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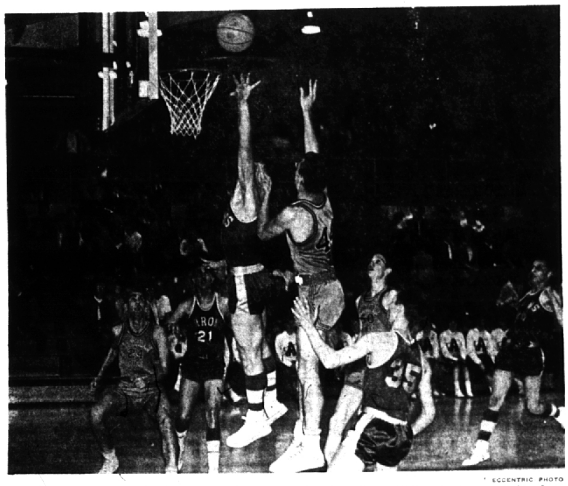

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

BROTHER RICE chalked up its second win of the basketball season Friday night, downing St. Ayphonsus, 71-53. One of the factors contributing to the victory was the shooting of Paul Jagels (44) who tossed in 21 points. Bill Moore (50) won scoring honors with 22 and Dave Walters (24) was close behind with 18. St. Alphonsus players are Len Bokuniewicz (35) and Gary Faga (21).

Rice Rolls To 2nd Win Of Season

Run 'em to death.

That's the formula used by coach Ken Yastic and his Brother Rice Warriors last Friday in trouncing St. Alphonsus, 71-53.

Of course, good shooting played an important part in Rice's second straight victory, but in the final analysis, it was running that wore down the opponent in the closing minutes of the contest.

At the end of the third period, the Warriors held a slim 54-47 lead over the visitors. Before the fourth stanza was over, the St. Alphonsus quintet was tuckered out—just trying to keep up with the winners.

IN THE SCORING department, Rice launched a triple-barreled attack with Bill Moore garnering 22 points, Paul Jagels, 21, and Dave Walters, 18.

Yastic's strategy was to have the guards and forwards drive toward the goal to open up the defense. This worked extremely well.

Driving produces fouls and fouls produce free throws. The Warriors made 67 per cent of their charity tosses in the second half.

"MOST OF OUR shots were inside the key and that was the key to our success," quipped Yastic. "Seriously, though, we played a well-balanced game—one in which everyone hustled."

Brother Rice will try to come up with the same successful plays against Mt. Carmel in Wyandotte Friday night.

THE RESERVE game furnished more thrills than the varsity contest last week. Time ran out with the score tied, 29-all. The Rice reserves won in overtime on a technical foul, called on St. Alphonsus.

Mark Springer was the hero of the game as he sunk the charity toss, giving the Warriors a 32-31 victory. Springer was high point man for the night with 12.

BROTHER RICE				ST. ALPHONSUS			
Walters	6	6	18	Faga	5	1	11
Keller	1	0	2	Matusiak	5	4	14
Jagels	9	3	21	Koryan	1	0	2
Moore	10	2	22	Duffy	1	1	3
Skover	0	4	4	Kelly	6	0	12
Callahan	1	1	3	Bokun'wicz	5	1	11
Sestl	0	1	1				
Totals	27	17	71	Totals	23	7	53

Lakers Drub Mustangs by 60-45 Count

West Bloomfield retained a share of the Wayne-Oakland League basketball leadership Friday night by drubbing last year's champion, Northville, 60-45.

The Lakers are tied with Bloomfield Hills for the lead and both have unblemished (3-0) league records. Both won last week which tends to heighten excitement toward their first meeting on Jan. 4.

BOB ARMISTEAD paced the Laker victory with 18 points. Chuck Robinson contributed 11 and Dan Greig 10 to the winning effort. Craig Bell of Northville earned scoring honors with 21.

A major weapon in West Bloomfield's arsenal was an aggressive defense which denied Northville layup shots. The losers were forced to fire from the outside most of the contest.

GREIG AND Bob Aumaugher were the mainstays for the Lakers

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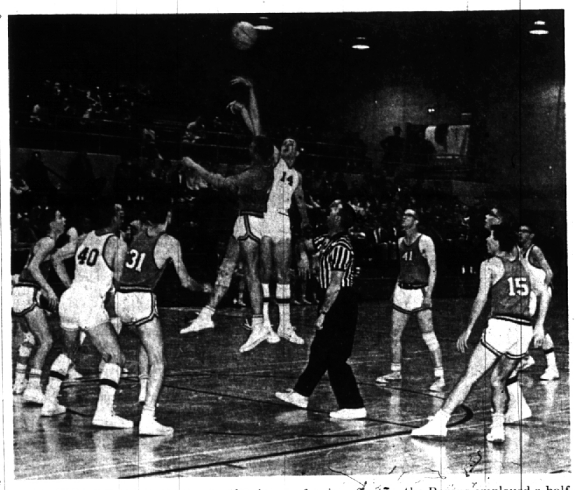


ROGER STEWART (14) gets the jump at center over a Brighton player as Bill Calhoun (40) waits for the tip. Both boys play for Bloomfield Hills, who won its fourth straight game Friday night against Brighton, 49-36. It was, for the most part, a defensive effort as the Barons employed a half-court pressure defense to rattle the losers. The Hills quintet is now tied for first place in the Wayne-Oakland League with West Bloomfield. The two teams will meet for the first time on Jan. 4.

Hills' '5' Pushes to 4th Win

The best defense is a good offense.

Whoever said that didn't have Bloomfield Hills in mind.

The Barons have won four games in a row and are undefeated this year and their motto is:

"The best defense is a good defense."

And you can't argue with success. Last week they demonstrated an effective defense in beating Brighton, 49-36, and maintaining their share of the Wayne-Oakland League leadership.

THE BARONS held Brighton to only 26 shots and they hit 15 of those for 59 per cent.

John Augusten and Roger Stewart were the leading pointmakers for the Hills quintet, with 11 and 10 points. Dennis Hartman scored 13 for Brighton.

THE BIG WEAPON in the Barons' defense arsenal was a half-court pressure defense. As soon as the Brighton boys crossed midcourt, they were subjected to harrassment by the winners.

"Our boys like to make them work to get themselves free for the pass," commented coach Ed Wichert.

THE COACH FEELS that a winning team is composed of 80 per cent material, 10 per cent luck and 10 per cent organization.

The Barons will play Milford Friday night without the services of their number one rebounder, Stewart, who sprained an ankle in the Brighton fray.

Either Tom Melrose or Dan Mautte may get the coach's nod for a starting assignment. Melrose played a strong game under the boards last week.

WITH 4:32 LEFT in the game, Bloomfield Hills was nursing a 34-32 lead. Melrose sunk a field goal and the Barons began to pull away.

(See HILLS, 2-B)

Bitzer, Kokones Sparkle; Groves Blitzes Riverside

By DAVE PHILPO
Sports Editor

Sparked by the sharpshooting of Russ Bitzer and Jim Kokones, the Groves Falcons swept to their first victory of the basketball season Friday night.

And an important one it was. Not only did they snap a 10-game winning streak of Riverside, 64-61, but the Falcons also captured a share of the Tri-River Conference lead.

Tonight's game with Southgate is seen as a key contest in Grove's bid to stay on top. Both hold 1-0 league records and either could wind up first, pending the outcome of the North Farmington-Riverside game tomorrow night.

THE GAME LAST week offered thrills a-plenty for Groves' partisans as the Falcons built up leads only to see them nibbled away by the stubborn Riverside quintet.

The score was all knotted up at the first quarter break. Groves managed a 35-27 margin at the halfway point, but Riverside caught fire, tossed in 24 points, and it was a new game at the end of the third period, 51-51.

THE LOSERS took a three-point lead with about four minutes left in the game but the Falcons stuck to their strategy of "staying with the pattern" until they got a good shot and it paid off.

Kokones tossed in nine charity throws during the game and the two most important came in the last minute. He wound up with 19 points for the night.

BITZER LED both teams, to league games to Cranbrook and capture scoring honors, with 22 points. Jerry Grohowski was high for Riverside with 18.

Falcon coach Tom Carson, not given to making speeches, agreed that it was by far the best game his team has played this year. Groves previously had lost non-

THE COACH'S main concern this week is to keep his team "ready," now that the cagers have found the secret to winning basketball games.

(See GROVES, 2-B)

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

WALLY KANAK (30) a guard for Groves, lets go with a hook shot despite being closely guarded by Jerry Grohowski of Riverside. The Falcons spoiled a 10-game winning streak by the visitors, defeating them, 64-61, behind the shooting of Russ Bitzer (22 points) and Jim Kokones (19 points). Groves now shares the Tri-River Conference lead with Southgate and North Farmington.

WIN 3 SPORTS EVENTS

Crane Athletes Score Well

Athletes at Cranbrook left for home and the holidays this week after scoring lopsided victories in basketball, hockey and wrestling.

The cagers won their second straight game Friday night, 65-32, at the expense of visiting South Lyon; the hockey team blanked Detroit Cathedral, 5-0; and the wrestling squad pinned a 42 to 7 defeat on Redford Union.

ON THE BASKETBALL court, it was guard Joe Kimble, captain of the Cranes, who sparked his teammates to victory, as he took scoring honors with 20 points.

Also bolstering the winning effort was the play of Bill Estes, with 14 points, and Jeff Hipps, with 10.

TEN CRANES got into the scoring act as coach Hugh Divisson's crew scored at will on the outmanned South Lyon quintet.

The victory left Cranbrook with a 2-1 record for the season. The team lost the opener to Madison Heights.

THE HOCKEY contingent pushed its string of victories to three, against no defeats. Captain John Billesdon scored twice to pace the effort and Dave Schultz, John Theobald and Phil Maxwell had one goal each.

The next test for the rinkmen will come Jan. 15 when they host Ann Arbor.

THE CRANBROOK matmen completely outclassed the Redford Union as they piled up 42 points.

Contributing to the victory were Dick Baker, in the 95-pound class; Ed Wilson, 103-pound class; Guy Saulsbury in the 127-pound class; John Goodman, 133-pound class; Richard Stelorow, 138-pound class; Bill Stroud, 145-pound class; Jim Carr, 154-pound class; John Thingstad, 165-pound class; and Tim Barlow in the 180-pound class.

In the heavyweight class, Robert Parsons of Cranbrook tied with Dave Niescarzeh of Redford Union.

CRANBROOK				SOUTH LYON			
Bailey	1	1	3	Sprinkles	3	0	6
Estes	7	0	14	Dunnan	0	4	4
Knochick	3	1	6	Phillips	3	0	6
Kimble	10	0	20	Race	2	2	6
Horn	1	0	2	Heinz	4	2	10
Heav'nrich	2	0	4				
Willey	1	0	2				
McCombs	1	0	2				
Hipps	4	2	10				
Totals	58	7	65	Totals	12	8	32

At the Lanes

BIRMINGHAM ATHLETIC CLUB
MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Parrots	41	15
Wrens	38	18
Robins	35½	20½
Penguins	33½	22½
Larks	30½	25½
Loons	28	28
Orioles	28	28
Cardinals	25½	30½
Hawks	25½	30½
Ravens	25	31
Owls	23	33
Eagles	23	33
Pelicans	17	39
Gulls	16½	39½

The Parrots took 4 points from the Owls.

Parrots	654	542	565	1761

This is a new high series for the year.

Owls	543	514	461	1518

The Larks gained, through default, 4 points over the Hawks.

The Loons took three points from the Orioles.

Loons	561	622	500	1683
Orioles	544	533	602	1649

The Eagles took 4 points from the Gulls.

Eagles	548	564	619	1731
Gulls	514	488	487	1489

Jim Crabb of the Eagles bowled 201.

The Robins took 4 points from the Pelicans. Bilas Finley of the Robins had a 207 game.

Robins	597	558	610	1745
Pelicans	511	528	515	1554

The Ravens took 3 points from the Cardinals.

Ravens	568	537	488	1593
Cardinals	504	518	493	1515

The Wrens took four points from the Penguins.

Wrens	576	559	547	1683
Penguins	548	552	531	1631

Nadine Mellem had a high game of 166 for the women.

HI Series, Women—Nadine Mellem with 455.

HI Series, Men—Jerry Linton with 549.

Of Golf . . . and a Swamp

This is the story of a Bloomfield Hills man who carved a beautiful 18-hole golf course out of a tangle of palms, cypress and timber growth in a Florida swamp.

It was just three years ago that H. Ben Ruhl, 3641 Burning Tree Drive, purchased 280 acres of fertile swamp land three miles from Naples, Fla.

On it, during the past summer, he constructed what is slated to be one of the finest golf courses in the state.

THE COURSE — called the Big Cypress Golf and Country Club—will be opened for play Jan. 1. It is expected to draw large numbers of Birmingham and Oakland county people who visit Naples each year.

The visitors not only will be able to play a round of golf but also will be treated to a scenic tour. Lakes, cypress heads in original state, palm - lined fairways, an eagle's nest perched high in a cypress, travel from greens to tees through typical Everglades surroundings, all attract the eye.

INCLUDED IN the scenic aspect, golfers on the 14th hole with sharp eyes may catch a glimpse of an alligater family which has taken up residence there.

The club pro. Phil Darbyshire, has this to say about the golf course:

"It will be a most beautiful course, one to challenge the best of the golfers, one to permit the average golfer to score well and enjoy the game, and one with special arrangements for the ladies."

RUHL, ONE OF the leading insurance actuaries in Michigan, has lived in the Birmingham area for more than 25 years. He decided that there was a real need for the course in Naples since the other three layouts were generally overcrowded.

And, according to Florida golfers in the know, the Big Cypress golf course clearly bears the mark of a championship layout.

Seaholm Falls To Port Huron By 55-47 Score

Port Huron's Chuck Ingram proved to be too much for the Maple cagers last Friday night as the 6-7 center dropped in 29 points, leading the Big Reds to a 55-47 victory over Seaholm.

Rick Heering scored 16 points for Port Huron which—along with Ingram's buckets—accounted for all but 10 points of their game total.

For Seaholm John Slater was high scorer with 14.

COACH LOU PARRY shifted his starting lineup in an effort to snap Seaholm's losing streak. Jay Shutt and Ron Jacobson were the new additions.

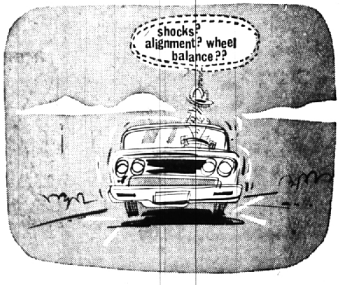
For a while it looked as if the maneuver might work as the Maples fought the Big Reds to a virtual standstill. However, as has been the case in earlier games, the Maple attack faltered in the closing minutes of the game and the eight point difference in the final score is not indicative of the game on the whole.

IN THE first quarter the Maples threw a balanced offense at Port Huron and all but one of the starters contributed to the scoring.

In return the Big Reds countered with an offense consisting entirely of Ingram and Heering.

The second quarter was almost identical and at halftime the score-

(See SEAHOLM, 2-B)



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