



Loose Ball . . . But Not For Long

Right now it's anybody's ball, but if Birmingham's Pete Green (29) has his way, it won't be for long. The action took place in Friday night's Eastern Michigan league battle at Port Huron. Behind Green is Maple center Bob Stephenson. Big Red caps are Bruce Myles (45) and Harvey Quintal. Port Huron came out on top in overtime, 43 to 42, after trailing by a 23-8 count at the half. (Photo courtesy The Port Huron Times Herald.)

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Prep Powers Roll On

Undefeated Troy annexed their seventh and eighth straight triumphs last week while Southfield kept its win streak intact with its sixth victory in succession.

Troy's Colts thrashed Oak Park, 67 to 25, in a Jan. 14 clash at Troy. Rich Booth and Rod Harris pairing off with 16 and 14 points, respectively. Friday night Coach Clayton Goodwin charges drafted Oakland "B" Lou Clawson, 50 to 26, also at Troy, with Don Harmed meshing 25 points for the victors.

Southfield moved into a tie for the Inter-Lakes circuit's runner-up berth Friday night, routing Van Dyke, 55 to 48, on the loser's court. Tom Ridley fronted the Jay effort, netting 17 points.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS, after seven straight defeats, capped its first win of the season at Clarenceville Friday night, 41 to 39, with Bob Elston bucketing 19 for the Cranbrook split a pair, The Granes, behind Bob Klein's 20-point stroke. The Granes, at Hills, 57 to 46, Jan. 14 on the Hills court. Bob Elston and Bob Thompson, also tallied 14 for the Cranbrook mauling Cranbrook Friday night, 72 to 24, at Hamtramck Country Day also found their way to the tail end of a lopsided score Friday night. The Yellowjackets bowed to Harper Woods 46, Country Day 19.

THE RESERVE leads 42 to 38, Oak Park 14; Troy 57; Clawson 54; Van Dyke 42; Southfield 41; Harper Woods 40; Bloomfield Hills 20; Bloomfield Hills 56; Cranbrook 49; Hamtramck 62; Cranbrook at Harper Woods 46; Country Day 19.

Local Alleys Have Blanks For Bowlerama

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PGA Public Relations Director

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Burkemo Misses Money at Tijuana

Tijuana, Mexico—Wally Burkemo of Franklin Hills finished three strokes behind the winner Monday in the \$15,000 Tijuana Open.

Burkemo's 72-70-76-73—291 total was second best among Michigan bowlers. Kapals' John Harman took a 290.

TOP PRIZE—\$2,000 went to J. "Dutch" Harrison, who played out of St. Louis, Mo. A 288 or better score was needed for a share of the purse.

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This sounds like sound advice coming from several fishery specialists at the institute for fisheries research located at the University of Michigan.

Winter conditions have not been severe for Michigan's deer herd through mid-January. Deer were ranging freely in all but a few areas of the upper peninsula where deep snow hampered activity. Maximum snow depths in some parts of the U.P. during the week ending Jan. 13.

More than 3,156,000 fish—including 2,500,000 trout—were planted in Michigan waters from state hatcheries during 1957. Plantings of hatchery-reared fish, to supplement natural reproduction, are made only in waters open to public fishing. Rainbow trout led the list, with some 1,684,800 boys planted during the year.

Michigan sportsmen will have 250 more acres open to public hunting next fall, following approval of the purchase of the land for addition to two state forests in the northern lower peninsula Jan. 9-10 by the conservation commission. The purchase included 100 acres to be added to AuSable state forest, Kalkaska county, and 160 acres to be added to the state forest, Leelanau and Grand Traverse counties.

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Ocean Teemed With Sea Life Angers Boated 236 Billfish in Three Days

Editor's note: This is the final part of a three-part article by George Bass, Birmingham construction executive, describing his recent fishing trip with his wife, Phyllis, during their winter fishing expedition for white marlin in the waters of the Bahamas, where Michigan home is so warm and sunny. The article was first published in Stream magazine. The Basses have held awards of 25 fish over and salt water fishing records.

By GEORGE BASS

Returning to Playa Grande club dock that first evening, practically in a state of shock, we had finally succeeded in taking nine of these whites, a very frustrating average by comparison to the number of strikes obtained—at last calculation some 35—yet a fabulous number of these fish to be taken in one day.

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A battle between the author and a white marlin nears an end as the fish clears water just a few feet from the side of the Con-

hotu II, government owned boat used by George Bass and his wife on their recent Venezuelan fishing venture.