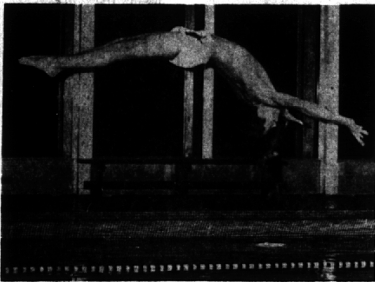


Thurston Tankers Nip Groves



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To an athlete, defeat always comes hard. Sometimes, it hits harder than usual. And yet, defeat has been known to generate pride and determination.

This is the case with the Groves swim team and its coach, Jim Glander. He watched his Falcons break three school records, swim faster than they had ever before, but when it was all over, lose by a body length to Thurston, 53-52.

The meet decided the Northwest Suburban League dual meet championship. Thurston can now coast through its remaining meets. Groves must wait for the league meet in their pool March 7 to get revenge.

THE DUAL meet Friday had all the excitement and intense competition that was part of the Kimball-Seaholm match a week earlier. But, the ending was different.

Groves was trailing and had to win the last event, the 200-free relay, in order to win the meet. Glander had used his fastest

boys and had to counter with Bill Long, Kirk Olson, Larry Judd and Pete Decker.

"They all swam faster than they had ever done. In fact, it seemed up their timing—they hit the wall before they were ready," Glander said.

The foursome did a remarkable job. They finished in a time of 1:38.9, but finished one length behind Thurston, who churned the distance in 1:37.3.

THE MEET saw Groves swimmers set school records in the first three events. The 200-metley relay team of Dave Mead, Zeke Zeigel, Dave Wind and Chuck Mitchell set a new time of 1:48.8.

Dave Robertson established a time of 2:01.6 when he finished second to Thurston's Bill Zeeb in

the 200-free. Kevin Tooma battled state champ Ken Wiebeck to the wire in the 50-free, before placing second in the school record time of :23.2.

Wiebeck set a state record in the 100-back with a clocking of :56.1. Falcon Doug Hitch was second in the record time of 1:02.8.

Groves' Gary Geiger won the diving and the Falcons swept the 100-free with Scott Jones and Dave Mead. Thurston's Pat Dabbs won the 200-individual medley and the 100-butterfly.

IT WAS A heartbreaking loss for Groves, their first defeat in four dual meets. "The boys made a tremendous effort," Glander said.

"All we needed was another third place, either in the 100-breaststroke, 100-backstroke, individual medley or 100-butterfly and we would have won. These boys have made up their minds they're going to win the league meet."

As mentioned before, defeat can also generate pride and determination.

HORIZONTAL TO the water is Groves diver Gary Geiger as he executes one of his specialties. Geiger totaled 63 1/2 points to win the competition Friday against Thurston. Groves lost a 53-52 decision to their opponents, although four school records were broken in the process by Falcon swimmers.

8 TRIUMPHS IN A ROW

Rice Maintains League Lead

Brother Rice showed its usual well-balanced scoring and weathered a slight scare from winless De La Salle Friday to turn in a 64-56 Catholic League win.

Overcoming a small court and a lapse in the second period, the Warriors hung on to a three-point lead throughout the contest and finished with four men in double figures.

Brother Rice, now 8-1 in loop action, was led by center Bill Moore who canned 19 points. Guard Paul Jagals hit for 18, while Chuck Keller and Dave Walter added 10 each.

DE LA SALLE, 0-9 in the league, threw a scare into the league-leading Warriors by roaring back from a 19-12 first period deficit to trail at half, 33-28.

Hungry for a victory, the losers were outscored by only three points

in the second half, but could not tie the count. Rice led 49-42 after three quarters. Senior ace Denny Swartzfager had 21 points for De La Salle.

The victory enabled Brother Rice to maintain a slim one-game lead over Notre Dame and U. of D. High, both of which face the Warriors on their home courts in two weeks.

Rice must defeat both teams to win the title outright, providing neither is knocked off before. The Warriors play upset-minded Austin at home tomorrow. The Friars, always dangerous, lost by just one basket to U. of D. Friday.

Brother Rice (64)—	PG	FT	TP
Walter, F	8	0	19
Moore, C	8	3	19
Jagals, P	7	4	18
Keller, C	7	4	16
Walter, D	7	4	16
Kreutz, J	2	1	6
De La Salle	26	12	54
Dr. Rice	19	16	56
De La Salle	12	14	44

RICK KROGSRUD of Groves takes a gulp of air as he churms his way through the 200-individual medley. He finished a close second to Thurston's Pat Duthie.

South Lyon Routed, 73-46, by Cranbrook

Cranbrook's basketball contingent routed a game South Lyon team Saturday to fashion a 73-46 victory, their eighth of the current campaign.

"It was our strongest game of the year. South Lyon is a much improved club, but they were exhausted in the fourth quarter and we were hot," coach Hugh Davison said of the win.

The Cranes really poured it on. Davison alternated his two tall players, Jim Bailey and Doug Fisher, after both got in foul trouble early. By using height, Cranbrook utilized its fast break and ran South Lyon to death.

THE FIRST quarter was unusually high-scoring, Cranbrook holding a slim 20-17 advantage.

After leading 35-30 at halftime and 48-40 at the end of three periods of play, the Cranes overwhelmed their exhausted opponents, 25-6, to break open a tight battle.

The Cranes had four players in double figures. Buz Mieras was high man with 19 points, while Jeff Hipps had 16, Jim Bailey 11 and Sid Barthwell canned 10. Barthwell hit on five of six.

South Lyon was termed "a tough out" by Crane coach Davison. They were led by Pat Bane who scored 18 points. It was their

fourth loss in nine starts. Cranbrook is now 8-1.

CRANBROOK A team that likes to run, has now held its nine opponents to an average of just 46 points, while hitting for an average of 64 points, offensively.

The Cranes shot 47 per cent from the floor, best for the year. They managed only 55 per cent at the line.

After a game with Oak Park Feb. 4, the Cranes start their league schedule. "We only play four league games in the Interstate League, and the all are one-shot experiences," Davison said.

Sports Night Set At Grade School

Members of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs' baseball, football, basketball and softball teams will receive awards Monday night.

Coch Joseph O'Connor will present the trophies at the school's annual Awards Night. The event, scheduled for 7:30 p.m., is sponsored by the Dad's Club.

Main feature on the program will be "Secrets of Strength" presented by Lt. Eldon Dreher, of the Detroit Fire Dept., who will demonstrate strong-man feats.

Guest speakers will be Father Lucian Hebert and Joe Pascuzzi, Brother Rice football coach. Refreshments and door prizes will be included.

60-58 THRILLER

Maples Edge Eagles In Closing Seconds

Seaholm accomplished three things in one game Friday night. The Maples (1) put a halt to Parkers' title hopes, (2) re-established themselves as serious contenders in the EML and (3) threw the Eastern Michigan League basketball race into a chaotic scramble.

The first of the three was perhaps the biggest surprise. After several games of mediocre basketball, Seaholm found the spark that had ignited them to an opening-game win over the defending state champs.

With their backs to the wall, Seaholm pulled out a last-minute 60-58 victory when Bruce Nyberg sank a jumper with only six seconds to go.

ITS IMPOSSIBLE to count a team like that out of the race, especially when coach Lew Parry seems to have found the combination he's been looking for all year.

"I've moved Harold Wilbur (6-foot-3) and Bruce Nyberg (6-foot-4) to the guard positions, switched



KEVIN TOOMA (lane 4) and Bill Long (lane 5) of Groves dive forward at the start of the 50-free. The one-two punch for Groves finished second and third behind state champ Ken Wiebeck. Tooma chased

Wiebeck to the wire and set a new Falcon record of :23.2. Wiebeck was a double winner for Thurston, winning the 100-backstroke later in the state record time of :56.1.

Bloomfield Pulls Within One Game of Clarkston Wolves

Bloomfield Hills, staying right on the heels of front-running Clarkston, got an unexpected boost from Holly Friday to pull them within one game of first place.

The Barons, 68-48 conquerors of Northville, were edged by a 64-58 Holly upset of Clarkston that closed the gap between the two top teams. Bloomfield is 6-2, while Clarkston is 7-1.

Four marksmen reached double figures for the Barons Friday. Dan Maute topped all scorers with 19 points. He also nabbed 11 rebounds as the Hills held a 37-28 lead in that department.

MAUTE HIT nine of 12 from the line and bagged five field goals. Greg Riggs had 14 points. Greg Anderson had 12 and Dave Gottlieb 10 in a balanced attack.

"We played four good quarters," coach Hal Henderson said. The Barons had stanzas of 15, 17, 15 and 21 points.

Northville outscored them in the first half and Henderson instructed

his players to use a full-court press. The strategy worked as Northville scored just 12 points in the second period, 11 in the third and eight in the fourth.

The Hills hit on 26 of 64 from the floor and 16 of 30 at the line. Northville managed 17 of 39 from the floor and 14 of 28 charity attempts.

THE BARONS went ahead in the early minutes of the second quar-

ter after the score was tied, 21-21. They led from there on out. Henderson used 10 players and seven of them hit the scoreboard.

After building up a 10-point lead with about 2 and one-half minutes left in the game, Henderson used his subs.

Northville was led by 6-foot-4 sophomore center Jim Mazel who totaled 14 points on five field goals. Bloomfield faces Brighton tomorrow night.

Parkers Bow to Seaholm

Birmingham Seaholm's swimming team wrapped up dual meet victory Monday night with a 4-0-5.

THE TIME was four-tenths of a second faster than the fastest time in the event in 1953; a 4:05.5 clocking. The class A state record is 4:04.6.

Seaholm, seeking its 37th consecutive dual meet victory, will host Mt. Clemens in a league meet tomorrow.

West Bloomfield Runs Victory String to Four

West Bloomfield, the "cinderella" team of 1964, recorded its fourth straight Wayne-Oakland League victory Friday, doubling Clarenceville, 53-46.

The Lakers, unbeaten since the start of the new year, ran their won-lost record to 5-3 and took over undisputed possession of third place, two games behind Clarkston.

Dan Greig, one of the steadier performers in Oakland County, netted 22 points on eight field goals and six free throws. Dave Graves scored 18 for the losers.

WEST BLOOMFIELD took a narrow 11-10 first quarter lead, but fell behind in the second period. Then, an 11-point spurt before halftime erased a seven point deficit and gave the Lakers a 23-23 lead at intermission.

West Bloomfield poured in 16 points in the third stanza and led by as much as 15 points when Clarenceville went stone cold.

The losers trimmed the margin to just five points in the final period when they outscored West Bloomfield, 12-8, but Clarenceville could never come any closer.

WEST BLOOMFIELD, defending co-champs of the league, traveled to Northville (4-4) tomorrow.

Player of the Week

Tim Bannon of Birmingham, a sophomore at Denison University, was selected Player of the Week by the school's swimming coach recently. A backstroke specialist, Bannon set a new meet record of 2:24.5.

JEFF MEYER (43), Seaholm's 6-foot-5 senior center grabs the ball in a bit of mid-court action against Ferndale Friday night. Meyer, one of the key reasons for Seaholm's better team play, contributed five points to

a thrilling 60-58 victory over the Eagles. The win enabled Seaholm to move within one game of first place in the Eastern Michigan League. Ferndale's Rick Bloodworth (24) moves in on Meyer.



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