bluejays. Friday night, 69 to 41, on the winners' hardwood, it was Southfield's long loop sun in the air, the lone Inter-Lakes looper coming at the hands of Berkley before the end.

Southfield, which hit a highly respectable 71 per cent shooting pace, connected on its first seven shots to grab a 14-4 lead with just 2:41 gone in the opening quarter.

The Jay quartet margins were 30 to 8, 38 to 16 and 50 to 23. Tom Ribley and Bob Filar headed the winning effort with 13 and 12 points, respectively. Bill Wright led the losers with 10. Twelve of Southfield's 13 players broke into the scoring column.

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UNDEFEATED TROY made Lakewood and Avondale its fifth and sixth victims, respectively. The Colts came back from Lakewood, 57 to 47, on the heels of a 21-14 triumph Tuesday night after holding quarter leads of 16 to 8, 40 to 17 and 46 to 22.

Rich Booth with 17 and Don Harmed with 13 led Troy. Jim Swartzell hit for Lakewood, and Avondale and Troy shared last season's Oakland "B" crown and both were absent for Friday night's tussle at Troy. It wasn't any contest, though, as Coach Peyton Goodwin's lads swamped the visitors, 60 to 23.

Troy led by an 18-7 count at the close of the first quarter and 31 to 11 at halftime. The winners held a 48-9 advantage at the close of the third stanza.

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NORTHVILLE and Milford handed winless Bloomfield Hills reversals No. 5 and 6 in a pair of night games on Friday.

Host Northville's 62-33 shellacking of the Barons Jan. 7 was paced by Dick Berry's 20 points. Bloomfield Hills was on the tail end of 15-8, 30-15 and 45-25 quarter scores.

Bob Elston was high for the night for the Hills with 15 points.

The Barons kept things respectable for three quarters in Friday night's clash with Milford on the Hills floor.

Bloomfield Hills' Bob Elston took game point 22 seconds with 11:22 left in the fourth quarter. He topped the Milford effort.

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THE FIRST DAY OUT Biras, Whales, Marlin and Au Preyed on Weaker

(Editor's note: This is the second part of a three part article by Birmingham construction executive George Bass describing the exploits of his and his brother Phyllis during their recent white marlin fishing expedition off the coast of Venezuela. Bass, a director of Field and Stream magazine, and his wife have held upwards of 20 world fresh and salt water fishing records and have fished practically all known salt water sportfishing grounds from Nova Scotia to Peru. Their Michigan home is in Oxford.)

By GEORGE BASS

Promptly the next morning, Phyllis and I, together with Captain C. C. Anderson, were introduced to a new 42-foot twin-engine boat, the Conahotu II, which the government had recently purchased for charter boat service and which they kindly placed at our disposal during our stay.

Shortly following the king down of aquid which we were using for bait, and meeting with the native crew, we were ready to cast off from our moorings in the Bay of Yacht club.

Offshore, proceeding in a generally northwesterly direction, we were soon three to four miles directly north of Arribo, which was recommended as probably the outstanding spot for locating those schools of white marlin.

Two trolling lines went overboard from the riggers, two lines then directly off the boat, and with four baits skipping over the water, one man topside on the boat acting as lookout, we were engaged in discovering evidence of fishlife.

A SHORT DISTANCE away, the lures sighted the school of circles, then diving into the water—wheeling and kicking, it must be the fisherman's pot of gold at the end of the rainbow?

Fishing lines were speedily cranked in and the Conahotu II roared at top speed toward its objective.

Suddenly, and as we closed in, the picture became more and more distinct.

A great school of sardines and other fish were tightly balled in a circle some 50 to 75 feet in diameter, rentlessly surrounded and harried by marlin and whale.

In frantic efforts to escape, the bait fish were driven to the very surface of the water, and possibly inevitable large school of sea birds feeding on the remainder of this slaughter at sea.

WE WERE SO transfixed by this picture that we were unable to get the reasons that had brought us to these waters—but not for long.

Lines were soon overboard with ball rolling nose close up to the boat, and the Conahotu II making first direct pass through that brazenstrom of sea life—bait fish, fruitlessly attempting to escape certain destruction, and wheeling and crashing through the circle of sardines, the whale working his way more ponderously through the school, first submerged then surfacing to blow, literally scooping in hundreds of pounds of bait fish with every pass through the school, while overhead the birds wheeling, diving and picking up the remnants of this massacre.

at that moment on it is entirely up to the angler to exert sufficient pressure on the fish to raise him to the surface without, of course, endangering the possibility of breaking him off, with the entire fight going on for 45 minutes or even an hour.

THE ANGLER standing in the cockpit, supporting rod through means of a rod box and gimbal socket attached thereto, and using 30-pound test line, which is normal tackle for these fish, may move about from one side of the cockpit to the other, depending upon which direction the fish elects to take, giving first to the angler maximum mobility and allowing the fish its own maximum efforts while not encumbered by extreme heavy line to fight and to drag through the water.

Fishing and fighting these white marlin usually is a short distance offshore, against the magnificent backdrop of cloud-shrouded mountains rising up nine to ten thousand feet, it is truly an unforgettable experience.

As rapidly as one school of bait fish was decimated, we located another, always following birds, some fifteen times that day, the never-changing law of the sea was unafraid with its magnificent overtones. Birds, whales, marlin—all preying on the weaker.

The fourth annual faceoff dinner to raise funds for youth hockey teams in the Detroit area will be held Feb. 3 at the George F. Monaghan racquet courts at the Detroit Reformatory. The program combines Detroit Red Wings as honor guests. The banquet has raised \$49,750.70 in three years for distribution among the youth teams.

Pete Dawkins, former Cranbrook star and recently elected captain of Army's 1958 football team, has been named to the all-American team for his excellent play and scholastic proficiency at West Point.

A television racing quiz, "Win, Place or Show," is being held in Detroit prior to its national broadcast on Feb. 23. The program combines action films with live studio and at home participation.

Doug Ford will receive \$10,000 for competing in approximately 250 tournaments in 1958—regardless of where he finishes. As the space-creator in the PGA's new top 100 tournament players plan, Ford will collect \$100 in each tournament for participating in the plan. Nine others will also be honored substantially from the program.

Purpose of the plan is to provide for the best of tournament players of the previous year an added inducement to tournament participation in 1958. (See a line from les, Page 7-E)

New Auto Club Winter Sports Booklet Out

Michigan's winter sports facilities continue to increase at a record pace, according to Douglas Brown, Automobile Club of Michigan's Birmingham division manager.

BOWLING

444 entries by Cynthia McBride and Sue Goble, 414 entries led by Franklin Smith, 414 entries led by Frank Smith in a league match at Young, Inc.

Farmington Averages Earlier Mat Defeat

SOUTHFIELD—Farmington's wrestling gained revenge for a previous loss to Southfield by handing the Jays their first setback in three starts, 35 to 20, here last Thursday evening.

MOUNT CLEMENS—Bob Stephenson and Dave Ritchie formed the duo that splintered Mount Clemens' hopes of getting off on the right foot in the Eastern Michigan League cage race this year by leading the Maples to a 57-18 victory here Friday night.

PHIL RUSSELL was top gun on defense for the Maples, and ripped the twine for eight points before fouling out in the fourth period.

DAVE MIAL, diminutive Bather, tallied 14 for Mount Clemens and teammate Dean Carpenter added 10.

THE BIRMINGHAM junior varsity was 38-27 victims of the Bather JayVees in the preliminary game.

BIRMINGHAM (57)

Gibson, f. 2-2-4; Busch, f. 0-4-1; Russell, f. 1-0-8; Stephenson, g. 7-7-21; Ritchie, g. 5-4-14; Fontaine, g. 1-0-2; Boucher, g. 1-0-2.

MOUNT CLEMENS (18)

Webber, f. 2-1-5; Carpenter, f. 1-4-10; Collins, f. 1-2-4; Gibson, f. 3-4-5; Levine, g. 1-0-2; Freeman, g. 1-2-4; Mial, g. 3-4-14; Shell, g. 0-3-3.

RTICHE SLIPPED through two Bather defenders and tanked a one-handed punch shot and was fouled in the attempt. He dumped both free throws to give Birmingham a 10-0 lead that has never seriously threatened from that point on.

"We didn't start pressing them soon enough," Bather Coach Bob Lockwood said. "We had them playing our game for a while but then Stephenson and Ritchie killed us."

Stephenson poured in 15 of his 21 points in the first half, giving the Maples a relatively comfortable 20-18 halftime lead.

Along with Ritchie's demoralizing four markers in the fourth period, Stephenson touched six points in the fourth quarter when the Bathers appeared to have the Maples on the run.

Sports Calendar

Basketball
Friday, Jan. 17
Birmingham at Port Huron, 6:30 p.m.
Cranbrook at Hamtramck, 6:30 p.m.
Crawford at Van Dyke, 7 p.m.
Bloomfield Hills at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Clawson at Troy, 6:45 p.m.
Country Day at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Troy, 6:45 p.m.

Swimming
Friday, Jan. 17
Fitzgerald at Southfield, 7:30 p.m.
Wrestling
Thursday, Jan. 16
Bentley at Southfield, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 17
Hazel Park at Cranbrook, 7:30 p.m.

Lederle Triumphs

WALLED LAKE—Tom Sweet scored 11 points as he paced Southfield's Lederle junior high freshmen to a 28-17 win over Washburn Lake here Jan. 7.

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CITY HOCKEY RACES

Races in two of the Birmingham recreation department's three city hockey leagues took on new appearance over the weekend.

In intermediate play at Second Saturday morning, the Elond place Tigers batted the league's best Jets to a 3-2 stalemate to pull within one point of the pace-setters.

The Oaks, meanwhile, threw the league chase into a turmoil Sunday morning with a 2-1 upset over the Varsity Shop pucksters that left three teams tied for first.

DAVE BARTUSH scored twice for the Jets in that crucial intermediate loop encounter, both on assists by George Forrest. Forrest added the third goal with his aid coming from the blue line.

Other game action saw Country Day bow 4-3 Maumee, Ohio, Country Day, 33 to 24, in an afternoon affair in the Grosse Pointe University school gym.

Last Thursday afternoon the Elond place Tigers in the Lamphire County. The Yellowjackets trailed 35 to 25 at the end of the third quarter but held Lamphire to just one point while meshing 12 themselves in the final eight minutes of play. Jim Kramer led Country Day with 15. Roger Craig 14 topped the Lamphire effort.

SATURDAY'S JUNIOR hoop activity pits the Banhees against the Elondors at 7:45 a.m. and the Hawks against the Green Hornets at 8:51 a.m. In intermediate play, also Saturday, the Huskies meet the Jets at 10:03 a.m. and the Tigers and Bulldogs tangle at 11:09 a.m.

Senior league games Sunday will find the Oaks and Chiefs squaring off at 8:15 a.m. with the Bulldogs and the Varsity Shop colliding at 9:30 a.m.

Grand Blanc's Buick Open

DUNEDIN, Fla.—The Buick Open invitation June 19-22 at Grand Blanc is one of two new \$50,000 events among five new tournaments highlighting the Professional Golfers' association's 1958 spring and summer schedule.

ONE ADDITION to the PGA winter schedule has also been made. It is the \$50,000 Jackson Open invitation, a 36-hole event, March 1-2 at Jackson, Miss.

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