

Cranbrook Crushes Culver, Oak Park

Kimble's 40 Points Paces Double Win

Cranbrook seems to improve with each game and the past two have not been exceptions. Tuesday night, the Cranes whipped Oak Park, 72-64, to go with a 72-60 victory over Culver Military Academy Saturday.

Two Cranbrook players—Jim Bailey and Doug Fisher—fouled out in the second and third quarters, but the Cranes, behind the efforts of guard Joe Kimble and forward Bill Estes, went on to win.

Kimble tallied 20 points and Estes 17 for Cranbrook. Fisher added 14 in the time that he played.

THE CRANE quintet held the lead 14-11, at the first quarter break and refused to relinquish the lead throughout the remainder of the contest. The score at the third quarter was 54-41.

Al Ruby of Oak Park was the game's leading scorer with 21 points, followed by Dennis Pink with 19.

In the game with Culver, a 29-point third quarter for Cranbrook was a big factor in the victory, since the Cranes led by only three points at the half, 29-26. The visitors outscored Cranbrook in the second and fourth quarters but by only a few points.

COACH HUGH Davison had three men on Culver's Butch Pretorius. Despite the close guarding, Pretorius connected on seven fall-away jump shots and 15 free throws for 29 points and game honors.

Kimble, a 5-6 guard, was high for the Cranes with 20 points. Fisher and Estes tossed in almost half the total output between them, with each getting 16. Bailey had 10.

Kimble has been one of the leading scorers in Oakland County for most of the season.

Cranbrook now boasts an 8-4 overall record, with two games to go. The team has improved since the first of the year and especially since Fisher and Buz Mieras, both transfer students, were added to the roster.

THE CRANES will play Nichols School in New York Friday and then the following week close out the season against visiting Western Reserve from Cleveland, O.

Meanwhile, the Cranbrook wrestling squad pushed its record to 12-2 for the season with a 20-17 triumph over Culver Saturday and a 28-13 victory over Waterford Township Tuesday.

Tom Barlow decided his opponent in the 180-pound class to break a 14-14 tie with Culver and to give Cranbrook an insurmountable lead.

Southfield Movie

Southfield Department of Parks and Recreation will present two showings of "Gulliver's Travels" in Technicolor Saturday. The film will be shown at 10 a.m. in Magnolia School and 1:30 p.m. at East Southfield School. Children and adults are welcome.



Under Control

John McClanathan (top), with the help of a newly learned croch lift, pins fellow Groves' wrestler Mark Arthur. Both are members of the Groves Wrestling Club, whose members are expected to be the nucleus of the school's grappling squad when the sport makes its debut next fall. About 25 boys take to the mat each afternoon and on Saturday for instruction by Gilbert Johnson, a former Purdue wrestler.

AT MT. CLEMENS

Stouthearted Fans See Maples Win

By DAVE PHILPO
Sports Editor

People with faint hearts should not attend Seaholm basketball games. The Maples seem to have a knack of providing their fans with exciting finishes—for example the Ferndale game three weeks ago, which the team lost by one point in the final second.

Then there was Port Huron two weeks ago whom the Maples edged, 59-57.

Another wild climax transpired

in Mt. Clemens Friday night as the Birmingham team came out on top, 68-63, but it took a lot of scrambling to do it.

WITH A MINUTE to go, the Maples held a very slim margin of 61-60. Harold Wilbur's field goal and two free throws, Bruce Nye's two free throws and Ron Jacobson's one-pointer in the last 42 seconds, enabled fans and Coach Lou Parry to breathe easier.

As the game neared the halftime intermission it looked as if it would be a rout as Seaholm was leading, 27-15, with 3:26 left.

But at halftime, it was evident that Parry was worried.

FORWARD JOHN Slater had four fouls on him, added to the fact that Jay Shutt and Ron Jacobson had three each with 16 minutes of basketball left.

With 1:30 of the third period elapsed, both Slater and Shutt were sitting on the bench with four personal fouls each and Mt. Clemens had narrowed the gap to 30-27.

Things got worse for Seaholm. The Bathers forged ahead 33-32 at 3:30 and led at the third quarter, 44-42. The Maples took the lead again, 47-46, with 5:50 to go. (See MAPLES, 2-E)

Falcons Hand 65-54 Defeat To Haston 5

Groves rolled up its second highest season total Friday night in a 65-54 victory over Haston.

According to coach Tom Carson, the Falcons "had a mission to perform and the target was Haston." His charges were defeated by the team, 50-38, in an earlier contest.

Guard Jim Kokones of Groves provided the scoring punch lacking in several previous games as he shared game scoring honors with Haston's Bill Harland. Both boys had 19 points.

IT WAS a rough, hard-fought game that saw a Haston player shaken up and taken to the hospital with a suspected concussion. He was examined and released.

Falcons Tom Cantrell was a casualty for the winners, but the injury was not serious. He lost part of a front tooth in one of the many scrambles that transpired in the contest.

A big second quarter made the difference for Groves, as Kokones tossed in 13 to lead his mates to a 26-13 edge over the visitors. Haston had led at the end of the first period, but the Falcons left the floor at half time with a 35-29 advantage.

MOST OF Kokones' points came layups after successfully driving in under the basket.

Carson said he thought the major factor in Groves' win was control of the boards. The Falcons easily outplayed Haston on the boards, picking off 19 defensive and 15 offensive rebounds.

Jim Whitney led the pack with 11 and Cantrell and Bill Stephenson came down with seven each.

"I think our boys just wanted to prove to themselves they could play ball," commented Carson. "And our shooting wasn't bad at all." (See FALCONS, 2-E)

Presbyterians To Compete in 'Y' Tourney

First Presbyterian won its 22nd straight league game in a row by beating St. Andrews Lutheran, 54-36, Monday night in the Birmingham YMCA senior high basketball league at Derby Junior High.

First Presbyterian will represent Birmingham in the Class A Detroit area tournament at Northwestern YMCA, March 9.

GARY SMITH drove in for 38 points and teammate Jerry Lohla had 11 points. Mike Settle collected 12 points for St. Andrews. Smith is the league's top scorer with 154 points in eight games for a 19-point average.

In the second game of the double-header, First Baptist beat First Methodist 54-35, and clinched second place. Bob Arnold and John Brown had 17 and 15 points for the winners and Bob Smith scored 10 for First Methodist.

Final League Standings:

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First Presbyterian	8 0
First Baptist	5 3
First Methodist	4 4
St. Andrews Lutheran	4 4
St. James Episcopal	0 8

Among the duet and solo numbers are Marilyn Perry, Marcia Haack, Jack Doe, Pat Collins, Cindy Pfeiffer and Leigh Marriner.

In the event of bad weather, "Let's Pretend" will be postponed to 7:30 p.m., Sunday. Information can be obtained by calling MI 7-0064.

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Speaking of Sports

Groves' Grapplers Follow Able Tutor

By DAVE PHILPO
Sports Editor

Any resemblance between the big bruisers seemingly killing each other on TV and the real sport of wrestling is purely nonexistent.

So says Gilbert Johnson, 32-year-old veteran of several wars, himself.

PRESENTLY, Johnson is a shop teacher at Groves, but each afternoon for an hour and a half and two hours on Saturday, he dons his sweat-togs and endeavors to teach some 25 enthusiastic pupils at Groves the manly art of grappling.

The group, known as the Groves Wrestling Club, is the forerunner of what is to be a full-fledged varsity sport at the school next fall.

Judging by the dexterity with which the lightweight Johnson flipped his heavier pupils around (all for instructional purposes, of course), Groves will be missing a bet if it doesn't hire the young man as the first coach of the fledgling sport.

"Some of the exhibitions you see on TV are such farces that they give legitimate wrestling a bad name," declares Johnson. "In real wrestling, you must rely on skill, speed, endurance and strength."

"And, at the same time, the sport builds these qualities in youngsters."

ISN'T THERE danger of kids getting hurt when they wrestle with each other—like broken arms or legs?

"According to statistics, wrestling has been established as the sport with the least amount of injuries. You can thank the strict rules and regulations for that."

"Wrestling is far superior to boxing. Unlike boxing, the object in wrestling is not to hurt your opponent but to control him. Also, this is the only sport in which every muscle in the body comes into play."

Just what do you feel is the value of wrestling in the high school sport's picture?

"High school wrestling fills a big gap. It takes care of the small boy who wouldn't have a chance to make the team in basketball or football because of his size. In this sport, even the 165-pounder can win his letter in varsity competition." (See GRAPPLERS, 6-E)

'Let's Pretend' Saturday

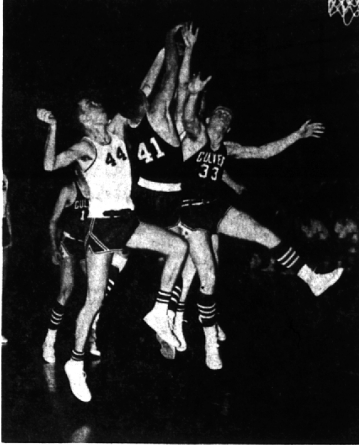
The flashing of skates under the lights is a familiar sight at Eton each week as participants practice for the seventh annual Skaters' Holiday, "Let's Pretend," scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Skater's Holiday is part of the winter program of the Birmingham Recreation department and is co-sponsored by the City of Birmingham and the Board of Education.

The cast of 150 includes amateur skaters age six to adults. Choreography for the group numbers is being done by Marg Haack, Eton skating instructor.



GILBERT JOHNSON teaches chain wrestling.



MODERN DANCE, Greek statuary, or what have you? Sometimes, the camera stops the action at a peculiar instant. Just for the record, these are basketball players for Cranbrook and Culver Military Academy. No. 44 is 6-4 Crane Doug Fisher. The Cranes came up with a 29-point third period and defeated the visitors, 72-60, for their seventh win of the year. Joe Kimble led Cranbrook with 20 points.

SEAHOLM AND GROVES

B'ham Tankers Dunk Foes

Birmingham received excellent representation in high school swimming competition last week as both Seaholm and Groves swam to impressive victories over other Oakland County tankers.

The brilliant Maples continued their bid for a perfect season by routing Kimball, 66-39, and the Falcons took nine firsts in defeating Ferndale, 63-42.

The liveliest competition in the Seaholm-Kimball meet came in the 400-yard freestyle which pitted the Maples' Bob Wolf against Tim Cash of the Royal Oak school.

INDICATIVE of the effort put forth by both boys, a new pool, school and county record was set by Cash with a time of 4:11.2. The time also replaced Wolf's prior state lead of 4:12.1.

For 12 laps Wolf and Cash stayed neck, but on the final turn, the Maple had a bad push away

and Cash pulled ahead. Doug Wehler of Kimball, also a state front-runner in the event, finished second, and Wolf third.

Wolf previously had set new school and pool records in the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:54.8.

OTHER FIRSTS for Seaholm included the 200-medley relay with the team of Dave Nelson, Dave Zimmer, Don Spencer and Jack Hoyt posting a time of 1:47.0; Randy Matthews in the 50-free-

Maples' Bob Wolf against Tim Cash of the Royal Oak school. Steiner in the 100 butterfly with a time of 56.1; Tom Fritz in the 100 backstroke at 1:12.3; and Dan Wickham in the 200 individual medley.

Seaholm will close out its dual meet season Friday night at Jackson. (See TANKERS, 2-E)

GROVES WON both the 200 medley relay and the 200 freestyle



Warm at Northwood

Ever since Northwood Golf Course, on Maple Road, in Troy, installed a heated tee line two weeks ago, golfing enthusiasts from the Birmingham area have been flocking to the driving range for a few pre-Spring practice shots.

John Ogen, pro at the course, is warm as toast as he demonstrates the proper swing. Manager Fred Gattegno claims that the heated tee line at Northwood is the only one of its kind in operation in the United States.

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