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Maples Outshoot Falcons, 52-33, in 1962 Cage Opener

Seaholm Avenges '61 Loss

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What a difference a year makes.

Last fall Groves opened the basketball season with a 45-40 upset victory over Seaholm. On Friday last, the Maples had their revenge.

After the first few minutes of play, the Falcons found themselves trailing, 11-2, and things got no better as Seaholm rolled up a 52-33 score before the final whistle.

John Slater paced the winners as he tossed in 13 points. Mark Fritz contributed 11 and Chuck Hatton made 10.

Jim Kokones was the top point-maker for Groves with 11.

MAPLE COACH Lou Parry was pleased with the victory.

"Our defense worked better than I expected," he said. "Of course it was the first ball game and both teams had the jitters."

The coach said he was especially pleased by the play of Fritz and Hatton in their first appearances in starting roles.

ALTHOUGH THE Falcons had four of last year's starting lineup back, Seaholm height and shooting ability proved to be the difference.

The Maples connected on 39 per cent of their shots while the Falcons made only 29 per cent.

Despite the fact that his team was "cold", coach Tom Carson feels that "they'll come around" as the season progresses.

THE MAPLES held a 13-8 lead at the quarter, increased the margin to 12 points, 25-13, at halftime and continued to build the score in the final two quarters. The biggest lead came in the final minute at 52-31 with reserves playing for both squads.

In the junior varsity tilt, Seaholm won 43-36. Harold Wilbur had 12 points and Jim Snyder made 11 to pace the winning effort. Dick Balganorth of Groves garnered 13.

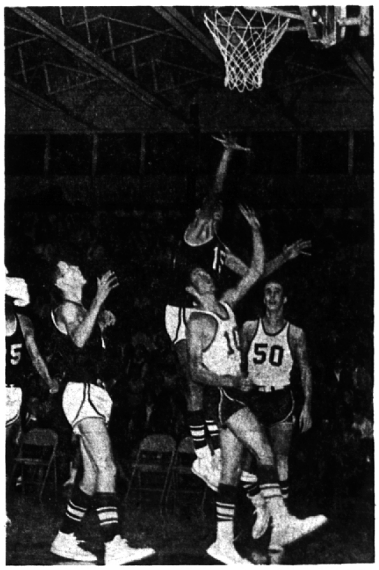
The Maples host East Detroit Friday and Groves will meet Cranbrook on Friday, Dec. 7.

SEAHOLM	FG	FT	TP	GROVES	FG	FT	TP
Fritz	5	1-2	11	Dashiell	0	0-1	0
Nyberg	3	0-2	6	Bitzer	3	0-1	6
Slater	4	5-7	13	Ste'ens'n	1	4-5	6
Hatton	5	0-2	10	Kokones	2	7-11	11
Shutt	3	1-4	7	Cantrill	1	1-2	3
Meyer	0	0-0	0	Bailey	0	1-3	1
Smith	1	0-1	2	Whitney	2	0-0	4
Conley	1	0-3	2	Kimball	0	0-1	0
Snyder	0	1-1	1	McC'mbs	1	0-0	2
Foss	0	0-0	0	Seeb'rg'r	0	0-0	0
				Bristol	0	0-0	0
Totals	22	8-22	52	Totals	10	13-24	33

SCORE BY QUARTERS

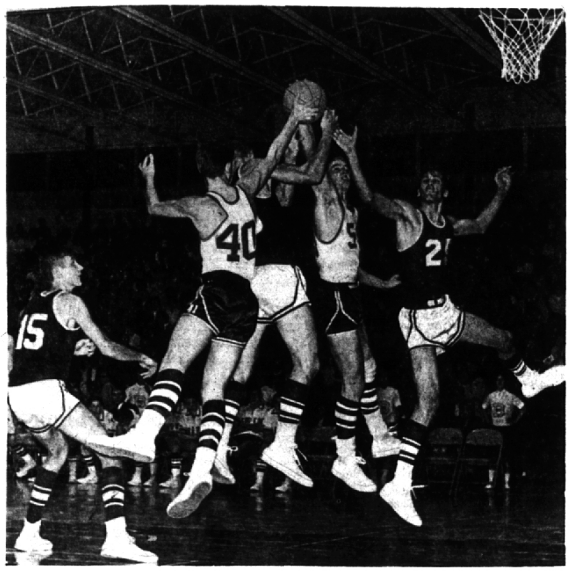
Seaholm	13	12	17	10	52
Groves	8	5	9	11	33

JV's: Seaholm 43, Groves 36.

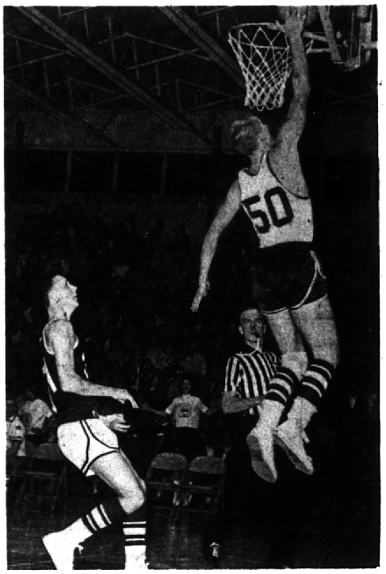


Eccentric Photos by Bill Thom

MARK FRITZ (15) of Seaholm fires a jump shot that falls short in the opening game for both teams against Groves last Friday night. Fritz, in a starting role for the first time, contributed 11 points to the 52-33 victory for the Maples. Waiting for the rebound are Falcons Bill Stephenson (50) and Jim Kokones (10). Kokones tossed in 11 points to take scoring honors for the losers.



A MAD SCRAMBLE for the loose ball was a common sight between the two teams as Groves and Seaholm renewed a fierce, intracity rivalry Friday. Battling for the Maples are Bruce Nyberg (25) and John Slater. The Falcons are Jim Whitney (40) and Bill Stephenson (50). Mark Fritz (15) of Seaholm stands by, in case the ball comes his way. The Maples jumped into an early lead and were never headed as they avenged a 45-40 overtime loss to the Falcons in 1961. Seaholm Coach Lou Parry attributed the win to a strong defensive showing by his players.



BILL STEPHENSON (50) of Groves goes in for a lay-up and two of the six points he scored against the Maples. Trailing the play is Seaholm's Gary Smith. The Falcons were cold in the shooting department, connecting on only 29 per cent of their shots, while Seaholm hit for 39 per cent from the floor. Seaholm travels to East Detroit Friday night and Groves' next contest will be against Cranbrook on Dec. 7.

OVER GROSSE POINTE

Maples Swim to 1st Win

The Seaholm tank team captured seven first places out of a possible 11 Tuesday afternoon to take a 66 to 35 victory over arch-rival Grosse Pointe.

Victory was sweet for coach Corey Van Fleet's swimmers who were tied last March, 32-32, for the state swim crown.

The three Seaholm prep All-Americans upheld their ratings as they took first places in three events.

BOB WOLF came in first in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:58.4; Don Spencer captured first in the 160-yard individual medley at 1:43.7; and Tom Fritz was tops in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 60.7 seconds.

The Seaholm team of Dave Nelson, Dave Zimmer, Tom Coupe and Fritz won the 160-yard medley relay with a time of 1:23.

BOB CRUICKSHANK placed first and Ken Heft, second, in the fancy diving event.

Other first places included Jack Hoyt, in the 100-yard freestyle, with a time of 52.7 seconds; Chuck Geggie, in the 400-yard freestyle, with a time of 4:27.7, setting a new pool record; and Ron Lotero, in the 100-yard breaststroke, at 1:09.9.

THIS COULD be the big year for Van Fleet and his swimmers. Seaholm has 22 returning lettermen from last year's squad.

"It's the first year we've been strong in all three classes," the coach said. "If we jell, we just might give somebody some trouble."

VAN FLEET FEELS that the seniors—Wolf, Spencer, Fritz, Randy Matthews, Hoyt and Kennedy will be carrying most of the load, although some of the juniors and sophomores are looking good.

Sophomore prospects include Geggie, Dave Nelson, Ted Blakeslee and Bill Prew. In all, the swim team includes 40 swimmers and six divers.

Van Fleet feels the stiffest competition this year will come from Ann Arbor.

A BIG TEST will come Saturday when Seaholm will compete with 17 other teams in the relays at Royal Oak Kimball. Last year the Maples finished second to Grosse Pointe. In the five previous relays, Seaholm has finished first in three.

The events at Kimball are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m.

Birmingham Youth Wins Soccer Letter

Bill Lerchen, of Birmingham, a sophomore at Kenyon College, Ohio, has earned his second varsity letter in soccer.

Lerchen plays right fullback and was a valuable starter on the Kenyon team which compiled a 5-4-1 record. He is a member of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity and the son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Lerchen Jr., of 950 Waddington Road.

Mosconi Slates Clawson Visit

Willie Mosconi, world's pocket billiard champion, will give an exhibition of his cue skill Wednesday, Dec. 12, at the Clawson Cue Club, 220 South Main.

The popular star of the pocket billiard game will devote his show to a demonstration of billiard fundamentals, designed to show the beginner how to approach the game. He will also open his well-filled bag of trick shots, and regale his audience with his feats of pocketing rolling balls.

Mosconi is one of the all-time greats of pocket billiard history. In 15 out of the last 18 years, he has held the world's title in competition with some of the finest players ever to step to the table.

Red Wing Stars To Appear at Hockey Clinic

Former Detroit Red Wing stars Ted Lindsay and Marty Pavelich will conduct a hockey clinic for Birmingham area youngsters at 10 a.m. Saturday at the municipal ice rink, Lincoln and Eton roads.

The clinic will highlight tryouts scheduled for 120 boys for the Birmingham Recreation department's midget and juvenile hockey leagues from 8 a.m. to noon.

THE MIDGET players (13 to 15 years old) will begin at 8 a.m.; the clinic for all players and coaches will be conducted from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; and the final session from 10:30 a.m. to noon will include tryouts for the juvenile hockey enthusiasts (16 to 18 years old).

Deadline for registration was Wednesday at 5 p.m. but boys may continue to register at the ice rink office through Friday if vacancies exist.

CLINICS AND league play for boys 10 to 13 will be held on Saturday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Advance registration for this group is also being taken at the ice rink office.

Officials of league games and clinics will be Ebbie Goodfellow Jr. and Tim Baldwin.

Coaches for the leagues will be:

DAVE LAWRENCE, Walter Bird, John Lavrakas, Tom Moore, Jim Ogden, R. Knudson, Skip Armstrong and Ted Lawrence, for the midgets.

John Brown, Stu McLean, Will Wentz, Walter Folk, Darrel Middlewood, Jerry Racine and Ted Moore, for the juvenile league.

Barons Score 59-33 Win Over Oak Park Quintet

The Barons of Bloomfield Hills got the 1962-63 basketball season off to a rousing start Tuesday night by soundly thrashing Oak Park, 59-33.

Coach Ed Wichert's charges made it look easy as they controlled the ball most of the four periods and thwarted the losers' attempt to make it close.

JOHN AUGUSTIN of the Barons accounted for 16 points and was the game's top scorer. Also in the double figures for the winners are Bill Calhoun and Jay DeBrandt, with 12 points each.

George Brooks was high man for Oak Park with nine points.

THE BARONS led at halftime, 27-11. It was not until midway in the third quarter that the offense perked up and the margin was increased to 38-20 at the end of the third period.

The final quarter for the Hills' quintet was the big one as they outscored Oak Park 20 points to 13, while substituting freely.

WICHERT PRAISED Roger Stewart for his "fine defensive play" and rebounding efforts.

The coach said the victory was "strictly a team effort—our defense was good and I expect our offense to pick up as the season goes along."

The Barons took plenty of shots and connected on 24 per cent of the total from the floor.

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B'field Hills		Oak Park	
Stewart	1	Ruby	3
DeBrandt	12	Brooks	9
Melrose	6	Rappaport	6
Calhoun	12	Fink	7
Augustin	16	Stephens	3
Hah	4	Goldstein	4
Hoopengardner	3	Cuningberry	1
McCollum	1		

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Groves' Athletes Honored

Scores of parents gathered at Groves High School recently to pay tribute to football players and cross country runners at the school's 1962 fall sports banquet. Lloyd Lewis (right) was picked by players and coaches as the recipient of the Parents' Award, which is based on scholarship, leadership and playing ability. Looking on are, from left, Steve Meinzinger, All-Conference and All-Area tackle; Dan LaRose, Detroit Lions' tackle and guest speaker; and Groves' football coach Jim Kinnison. Of the 30 players that earned football letters, 23 will return next season.

Earns Football Letter in Ky.

Dick Emerick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Emerick, 1525 N. Cranbrook Road, Birmingham, has earned a second varsity football letter at the Kentucky Military Institute, Lyndon, Ky.

Emerick, a junior, was the leading scorer during the season with seven touchdowns and a total of 42 points. He gained 651 yards in 90 carries for an average of 7.2 yards per try. The team ended the season with a 4-4 record.

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