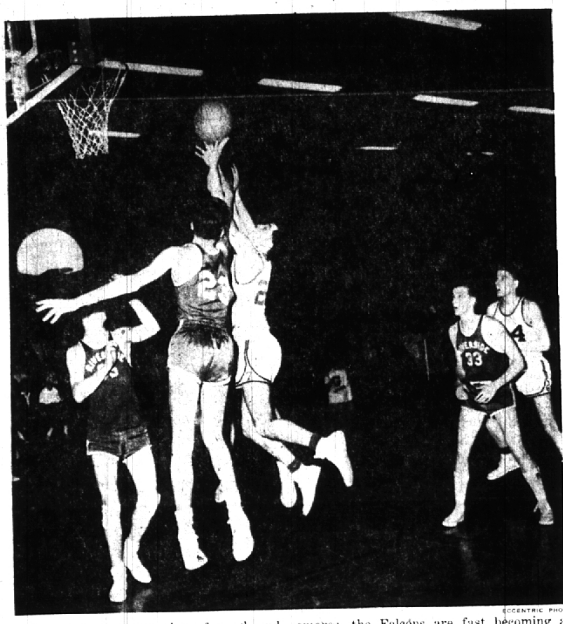

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In a fight for possession of a rebound, the out-stretched fingers of a Groves Falcon makes contact with the ball. Only sophomores, the Falcons are fast becoming a polished team in their first year of play.

Seaholm Cagers Set For Hazel Park

Hornets Stop 'Jackets 2-1

The league leading Yellowjackets of the Midget division of Recreation hockey were stopped cold Saturday by third place Green Hornets 2-1.

It was a close, hard-fought game all the way, with the defensive units of both clubs putting on a display of delaying action that stymied the scoring lines of both.

The first tally came on screen shot from Bob Jacobsen with an assist from Doug Robertson, putting the Hornets in the lead 1-0.

Before the first period ended, the Yellowjackets power-unit of Jon Cauley, John Fraser took the puck down the ice, feeding a pass to Del Gowing who was stationed right in front of the goal-mouth. The score tied the game at 1-1.

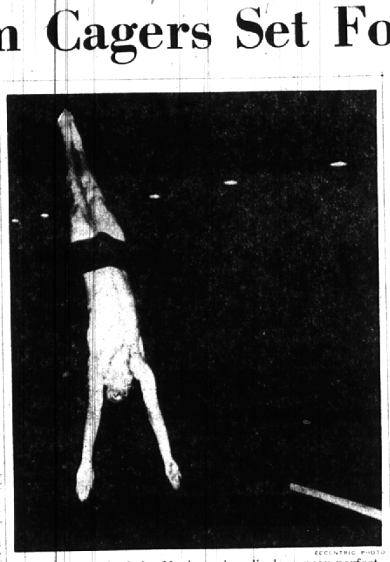
The second stanza saw Jacobsen hit for another goal, his second and the winning goal for the Green Hornets.

In the third and final period the Hornets played one of the best defensive games of the season, shutting the Yellowjackets and forcing them into passing the puck away. The efforts paid off as the Yellowjackets were thwarted in their attempts to score.

The win puts the Green Hornets within one point of second place and gives the first-place Yellowjackets only a one point lead.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Yellowjackets	4	2	1
Eldorados	3	2	2
Green Hornets	3	3	1
Banshees	2	5	0



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Dick Lowe, Seaholm Maple tanker displays near perfect form as he does a "reverse flip" off the board during a meet with Royal Oak Kimball last Friday. The Maples lost the match 51-45, their second loss in eight meets.

Maple Tankers Lose Kimball Swim Meet

After three straight wins, the Seaholm Maples tank team lost for the second time to their arch-rivals Royal Oak Kimball 51-45.

This was the identical score by which the Maples lost to Kimball four weeks ago, the only blemish on their 6-2 record.

Last week the Maples took first place in all ten events against Mt. Clemens, but this week they were only able to capture four out of ten.

COACH JAY MYERS, one of the best swimming coaches in any high school league was not able to bring his teams' spirits up high enough for this big one.

As is sometimes the case, a team that wins easily often takes a contest for granted; this seemed to be the case Friday night for Kimball grabbed an early lead and held on to it.

Jim Elliott took first place in the 50-yard free style event, nosing out his opponent by an outstretched hand, one of the four firsts that the Maples captured.

IN OTHER EVENTS won by the Maples, Jim Bird won the 100-yard breast stroke event, setting a fast pace from the start.

In a real race, the 200-yard medley squad put on a terrific performance, and the efforts of Larry Severy, Bill Driver, Fred Anderson and Elliott captured first place.

In the only other win of the night for Seaholm, the 200-yard relay medley team of Bob Suntz, Jim Lehay, Mike McCarthy and Bob Jensen displayed a desire missing in most of the contests, taking first place by several feet.

The next meet will be with Hazel Park, Friday. Let's get out and encourage the boys in their efforts, especially at a time when support will really help to boost morale.

Maple Cagers Start New Winning Streak

The Seaholm Maples could be on their way to the championship after their 55-41 victory over Royal Oak Kimball.

The Maples are at present tied for second place with Port Huron and Ferndale.

After two straight losses, the Maples seemed to have found their troubles and look more like the league leaders they were three weeks ago.

Many of the sports writers are expecting the Ferndale and East Detroit to be the "game of the season" and be that as it may, it will give Seaholm the opportunity to strengthen its position.

For instance, if Ferndale defeats East Detroit and the Maples win they will be tied for first place, however, if East Detroit wins and Seaholm wins the Maples will be a full game ahead of Ferndale and tied with Port Huron for second place.

In defeating Kimball, Maple coach Lou Parry used every one of his players, utilizing a man-to-man defense in order to speed up the game.

Until recently, the Maples were using a "zone" defense and did not seem to be able to cope with the long shot artists.

"Kimball used every defense in the book and then some, but it didn't seem to bother our boys," said Parry. The Kimball team consists mainly of sophomores and juniors and has won only one league game.

High scorer for the night was Merv Gallop with 18. Bill Massey hit the hoop for 12 points. Top scorer for the losers was Bob Chilton with 12.

The Maples led from the second period, and pulled ahead in the last half by a considerable margin to insure victory.

As the Eastern Michigan league nears the finish line it will be an exciting race, with three teams tied for second and the league-leaders only one game in front of the pack.

STANDINGS

	W	L
East Detroit	5	1
Port Huron	4	2
BIRMINGHAM	4	2
Ferndale	4	2
Mt. Clemens	3	3
R. O. Kimball	1	5
Hazel Park	0	6

Bulldogs Take Second-Place In Rek Hockey

In what has developed into the hottest race in the Juvenile division of the Recreation hockey league, the Bulldogs defeated the Tigers 3-1 and captured second place by one point in the victory.

From the first period the Bulldogs showed their intentions, checking hard and exerting pressure from the face-off.

For the past several weeks the Bulldogs had to come from behind in order to salvage a tie, but this week the Bulldogs took hold with the tenacity of their namesake, holding on to a one point lead on a goal by Stuart Roberson.

As play developed in the second period, the Tigers began to put on their own form of pressure, hitting for a tally by John Sisson to tie the game at 1-1.

The third period found the Tigers trying a little too hard, forcing them into a number of costly penalties that gave the Bulldogs all the opportunity they needed to score.

In the final four minutes of the game, tallies by Doug Moore and Bob Cey gave the Bulldogs a two-point lead and a win. Terry Roach and Moore also got assists in the final stanza.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Huskies	5	1	1
Bulldogs	3	2	2
Tigers	2	2	3
Jets	1	5	1

Preps Lose Eighth Game 9-1

The Senior division of the Recreation hockey league has taken some startling reverses in the past few weeks, with the once secure league-leading Oaks now battling to stay on top.

Varsity Shop, a tough team throughout the season and now only one point out of first place put themselves in contention with a 9-1 victory over the winless Princeton Preps.

FROM THE FIRST face-off the Varsity Shop took complete control of the game, forcing the play and showing tremendous team play.

In the first period, Varsity Shop jumped into a two point lead on goals by Bill Allen and Jerry Vranesick, Chris Nichols and Bob Young got the assists.

The Varsity Shop in the second period could do no wrong and the Princeton Preps could do nothing right.

KEN OKRAY opened the second stanza with a shot that caught the Preps goalie by surprise, giving Varsity Shop a 3-0 lead in the early minutes of the second period.

Before the stanza was over the Varsity Shop was to score four more times on double goals by Vranesick and Young.

The Preps were able to score one goal in the third period, finally hitting on a screen shot from 10 feet out. Bill Flanigan was the lone scorer for the Preps, with Larry Brown and Ron Holland getting the assists.

Before the final buzzer, the Varsity Shop creased the net with two more shots, the second for Allen and the "hat trick" goal for Young. In the scoring spree, Vranesick also scored a "hat trick" in the 9-1 defeat.

Frosh Sets Record

Richard J. Williams, Jr., 1023 Yarmouth, a graduate of Cranbrook, participated in a record-breaking performance by the 200-yard medley relay team as Princeton's freshman swimming squad downed Hill school, 65-21. The new freshman standard of 1:47.0 broke the old mark of 1:48.8 set last winter.

Dick achieved numerous scholastic honors at Cranbrook before entering Princeton.

Second Straight Falcon Victory

After a tight 10-10 first quarter, the Groves Falcons took control of the situation and defeated Riverside 36-30 Friday night.

Thirty-six seems to be a favorite total for the Falcons, since this was the second straight week that they have hit for a win with this score.

LAST WEEK the Falcons downed Emmanuel Christian 36-33, in an action-packed thriller that was not won until the final 30 seconds.

In the second quarter the Falcons began to hit the hoop, jumping to a seven point lead at half-time.

At the start of the third quarter, Riverside began to put on a scoring drive, but fine defense work by the Falcons contained their big gun Joe Gall, who was eventually high scorer for the night with 15.

IN THE FOURTH quarter, the Falcons were determined to hang on to their slim six point lead, playing a cautious game during the entire period.

Although Riverside exerted pressure, the Falcons continued to control the play, making their opponents work for every point they got.

A partial "freeze" late in the final period clinched the game for the Falcons and victory at the final buzzer.

High scorer for the winners was Mike Bearden with 13. Runner-up for the Falcons was Frank Green who hit the hoop for 9 points.

Bluejays Sixth Victim Of Pontiac Northern

In the Inter-Lakes league, newcomer Pontiac Northern has taken a commanding three-game lead for first place when they defeated Southfield Friday night 61-57.

Southfield played a good game, nearly upsetting the Northern Huskies on their own floor, but eventually fell behind, becoming the sixth straight victim of the Huskies.

ALTHOUGH THE Pontiac team is in its first year in the I-L league, it has compiled a 6-0 record for league play, unusual for a new team or for that matter a veteran team.

Southfield's main trouble was in the fact that three of its starters fouled out in the second half, cutting the Bluejays scoring threat by 60 per cent.

The high scorer for the night was big Ed Schlaff who hit the hoop for 25 before fouling out of the Southfield lineup.

LAST WEEK the Bluejays, outplayed and outscored second place Farmington 80-64, demonstrating the scoring power that Southfield possess but was unable to come up with against the league-leading Huskies.

Steve Thompson and Mike Fedyniak scored 15 and 14 respectively for the Huskies.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Pontiac Northern	6	0
Farmington	3	3
Walled Lake	2	3
SOUTHFIELD	2	3
Waterford	2	3
Berkley	0	5

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Huskies Hold First Place In Rek Hockey

As the Recreation hockey nears completion, (only two more league games) the league leading Huskies of the Juvenile division clinched first place honors with a 1-1 tie to the last place Jets.

Saturday's game was scoreless for the first two periods, with both teams trying hard but neither being able to put together a scoring drive.

THE TEAMS seemed anxious and tense, the outcome resulting in a number of penalties being handed out by hard-working officials who controlled the game.

A number of power-plays were started and stopped by fine defensive work, and neither goalie had much work in these first two periods.

The third stanza saw the game break wide open, both teams shooting the works in order to hit the scoring column.

IT WAS NOT until late in the final period however, that the teams got the range... a fast breakaway by Huskie Harry Holden gave the Huskies a slim 1-0 lead.

Trying to tie the game, the Jets set up a number of plays but to no avail; it looked as though the Huskies were going to continue their winning ways.

In the last few minutes, Jet Tim Roberts broke down ice, carrying the puck through the defensemen and right up to the goalie, waiting until the last second before shooting.

The result was a tied game 1-1 and that's the way it ended.

Barons In Cage Race

When writing about the many leagues in this area it is a bit refreshing to run into a league that has nearly everybody in contention for the one-two-three positions.

This is the case with the Wayne-Oakland league, where the standings are so evenly-balanced that four teams are tied for third, one game out of second and two teams are tied for first place.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS has the dubious distinction of being in this league, one of the teams tied for third place and where only three games separate all eight teams in the loop.

Bloomfield Hills was defeated by West Bloomfield 45-35, last Friday night. The Barons were on the short end all night, never able to overcome a first period lead by West Bloomfield.

Last week the Barons won a close one over Clarkston 50-49, but were unable to start an effective offense against West Bloomfield this week.

THEIR NEXT GAME is with Holly, currently holding second place in the tight league.

Let's hope that Baron coach Hal Trott can come up with something new in this next engagement, with such a close race, any team could win the championship with a little luck and lots of team effort.

STANDINGS

	W	L
Clarenceville	5	2
Brighton	5	2
Holly	4	3
Bloomfield Hills	3	4
W. Bloomfield	3	4
Clarkston	3	4
Milford	3	4
Northville	2	5

Eldorados 4-2 Over Banshees

Good team play is a rarity in the Midget division of the Recreation hockey league, but the Eldorados put on a team display that climaxed in a 4-2 victory over the last place Banshees.

Spark-plugged by Stu Forrest, who hit for a tally in the first period with an assist from Jeff McPartlin, the Eldorados took a 1-0 lead going into the second stanza.

The second period was a whitewash as far as the Banshees were concerned, but the Eldorados struck twice more, on goals by Forrest, his second, and Wally Booth, with assists going to Geoffrey Green, McPartlin and Ricky Thornton.

At the start of the third period, the Banshees started a rush that resulted in two goals, the first by Doug Walton and the second by Dave Schubert, both received assists on the others' goal.

The most important factor in the game's outcome seemed to be the tremendous team spirit of the Eldorados.

News Sports Writer PTA Guest-Speaker

A special invitation is extended to area residents to attend the Midvale PTA meeting Feb. 10.

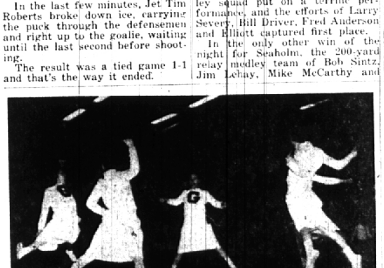
Guest speaker will be Watson Spoelstra, Detroit News sports writer and Birmingham resident. A number of current topics will be discussed at the meeting.

Dad's Club Forms Volleyball League

The Holy Name Parish Dad's club has started a volleyball program which will run through to May. Eight teams presently participating in the league on the third Thursday of every month.

Leon Hart, well know ex-Detroit Lion is acting as league commissioner for the Dad's teams.

The Dad's will welcome any Dad that would be interested in joining with fellow "athletes" in this athletic adventure.



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'Come On Team—Jump!'

The Groves Falcons had some good examples on how to jump for the ball. All they had to do was watch their cheerleaders in action as they defeated Riverside 36-30 Friday.

First Place Race In Senior Hockey

With only two league games and the All Star Playoffs left to go in the Recreation hockey league, a real race has developed in the Senior division for first place.

At their meeting last Sunday, the Chiefs defeated the Oaks 2-1 and now share first place, with only one point separating second place Varsity Shop.

In a scoreless first period, both teams attempted to use their power plays but tough defensive work stymied both in any rush up the ice.

THE SECOND stanza started off almost as a repeat of the first until George Burkart broke away in a one-man rush, beating the Chiefs defensemen and blazing one past the Oaks goalie for the first tally of the game.

Not to be outdone, the Chiefs put on a power play combination of Jerry Durst, Wayne Croleau passing to Don Durst who tied the game at 1-1 as the second period ended.

The third period was one of the fastest played this season, with both teams doing their utmost to break the deadlock.

It was also a period that saw three Oak players in the penalty box at one time, leaving two men on the ice to contain the pressing Chiefs.

It was just a matter of time until the Chiefs took advantage of the situation and a power drive with the main line of Croleau, Don Durst and with Jerry Durst finally hit the net with the tie-breaking goal late in the final stanza.

It will be interesting to see what happens in this division when play resumes at Eton Park next week.

STANDINGS

	W	L	T
Oaks	5	2	1
Chiefs	5	2	1
Varsity Shop	5	3	0
Princeton Prep	0	8	0

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Ever Get That All Alone Feeling?

A lot of people think that the goalie has the softest job on a hockey club, but a situation like this disproves the theory in a hurry. When all else has failed, it's up to the lonely goalie to make the save.

DCD Loses Sixth Game

Detroit Country Day is having a rough time of it in their basketball schedule this season.

Friday's 84-51 loss to Harper Woods gave the Yellowjackets a 3-6 record for the season thus far and with two games, the first at Lamphere and the second at home this weekend, Athletic Director Dick Anderson faces a rough schedule.

THE FIRST period looked good for the Yellowjackets with their ace Tom Derleth hitting for 10 points, giving the Jackets a 14-13 lead as the second period started.

Gus Kountoupes was a big factor in the first half when he managed to guard Harper Woods big gun Larry Thomas so well that he sank a total of two points in the first half.

The second half was a different story, however, as Harper Woods opened up with the heavy artillery, scoring a total of 48 points in the second half.

ONE VERY noticeable factor was that Harper Woods kept a "full press" at all times, never giving the Jackets a chance to get set up. The result was hurried shots from the outside, not the most effective way to tally.

Derleth was high scorer for the night with 28. The runner-up was Jerry Jaffe with 10 for the Yellowjackets.

Top man for Harper Woods was Bob Kohler with 19 and Thomas who got 17.

Lathrup Village Wins 5 Straight

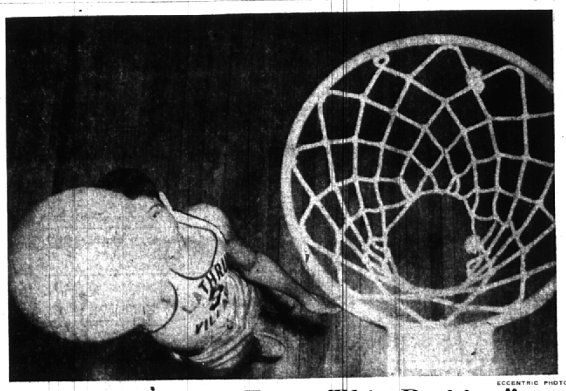
The Lathrup Village five defeated the Kucseria team 40-22 Monday night in the Southfield high school Recreation league.

The win gives the Lathrup team a 5-0 record for the season thus far and all indications point to a continuation of this undefeated record.

Last week the Lathrup Village cagers downed North Congregational 58-9.

Gary Hamann was high scorer with 11 points. Other players to hit the hoop were Tom Sweet with 10; Terry Odom, 9; Mark Lobanoff, 7, and Dick Rankin with 3.

The next game is against St. Michael's Feb. 8.



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'Looks Easier From This Position!'

Mark Lobanoff makes this lay-up shot look easy from his position as well, even though the basket is ten feet off the floor. Lobanoff is a member of the Lathrup Village team that is unbeaten in the Southfield High School Recreation league this season. The Lathrup Village team is also playing in the Southfield Recreation league and enjoys an undefeated record in this league as well.