

20th Straight Victory Puts Troy in State Quarter-Finals

Unbeaten Troy, pitted against Flint Tech in last night's state quarter-finals clash at Lansing's Civic Center, holds the key to Oakland county's first state cage championship in 25 years.

Captain Peyton Goodwin's phenomenal Colts, winners of 20 straight, could be the first to turn the trick since 1933, when Orchard Lake St. Mary's went all the way in class C.

If victorious over the Flint squad, Troy will meet the survivor of the University of Detroit quarter-finals tussle between River Rouge and St. Florian of Hamtramck.

That class B semi-finals game would be played at Michigan State university's J. Benson Coliseum, East Lansing, at 5 p.m. Friday.

A LANSING VISIT wouldn't be a surprise. Troy, which has had a bad merger, Goodwin, in its eighth year of existence.

They were eliminated by Buchanan, winding up the campaign with a 17-5 record. Troy that season dropped four of its first five starts, then won 16 straight.

Accomplishments this year include the school's third Oakland B conference championship, the second it has won outright.

TWO THINGS OVER Rochester and Brighton in Postville's class B regional last week left the Colts among Michigan's elite 32 — the eight schools in each of the four classes who haven't been eliminated from tournament play.

Troy humbled Rochester, 56-44, in a Friday night, then humbled Brighton, 35-32, in Saturday night's regional finale.

Rochester, which had felt Troy's might once in regular season play, gave the Colts some anxious moments in the second half of Saturday's semi-finals skirmish, but guard Wayne Fieles came through in the clutch and pulled things out of the fire.

Falcons grabbed a 4-0 lead at the outset and stayed in front until midway in the opening quarter when Troy went about to stay.

The Colts' 16-12 edge at the end of that first period was boosted to 20-18 at halftime. At one time in the third stanza Troy led by 15, but Rochester chopped this to nine, 41-32, going into the last quarter.

With a little less than four minutes left Rochester trailed by just seven. Then Fieles came through with three quick buckets to put the matter on ice. Tomatoes added five freethrows for insurance before the final gun.

THE EIGHT POINTS Fieles collected in that final stanza gave him the game's high total of 19, all but one on goals. Troy forward Rod Harris added 14, with the Col-center, Rich Booth, picking up an additional 11.

Carl Montross topped the Rochester effort with 14. Gene Lathery netted 10 for the Falcons.

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Troy high's jubilant basketballers, with regional championship trophy.

Sintz, Bechtel Sline in State Swim Finals

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A goshawk perches on its trainer's hand while not hunting. The leather hood over the bird's eyes acts as a quarter. (Conservation department photo.)

Falconry Again Legal in Michigan

The ancient sport of falconry—the training of hawks to hunt game—has been legalized once again in Michigan. Regulations governing the sport, however, prohibit the use of native Michigan hawks. This means prospective falconers must obtain their birds from outside sources.

The state conservation commission recently relaxed regulations to permit falconers to tether hawks and owls for use in hunting, but kept the ban on capturing and caging these birds.

Falconry, which dates back some 3,000 years in history, originally was a method of taking game for food. Later it became a sport, largely enjoyed by the upper classes in Europe. In recent years it has experienced a revival both in the United States and abroad.

THE USUALLY procedure in falconry is to carry a hawk into the field on the hunter's gloved hand. The bird is confined by leather straps attached to each leg and held in the hunter's hand.

When game is sighted, the hunter releases the hawk, which is supposed to pursue and strike down its prey. If the hawk misses, it returns to the hunter's hand, or to a lure thrown on the ground.

Goshawks, peregrines or duck hawks and pigeon hawks are popular species with falconers. It is these birds, which are extremely fast flyers, that are used in the regular game. The other game can be hunted with large hawks.

TRAINED HAWKS take a relatively small amount of game in areas where falconry is legal and the sport is practiced primarily for the enjoyment of training and watching the birds in action.

Michigan game animals and birds may be taken by falconers only during the regular hunting seasons on those species.

Record-Eclipsing Efforts Lead to 3rd Place Finish

By LES LINE
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ANN ARBOR—Birmingham left the University of Michigan's new varsity pool Saturday night with a lion's share of swimming honors, but the Maples still were unsuccessful in their one big aim—a state championship.

Their accomplishments for the weekend did, however, include setting a new national record and equalling another; smashing two state standards and tying a third, and capturing third place in a 23-school class A championship field.

Birmingham totaled 31 1/2 points. The new state champion, Battle Creek, had 28. Runner-up Ann Arbor tallied 16. Saginaw Arthur Hill followed Birmingham with 28.

That third-place finish was due mainly to the effort of two Maples, Pete Sintz and Tom Bechtel.

THE RECORD-BREAKING performance of the senior Birmingham pool stalwarts far exceeded that of any of the estimated more than 200 other 22-year swimmers competing for state laurels.

Sintz shattered the national and state 100-yard freestyle standards with a 50.4 clocking in Saturday night's finale. He had equaled the national and state record of 52.9 in the 50-yard freestyle earlier in the evening.

The old national mark in the 100-yard event was 50.9, set by Ernie Follett of Evanston, Ill., in 1957. The former state mark of 52.2 was established by Richard Mehl of Saginaw Arthur Hill in 1955.

DEARBORN FORDSON'S Ken Gest originally set the national and state record in the 50-yard freestyle in 1954. It had been tied once on the national level by Bruce Hunter of Amherst, Mass., in 1957.

The results in the 100-yard freestyle was a dream race. Sintz, swimming in the fourth heat in the afternoon preliminaries, had been clocked in 51.3, then a new state record. In the next heat, Michael Woodford of Battle Creek Central, 1; Monroe, 1; Kalamazoo Central's Fred Rounds was clocked in 50.5, yet another state record and also bettering the national standard.

In the finals, Rounds was second in 51.3, sixths of a second behind Sintz. Wood took third in 51.3.

BECHTEL WAS responsible for a new state record in the 400-yard freestyle. The finals for the event, longest of the state competition, were held Friday night.

The Maple distance ace covered the 400 yards in 4:24.21. Marvin Row of Royal Oak Dundeno had established the old standard of 4:26.6 in 1956.

Bechtel saw his state 200-yard freestyle record toppled by Owen Kleinmuntz of Ann Arbor. Kleinmuntz was timed in 1:57.8, which bettered Bechtel's finished third in last year's 1:59.4.

BIRMINGHAM had three firsts, one second, one third, one fourth and a sixth in the meet.

DAVE SMITH added several points for the state in the 150-yard individual medley and a tie for fourth in the 100-yard backstroke. Smith hit 1:34.7 in the 150-yard individual medley. Ann Arbor's Steve Thrasher won the race in 1:33.8.

Burkemo's Winnings At \$5,521

PENSACOLA, Fla.—A seventh place to Sunday in the \$15,000 Pensacola Open here has boosted Wayne Burkemo's 1958 winter tour winnings to \$5,521.47.

The Franklin Hills, Mich., pro posed a \$600 purse with a 25-yard, seven strokes behind Doug Ford's winning 278. Ford took home \$2,000.

Ken Venturi and Art Wall, tied for second at 280, each pocketed \$1,500. Wes Ellis was alone in fourth with 282, good for \$1,000, with Frank Stranahan fifth, with 283 and Bill Casper sixth at 284. Stranahan won \$200. Casper \$800.

BURKEMO, third the previous Tuesday in the Greater New Orleans Open, combined 70 and 71 rounds with a pair of 72's for his 285 total. He was tied with Louis Lohry; Jay Hovett, Al Baiding and Dave Lagan.

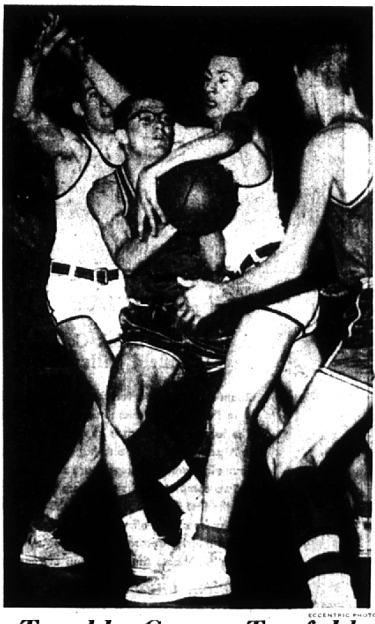
S'held Skeds Cage Contests

SOUTHFIELD.—A basketball doubleheader, pitting the Southfield high women's faculty against the senior girls at 7 p.m., and the senior boys against the men's faculty at 8 p.m., has been planned for the Southfield gym Wednesday night.

Registration for Southfield's fourth and last recreation swimming session of the season will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 29 and during the same hours April 5. The session begins April 12.

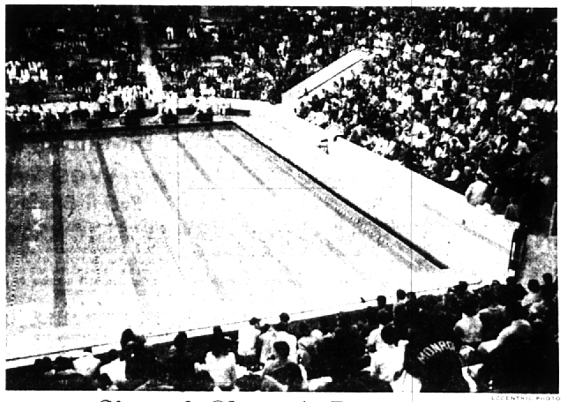
State Mat King

ANN ARBOR—Lansing Eastern won the Michigan high school wrestling championship here Saturday, with Lansing Sexton the runner-up. Southfield tied for 25th.



Trouble Comes Twofold

There are two good reasons why Troy's Dave Roat (dark uniform) didn't connect on this shot. They are the pair of Brighton cagers who are doing their best to interfere with the Colt hooper's scoring intentions. The action took place in Saturday night's regional final at Pontiac. Troy capped a 51-36 win, its 20th straight, and the class B championship to move into the state quarter-finals at Lansing.



Site of Class A Pool Meet

The University of Michigan's new \$3,200,000 varsity pool was the site of last weekend's state class A swimming championship. Attendance at the Saturday afternoon preliminaries (above) was heavy, with the crowd jamming the 2,500-seat auditorium to capacity for the final Saturday night. Birmingham placed third behind the state titlist, Battle Creek, and runner-up Ann Arbor.

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