

Groves Victim of 'Big Freeze'

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When Groves fans talk about the "Big Freeze" last week, they're not referring to the weather.

Rather they are describing what happened to their boys on the basketball court as Southgate controlled the ball in the last three minutes and defeated the Falcons, 65-51.

At this point, however, the pressure was on the Falcons. They had to get the ball and score. In the process of doing so, fouls were committed and Southgate put the game out of reach from the free throw line.

Both teams started off so slow in the first quarter that it looked as if a new record might be set for a low-scoring game.

After several minutes of running back and forth down the court and giving the ball away, the teams settled down and started hitting the basket. Score at the end of the first period was Groves, 11; Southgate, 10.

In the second quarter the Falcons had trouble getting in close enough for a shot, thanks to a hot pressure defense set up by the visitors. The halftime score was Southgate 30, Groves 22.

The winners controlled both boards most of the game and the loss of Bill Stephenson, out with the chickenpox, seriously hurt the Falcons' rebounding efforts.

However, the game was won and lost at the foul line. Southgate defied the advantage from this situation as the winners tossed in 22 of 31 attempts for a healthy 71 per cent. Groves connected on 11 of 19 from the charity line.

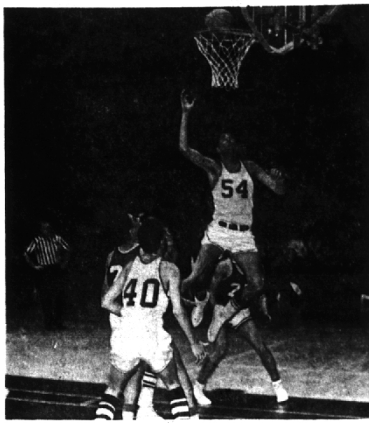
LARRY ALTABEL was the top marksman for Southgate, with 22 points. Don Cartwright was close behind with 18.

Russ Bitzer led Groves with 18 points. Other Falcons in the double figures were Jim Kokones, with 13 and Fred Bailey, with 11.

The victory gave Southgate undisputed possession of first place in the Tri-River League. Had Groves won, they would have held the same distinction, as North Farmington, the other contender, lost to Riverside Friday night.

Coach Tom Carlson will try to perk up his offense during the Christmas holidays with arm-innings scheduled against St. Benedictine and Clintondale.

The next regularly scheduled game for the Falcons is Jan. 4 when they host Oak Park.



FRED BAILEY (54) made a big effort in the closing seconds of the game, but Groves succumbed to Southgate Friday night by a score of 65-51. It was the Falcons' first loss in the Tri-River league and denied them the top spot in the standings. The team was hurt in the Southgate game in not having the services of Bill Stephenson, a top rebounder. He is out with the chickenpox.

AT PINE KNOB

Professional Skiing To Debut on Feb. 6

Professional ski racing will make its debut in lower Michigan on Wednesday night, Feb. 6, when the world top skiers will compete for \$3500 in prize money at Pine Knob ski resort.

IN DUAL COURSE racing, two skiers race simultaneously against the clock on a separate slalom course. Standard race procedure involves one contestant at a time on one course.

Announcement of the race date was made today by Leonard W. Jarosz, president of the new Detroit area winter sports park, which is sponsoring the race.

The field will include such internationally known stars as Anderl Molterer, last year's top money winner; Stein Eriksen, Pine Knob pro and one of skiing's all-time greats; Christian Pravda, Pepi Gramshammer and Ernst Hinterseer.

JAROSZ SAID approval of the event had been granted by the International Professional Ski Racers Association, official sanctioning group for the pro ski circuit.

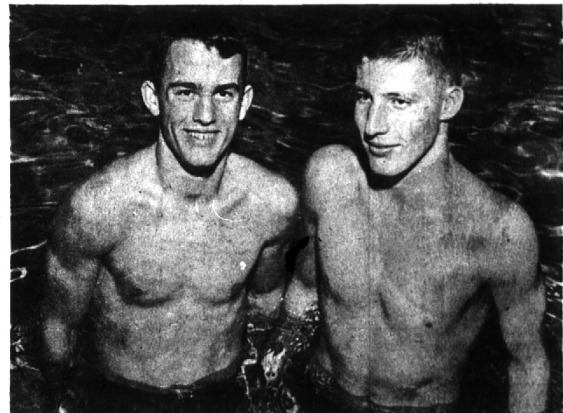
Others already signed for the event are Adrian Duvalard, the great French skier; Othmar Schneider, Karl Bartscher, and two young American stars — Max Marolt and Marvin Moriarty.

In addition to bringing the pros to southern Michigan slopes for the first time, the Pine Knob event will inaugurate dual course racing by the pros in the state.

Early Deadlines In Effect for Jan. 3 Issue

So that our employees may enjoy the New Year's holiday, The Birmingham Eccentric offices will be closed all day Tuesday.

All deadlines for our Jan. 3 issue have been advanced. Advertisers and news contributors are urged to submit their copy as early as possible.



Frosh Swimmers at Albion

Fred Rollins (left) and Tom Geggie, both of Birmingham, are two freshman members of Albion College's undefeated 1962-63 swimming team. Rollins is a diver and Geggie competes in freestyle events. Rollins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Rollins,

Jr., 978 Shirley Drive and Geggie's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Geggie, 1447 Yosemite. The Albion squad will be seeking its fifth win on Jan. 12 when it hosts Ohio Wesleyan.



THE BIG FREEZE was administered by Southgate with three minutes to play. At that point, Groves was still within striking distance, trailing, 55-51. In a race against the clock, the Falcons scrambled for the ball, fouls were called and Southgate lengthened its lead to 14 points before the final buzzer. Initiating the freeze is Larry Altobel (25) who led all scorers with 22 points. Trying to get the ball is Groves' Jim Whitney (40). In the background is Jim Kokones (10).

FOR LEAGUE LEAD

Sizzling Barons; Lakers Vow to Win Jan. 4 Clash

Two New Year's resolutions will be made but only one will be kept.

As 1963 is ushered in amidst the blowing of horns and the clatter of noise-makers, basketball players at Bloomfield Hills and West Bloomfield will be silently vowing to win the game between the two teams on Jan. 4.

UNLIKE the football game, which ended in a 19-19 deadlock, this time there will be only one winner. And an important win it will be for the victor will sit atop the Wayne-Oakland League.

Spirit traditionally runs high for the contest and this season is no exception. Both the Barons and the Lakers gun unblemished records.

FRIDAY THE Barons continued their win streak with a 57-38 drubbing of Milford while the Lakers were squeaking by Clarkston, 50-48. The Hills contest was marked by 49 personal fouls. Milford kept the score close, 42-37, until the final three minutes, then the Barons erupted for 15 quick points.

THE LOSERS were hurt when their top rebounders, Bennie Flynn and Tom Sheffer fouled out in the third quarter.

Bill Calhoun was the leading producer of points for the Hills with 18. Jay DeLandt, with 13, and Bill Augusten, with 12, aided the winning cause.

IN A REAL cliff-hanger at Clarkston, the Lakers caught up with the home team in the final stanza and held on for a two-point victory.

Sharpshooting in the first half gave Clarkston a 26-20 lead at the intermission, but West Bloomfield made a comeback behind the scoring of Bill Eliason and Ken Armistead, who had half of the winners' total.

ELIASON had a total of 13 for his night's work and Armistead scored 12.

The game between the Barons and the Lakers will be played at Bloomfield Hills.

BLOOMFIELD	FG FT TP	REB	PTS	MILFORD	FG FT TP	REB	PTS
Stewart	1-1	0-0	0	Parish	0-0	0	0
Pink	1-1	0-0	0	Calloway	0-0	0	0
DeLandt	1-1	0-0	0	Sheffer	2-2	4	4
Melrose	2-4	0-0	0	Alley	2-2	4	4
Calloway	4-12	0-0	0	Flynn	0-0	0	0
Augusten	5-12	0-0	0	Parish	0-0	0	0
Bish	2-2	0-0	0	Marrese	2-6	10	6
Wanoren	0-0	0-0	0	Miller	0-0	0	0
Mattie	0-0	0-0	0	Cline	1-1	2	2
Hartner	0-0	0-0	0	Newcomb	0-0	0	0
Hamilton	0-0	0-0	0	Smith	0-0	0	0
Reeb	0-0	0-0	0				
Totals		22-33	27-37	Totals	9-20	31-38	
SCORE BY QUARTERS							
Bloomfield Hills		12	14	13	11	11	61
Milford		5	11	17	15	8	38

B'ham Rotary Sponsors Alaskan Adventure Film

Birmingham and Alaska are about 4,000 miles apart, but the two will seem a little closer, come Wednesday, Jan. 9.

Under the auspices of the Birmingham Rotary Club, famous sportsman - photographer Cecil Rhode will appear in person at the Community House to narrate his all-new, all-color adventure film program "Alaskan Angling" and "Alaskan Game Trails."

"PEOPLE OVER the past few years have grown to expect the unpredictable, if not the impossible, from the Wally Taber Safari Show," says Bill Burgum, sponsoring club committee chairman.

"Now it is Alaska revisited with 30-year-resident Rhode, who home-stayed on the Kenai, built his own log cabin and became famous as the bard of Alaskan wildlife photographers."

RHODE IS A former Disney photographer who now is a Wally Taber associate.

Penetrating an all but unknown sector of Alaska, Rhode experienced and documented fantastic rainbow trout fishing. He braved the dense rain forests of southeast

Alaska and the windswept crags of the Alaskan range; he flew to fog-enshrouded islands to get his pictures.

"THIS IS A typical Wally Taber show," Burgum said, "with more interest and excitement packed in two hours than many cram into a lifetime. Mammoth bull moose pawed defiantly within spitting distance and elusive white-mountain sheep cavort for the lensman."

Advance tickets at reduced rates are available from Rotary Club members.

Brother Rice Win Streak Ends at Two

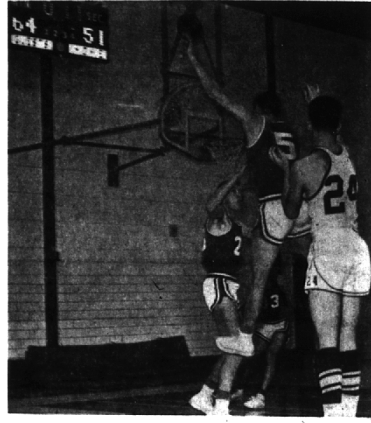
Brother Rice had trouble hitting the basket Friday night and had its winning streak snapped at two games by Mt. Carmel, 71-62.

The only Warrior not bothered by the "cold snap" was center Bill Moore, who pumped for 23 points and high scoring honors for the night.

THE WARRIORS, hitting only 33 per cent of their field goal attempts, never led in the contest. Mt. Carmel jumped off to a 17-12 lead at the first quarter, pushed it to 30-23 at halftime and extended the advantage to 51-41 at the third period break.

Coach Ken Yastie will have his charges practicing diligently during the holidays, getting ready for the first game of 1963, with visiting Divine Child.

Brother Rice's record now stands at two wins and three losses.



IT'S AN UNUSUAL way to block a shot but Southgate's Don Cartwright (5) turns his back and jumps high into the air as Russ Bitzer (24) of the Falcons fires one with 11 seconds left in the game. Bitzer was high point man for Groves with 18 points. The big difference was free throws as Southgate connected on 22 of 31 attempts while the Falcons were limited to 11 out of 19.

Chop...Chop...We Win!

Birmingham's Forestry Department has won permanent possession of the coveted "chrome ax" trophy.

Farkor climbed 40-feet up a tree, fastened his safety lines and cut off the top in less than a minute. He lettered the Oak Park man by more than four seconds.

Under the direction of acting Superintendent Darrel C. Middlewood and behind the cheering of Mayor Florence H. Willett, the 11-man team downed the Parkers for the third straight year.

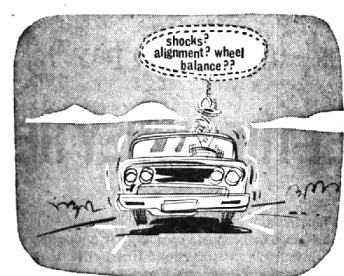
THE FIVE-MAN spur climb relay showed Birmingham out in front with a time of 2:42 to Oak Park's 3:25.

HELD AS SORT of a Christmas party for the two communities, the event pits Birmingham's muscular tree experts against their southern counterparts.

Oak Park's knot-tieing team provided the stiffest competition. They completed the task of tying six knots in 1:16, but Birmingham countered with a 1:12.

LUKE PARKER, of Birmingham, won the only individual event with a smashing victory in the "topping" competition.

The tractor relay and the hand saw long cutting and cross cut sawing relay were both won by large margins.



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