



## Falcons Drop Close Battle To Thurston

Despite winning six events the Groves tankers lost their first meet of the season Friday, dropping a close decision to Thurston 52-53.

The Falcons were able to capture only four of the important second place slots while Thurston took seven. Thurston won five events.

Lee Driver established another pool mark in the 100 yd. breaststroke as he won handily in 1:06.

**RUSTY KLINE** was a double winner for the Falcons with victories in the 100 yd. butterfly, 61 seconds, and in the 200 yd. individual medley in 2:19.6.

Thurston's all-stater Ken Weinbeck was also a double winner. Weinbeck set a pool mark in winning the 50 yd. freestyle in 2:23.3 and took the 200 yd. freestyle with a time of 1:56.

Rick Barringer, of Thurston, captured two events as he won the 400 yd. freestyle in 4:25.7 and the 100 yd. freestyle in 3:53.8.

**VICTORIES** went to the Falcons in both of the relay races.

The team of Bob Shiner, Lee Driver, Bob Brevitt, and Bob Sutton took the medley relay with a time of 1:52.3.

Terry Unsworth, Dave Mead, Rocky Driver and Russ Martin teamed up to win the freestyle relay in 1:37.8.

**GREG GEIGER** came home a Falcon winner as he took diving honors.

Second place finishes went to Bob Sutton, Bill Lambert, Martin, and Dan Wickham.

"Tomorrow the Falcons hope to get back on a winning trail as they take on Riverview. This is the second meeting this season between the two squads. Falcons took the first encounter 66-39.

## Gulls Take Over In BAC Bowling

The Gulls have moved into first place in the Birmingham Athletic Club bowling league. The birds have a won ten, lost two record for the second half of the season.

Frank Winchell was the high game leader with a 219 and his 601 series was also tops.

It was an all Winchell night as wife Marge roled the high series in the women's bracket with a 456.

**JUNE FLEMING** called the high individual game for the women with a 177. Husband Don, perennial leader among the men, was hampered by a strained finger.

The Eagles took team honors with a 617 game total and a 1935 series mark.

## Outlook Good For Ski Fans

The fresh layer of new snow makes the weekend look bright for local ski enthusiasts. The seven ski spots all will have excellent conditions.

The local Southeastern Michigan areas are:

**MOUNT CHRISTI**—Five miles North of Oxford on M24 at Davidson Lake Road.

**MOUNT HOLLY**—13 1/2 miles S. Dixie Highway, between Pontiac and Flint.

**SUMMIT SKI CLUB**—11375 Foley, Fenton. A mile and half east of U. S. 23.

**GRANIPAN MOUNTAIN**—On Lakeway, about two miles east of Oxford.

**GRANDVIEW ORCHARD AND SKI AREA**—Penton Road, four miles North of Fenton.

The second period, paced by the sharpshooting Tregenza-West duo, the Barons outdistanced Holly and pulled into a 31-26 half-time lead. Holly, paced by Jim Ray, rallied in the third stanza and pulled to within five points of the Barons.

**THREE QUICK** fast breaks in the final eight minutes put the Barons on ice for coach Ed Wickert's cause. The victory was the Barons second over Holly this season.

Ray paced the Holly scoring with 17 points.

Tregenza's 24 point out-pair brought his career total to 479. The senior guard establishes a new scoring record each time he scores. His old record was held by Bruce Billings, a 1961 graduate.

**BLOOMFIELD** now has a 7-2 record in overall season play and a 6-2 ledger in the Wayne-Oakland League. The only losses were to Northville and Brighton.

The victory enabled the Barons to take a firm hold on second place in the league standings. Underdog Northville is on top of the heap. Tomorrow the Barons journey to Clarenceville.

## Rebels Rout Falcons 73-42

Dearborn Riverside High School appears to have the Tri-River basketball championship locked up.

The Rebels made Groves their 11th victim of the season Friday as they defeated the Falcons 73-42.

The Falcons' sorely missed guards Jim Kokones and Rod Thomas. Kokones is out with a fractured wrist and Thomas was sidelined by the flu bug.

**THE FALCONS** drew first blood in the contest. Snappy Russ Bitter put Groves ahead on the first play, but Jack Hall quickly tied the score.

Sophomore Bill Stevenson and Fred Bailey kept the Falcons in the lead until late in the first period when Riverside's Neil Carter hit a 20 foot jumper to put the Rebels ahead to stay.

Riverside led 12-8 at the quarter and had increased the margin to 21-15 at the half.

**THE START** of the second half was delayed for several minutes as Riverside Coach Walt Butler and referee Don Lund got into a huddle.

The Rebels outscored Groves 11-9 in the third stanza. Then came their murderous fourth period.

Riverside came through with a 26 point outburst while holding the Falcons to only 10.

**BITZER** led the Falcon scoring with eight baskets for 16 points. Stevenson added ten more for Groves.

Carter paced the scoring for the winners with 19.

Tom Binkow-ski had 12 markers and three Rebels contributed 11 each.

Fred Bailey of Groves out-reaches Riverside's Neil Carter for a rebound. The Falcons became the season's 11th victim for Riverside as they were beaten 73-42 Friday night.

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## Seaholm Swimmers Slam Hazel Park

The Seaholm swimming team has done it again.

The powerful Maples swam to their ninth victory in a row Friday as they downed Hazel Park 79-26.

Coach Coy Perry's crew won all the events and took second in six.

**GARY WITBECK** was the only Maple swimmer to take part in more than one event. Witbeck won the 50 yd. freestyle in 25.9 and swam the first leg of the medley relay.

The Seaholm freestyle relay team was clocked in 1:36.4 in the state final in the state this year.

Jack Hoyt, Tom Coupe, John Emmetts, and Bob Wolf teamed up in the relay to set the near record performance.

**JIM BRADBURN** continued on his winning streak with another victory in the breaststroke. Bradburn was clocked in 1:07.6.

Diver Ken Heft took the honors in that category with teammate Bob Cruick close behind.

Tom Kennedy took the grueling individual medley in 2:22.2.

Bruce Cromander won the butterfly in 1:06.1 and Dick Leahy

took the backstroke in 1:05.2.

**BILL WATKINS** and George Wills battled for the winners spot in the 100 yd. freestyle with Watkins coming in first in 25.3.

The other individual Maple winners were Jim Henderson in the 400 yd. freestyle, 4:43, and Jim Falconer in the 200 yd. freestyle in 2:04.5.

The medley relay team of Witbeck, Chuck Morse, Jim Wallace, and Dave Firth took that event in 1:59.8.

Mr. Clemens provides the opposition for the high-powered Maple tankers tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. at Seaholm.

## Local Runners On MSU Squad

Former Birmingham track stars Bill Alcorn and Bill Green are returning lettermen on the Michigan State University 1962 thindled squad.

Alcorn is a pole vaulter and has cleared the bar at 13 feet 8 inches. Green runs the rugged 440 and the half mile.

## Commission to Improve Local Recreation Areas

Lands needed to carry out development plans at Holly and Bald Mountain recreation areas, Oakbrook, have been approved for purchase with vehicle permit money by the Conservation Commission.

Involved are 92 acres which will later allow construction of a dam on Thread Creek to create a new lake immediately north of the present Wildwood Lake segment of the Holly recreation area. The upland project, some 100 acres, will be added along the scheduled new lake. Conservation Department planners estimate the overall area is high and wooded, making it ideal for additional camping and day development.

When vehicle permit funds become available to undertake the project, some 100 campsites will be added along the scheduled new lake. Conservation Department planners estimate the overall area is high and wooded, making it ideal for additional camping and day development.

## Recreation Round-Up

**Adult Gym Activities**—Basketball, volleyball and badminton for men and women are held each Monday, 7-10 p.m., at Seaholm Gym, Cranbrook & Lincoln Rds. Door fee is 50c per person.

**Ladies Slim Trim**—The second series of ladies slim trim classes will begin Monday, Feb. 5, at 7:30 p.m. at Seaholm Gym. Registration is through Friday, February 2 at the Recreation office, Municipal Bldg. Swimming and gym activities are available after the exercise classes. For further information call the Recreation office.

**Skater's Holiday Ice Show**—The annual ice show "Skater's Holiday" will be held at the Municipal Center on Sunday, February 18 at 8 p.m. This year's show will feature an Oriental theme with colorful costumes and decorations. Children and adults who have participated in the classes and figure skating club will have parts in the show along with special guest skaters.

**Senior Men's Club**—At their regular meeting on Friday, January 26, four new members joined the club. They are: Arthur Tilton, Fred Floeter, A. Jesse Hart and George Roberts.

Charles Gale, Superintendent of Forestry and Parks requested the number of those who are interested in playing golf. Of those present at this meeting, twelve men indicated that they were golf enthusiasts. Their use of Spruicade Park last summer was confined to mornings only. Gale is seeking this information to aid in an effort to establish more favorable hours of Birmingham.

Tomorrow, an especially interesting program has been arranged. Rabbi Morris Adler will be the speaker.

**Adult Basketball League Last Week's Record**

*Center Lounge 52—Green Lantern 48	*Oakland 30—Twins 19
LaShrop 51, Frith 41	LaShrop 52, Minter Lounge 40
Center Lounge 52—Twins 40	Jets 39—Frith 51
Center Lounge 52—Twins 40	Center Lounge 52—Twins 40

**High Scorers**

Aron, Oakland Sporting Goods	30
Babin, Center Lounge	29
Ellis, Frith	28
Hallman, Jets	21
Ellis, Frith	19
Pett, Green Lantern	18

**Standings as of January 25**

Team	W	L
Jets	6	1
Green Lantern	5	2
Oakland Sporting Goods	5	2
LaShrop	5	2
Fairlane	5	2
Center Lounge	5	2
Frith	5	2
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Twins	4	3

\*Team name for the "Twisters" has been changed to "Center Lounge".

# B'field Skater Competes For Nat'l Novice Title

A local boy is in Boston today competing in the National Figure Skating championship.

Tim Wood, son of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Wood, 4833 Mayflower, Bloomfield Hills, is contending an excellent chance in the novice ranks.

Tim, a Bloomfield Hills Junior high eighth grader, won the right to go east when he won the Midwestern championship at Denver last October.

FOUR OTHER youngsters from the Detroit area comprise Michi-

gan's squad.

Gary Visconti, 17, of Detroit, is a member of the new local Great Lakes Figure Skating Club.

The rest of the lineup includes Duane Maki, Myrna Bodek, and Yvonne Drummond. Maki was runner-up to Tim at Denver.



Tim Wood shows the form that enabled him to journey to Boston today to compete in the National Figure Skating championships. The Bloomfield Hills youth is skating in the novice division.

## Maple Cagers Lose

The slumping Maple cage team plunged into a three-way tie for the basement spot in the Eastern Michigan League standings Friday as they lost to Royal Oak Kimball 58 to 45.

Seaholm jumped into an early lead and were ahead at the end of the first period 12 to 10.

Kimball went into a half-court zone in the second stanza and bottled up the Maple offense.

The second period collapse was the downfall for the Maples as they were outscored 21-5.

Law Parry's crew bounced back in the second half and outscored for 8 p.m.

Kimball 28 to 25, but the second period margin proved to be too great.

Seaholm now shares the league cellar with Mt. Clemens and Hazel Park. All have a 1-5 record.

**BRANDT COBLEY** was the Maple high scorer with ten points. Jack Bachelor contributed eight.

Guard Bill Chilton paced the Royal Oak scoring with 16 markers and teammate Jerry Barick added 13.

Tomorrow the Maples journey to Hazel Park. The tipoff is slated for 8 p.m.

**VISCONTI** captured the senior men's crown at Denver but will drop to the junior bracket for the national crown.

Myrna and Yvonne finished second and third in the senior ladies division at Denver but will drop to the juniors at Boston.

A year ago Visconti finished fourth in the National competition at Colorado Springs.

The title will be eased slightly this year because two of the top-flight juniors have moved up to the senior men's division.

U. S. SKATING Association officials are keeping a close eye on the Boston competition.

The hopes of American chances in the world competition were tragically reduced when members of the U.S. team were killed in a plane crash last year in Belgium.

The nationals will be held at two rinks at Boston.

Free skating will be held at Boston College and the figure competition at the Boston Skating Club.

## Rec Hockey Results

**MIDGET DIVISION**

Green Hornets 5, Eldorados 1

The hard-skating Green Hornets jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first period and coasted to a 5-1 win over the Eldorados. Mike Lawrie paced the scoring with three goals. Bill Owen added the other two. Falconer scored the Eldorados lone goal in the third period.

**Banhees 3, Yellow Jackets 2**

Doug McCleans two third period goals paced the first place Banhees to a 3-2 win over the Yellow Jackets. Doug also assisted on Mike Henry's goal to boost him to tie for the scoring championship. Kevin O'Connor and Doug Kauffman scored the Yellow Jackets goals.

Name	Team	W	L	T
Mike Henry—Banhees	5	2	0	1
Doug McCleans—Banhees	5	2	0	1
Doug Robertson—Eldorados	9	2	1	1
Leo Baskins—Banhees	6	10	1	1
Doug Kauffman—Yellow Jackets	7	1	8	1
Mike Lawrie—Green Hornets	4	1	6	1
Bill Fleming—Eldorados	4	1	6	1

**Midget Standings as of Jan. 28**

**JUVENILES**

Jets 4, Hankies 1

Terry McGovern scored all his team goals and led the unbeaten Jets to the Juvenile championship. Terry put his team in the lead to stay in the second period and then added three in the final period. Don Alcorn assisted on all four goals. Jeff Ruppert still leads all goal-keepers with an amazing 857 goals against average. This is the lowest (See HOCKEY, 7-E)

# Hats off to the leaders

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