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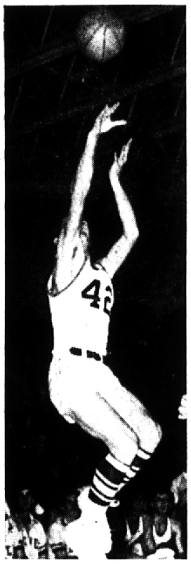

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TWO FOR GROVES
Jump shot hits

Groves Rolls Past Thurston In 80-73 Win

"Christmas came a week early!"

Groves coach Tom Carson was commenting on his Falcons 80-73 conquest of a tough Thurston squad Friday night.

The victory enabled Groves to move into sole possession of first place in the Northwest Suburban League and the Birmingham team is assured of that position for the remainder of the year.

None of the schools in the loop, including Groves, is scheduled to appear on a basketball court until the Christmas holidays are over. Groves will meet Oak Park Jan. 8 in an away game.

THE FALCONS were led offensively and defensively by center Dennis Rafferty, who dropped in 34 points and pulled down 20 rebounds in the win.

"Dennis got a lot of shots in close. We ran more and made fewer mistakes than in any other game this year. We really found ourselves," Carson said.

Rafferty's accomplishments are even more noticeable when one takes into consideration the fact that he missed the last three minutes, due to foul trouble.

Ed Skorupa provided valuable help for the winners. He netted 12 points and played a steady game. Mike Rafferty, Dennis' brother, canned 10 points, while Bob Scharff added nine.

Groves broke into an 18-11 lead on their home court in the first quarter. It marked the first time the Falcons were able to score steadily in the first half.

THEY HELD a lead of 38-32 at halftime, despite the fact that Thurston outscored them in the second stanza, 21-20.

The Falcons continued to find the range in the third period, scoring 25 points to their opponents' 20. They hung on in the final eight minutes after the two Rafferty s and Skorupa had fouled out to post the 80-73 win.

John Page, who also exited with fouls, led the Thurston attack with 27 points. Coaster added 12.

The 80 points marked a new scoring record for Groves on their home floor. The Falcons' previous

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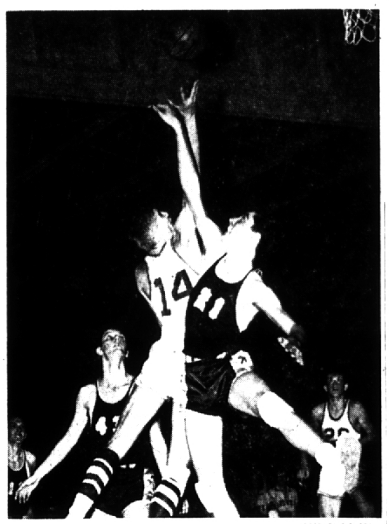

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GROVES PLAYER OUTJUMPS THURSTON RIVAL
Falcons grabbed first place with 80-73 victory.

Seaholm Suffers First Loss, 75-59

By DICK ZEMMIN
Sports Editor

Seaholm fell from the ranks of the undefeated Friday. The Maples, after winning their first five contests, succumbed to a hot Southfield quintet, 75-59.

The defeat dropped Seaholm into a four-way tie for second place in the Southeastern Michigan Association with Southfield, Kimball and Berkley. All schools sport a 1-1 league mark.

The Blue Jays were led by guard Riik Coleman, an Indiana transfer, who netted 25 points. He was helped by Ray Schlaff with 24 and Rich Smigielski with 16.

Southfield played an inspired ball game from start to finish. Capitalizing on the Maples' poor shooting percentage (32 per cent) and rebounding, the Jays moved in front, 22-16, after one period of play.

THEY OUTSHOT the home team, 16-14, in the second stanza to carry a 38-30 advantage off the court at halftime.

In the second half, Seaholm came back strong. They outscored the winners, 17-14, in the third quarter, and evened the count at 43-43 early in the period on the shooting of Tom Snyder.

But, Southfield, not to be denied, poured it on in the final eight minutes. Leading 52-47 going into the fourth stanza, the Jays rolled past the unbeaten Maples, 23-12, to post their decisive victory.

It was obvious from the start that Southfield was up for the contest. Coleman and Ted Simmons, the other Blue Jay guard, harassed the taller Maples.

Up front, Seaholm couldn't compete with Southfield on the boards, despite their advantage in height. The Jays used a fast break to perfection, also.

"THEY'VE GOT a good ball club," Seaholm coach Lew Parry said. We couldn't penetrate their zone and we weren't rebounding. Southfield wouldn't be denied."

The Jays threw up their zone effectively throughout the game. Seaholm, unable to get the boards, was forced to shoot from the outside and the usually reliable Maple gunners couldn't find the range.

All-Area guard Harold Wilbur played another fine game for Seaholm, standing out in the last quarter, despite the fact that Southfield sewed up the game in those final eight minutes.

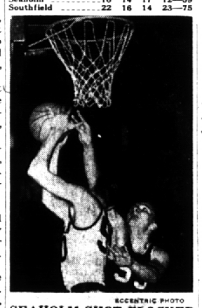
Wilbur canned 16 points in a losing cause, while teammates Jim Horner and John Toland added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

THE WIN evened Southfield's overall mark at 2-2. Seaholm now stands 5-1. The Maples will return to action Jan. 8 at Berkley.

Seaholm's reserves won their game, 60-58, Rich Slater leading the attack with 16.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Seaholm	16	14	17	12	59
Southfield	22	16	14	23	75



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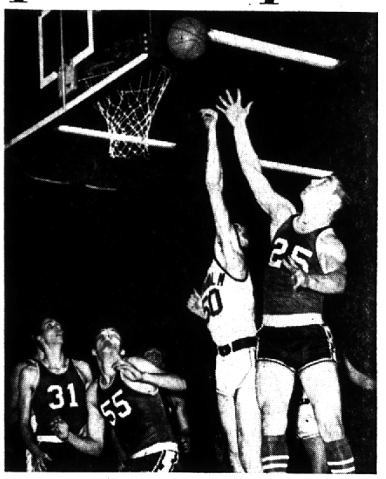
SEAHOLM SHOT BLOCKED
Blue Jay foils attempt.



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SOUTHFIELD'S TED SIMMONS (25) GRABS REBOUND
Jim Horner of Seaholm (50) misses rebound.

Area Riders, Owners Claim State Honors

Birmingham - Bloomfield riders and owners again captured their share of honors at the annual Michigan Horse Show Association award dinner Dec. 15.

Bloomfield Open Hunt riders who were either champions or reserve champions included Richard Schuster, Birmingham; Robert M. Lambert, Jr., Bloomfield Hills; Alison Cram, Birmingham; and Debbie Willson, Bloomfield Hills.

Schuster won the Horsemanship over fences, the Michigan Hunts Perpetual Junior Challenge Trophy. He also rode The Suburbanite and Coal Shock to reserve championships.

LAMBERT WON THE Grants Perpetual Trophy and was champion of the Hunter seat events. He was reserve champion in the Michigan Hunts trophy event and tied with Miss Cram for reserve in horsemanship over fences.

Miss Cram also was reserve in the hunter seat and Grants Perpetual Trophy. Miss Willson's Glory Bar was reserve in the Green Working Hupter events.

Birmingham's Pam Evans was honored in two events. She claimed the hunter seat and horsemanship over fences in the 13 and under class.

A sweep was scored by N. J. Ellis of Birmingham in the Junior Walking Horse championship when two of the owner's mounts placed one-two. Super Sun was champion with Duke of Sun taking reserve.

Barons, Lakers Tie For 2nd in League

Bloomfield Hills coach Hal Henderson benched three of his starting ball players in an effort to find a winning combination and his Barons responded with an impressive 68-46 victory over Milford Friday to move Hills into a tie for second place.

Sharing second in the Wayne-Oakland League with Bloomfield are Clarkston and West Bloomfield. The Lakers dropped a 48-44 decision to Clarkston the same night.

Bloomfield, West Bloomfield and Clarkston all sport 2-1 records. First-place Holly leads the pack with a 3-0 mark.

HENDERSON BENCHED three of his boys to try and score more points. Although the three reserves only scored nine points among themselves, they provided the spark needed for victory.

Milford kept the contest close for the first two periods. But, in the second quarter, Mike Yeager suffered a broken nose and had to retire from the game to join two other regulars also sidelined with injuries.

That took the fight out of the losers. Bloomfield Hills used a fast break to perfection in the final two quarters and the winners built up a margin that Milford could not overcome.

Guard Greg Anderson tallied 16 points to lead the Bloomfield Hills offense, while center Mike Righter chipped in with 15 points. Milford's Jim Ward scored 15 points to lead his team, while teammate Gary Soltysiak added 10.

Bloomfield canned 12 of their first 15 free throws in the game.

WEST BLOOMFIELD, undefeated in league action, ran into a stubborn Clarkston five. The Lakers, down throughout the game, staged a final rally to deadlock the count at 44-44.

But the issue was settled in the final minute when Clarkston reserve Rod Allen dropped in a bucket to put the winners in front to stay.

Dan Fife paced the winners with 16 points and Gary Pearson contributed 11.

West Bloomfield led by three points in the first period on three different occasions. Clarkston went up, 17-11, in the second quarter. The Lakers trailed until late in the third stanza when Jay Williams knotted it with a field goal.

After falling behind, 37-31, West Bloomfield again closed the gap. With 3:34 left, Greg Heppinstall put the Lakers ahead, 44-43. But Clarkston rallied to take the game.

Kim Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Williams, 1023 Yarmouth Rd., Birmingham, was awarded a letter in football at The Winchendon School, Winchendon, Mass.

Cranes Dump Oak Park

Cranbrook won its second basketball game of the year last week, downing Oak Park, 79-55, behind Jim Bailey's 16 points and the fine defensive work of Tom Van Horn.

Van Horn and Sid Barthwell each netted 14, while other starters Buzz Mieras and John Pavloff had 12 and 10, respectively. The Cranes were never behind in the game, leading, 22-10, after the first quarter.

MONDAY CRANBROOK will enter the Riverview Christmas tournament, meeting Schaefer High in the opener. The Cranes will face the winner of the Riverview-Taylor Kennedy game, if they also win against Schaefer.

In hockey last week, Cranbrook was blanked by Ann Arbor, 5-0. A weak defense opened the gates for the winners. Cranbrook's wrestling squad dumped Groves, 38-14.

Tam O'Shanter Elects '65 Officers, Board Members

An election of officers for 1965 was held recently at Tam O'Shanter Country Club in Orchard Lake.

Elected president for the new season was Dr. David W. Keats. Irving Auslander is executive vice president, while Max Tauber was named vice president. New secretary is Allan Stein and treasurer is Morris Cole.

Three new board members were also elected. They are Dr. Keats, Tauber and Nelson Demos.

Prep Star Of the Week

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DENNIS RAFFERTY, Groves center, led the Falcons to their second league triumph Friday with a 34-point performance against Thurston. The senior center also was a star on the boards, picking off 20 rebounds as Groves stayed on top in the Northwest Suburban League.

Pool Rivals Swamped By Seaholm, Groves

It was the same old story in prep swimming circles Friday and Saturday.

Seaholm powered its way through two dual meet victories while their counterpart, Groves, put down a tough Thurston unit to lead their league.

The Maples recorded their 44th and 45th straight dual meet wins, whipping Southfield Friday, 80-25, and then tripping Grosse Pointe Saturday, 64-41.

Groves, on the other hand, staged a fine show against Thurston and then hung on to nip their hosts, 53-52, despite a desperate rally by the losers.

AGAINST SOUTHFIELD, Seaholm swept the medley relay in 1:53.9 and the freestyle relay in 1:35.6. Rod Henderson, Tom Lawton, Chuck Moseley and Mike Quinn combined to make the latter a pool record.

Henderson also won the 200-individual medley in 2:19.6, while Lawton took the 50-freestyle in :23.8. Ted Blakeslee won the 100-butterfly in the pool record time of :57.4.

Ken Janke took the 100-breaststroke in 1:07.8, Giff Crosby the 100-freestyle in :54.0 and Ted Bates the 100-backstroke in 1:05.0. Seaholm's Steve Mason won the 200-

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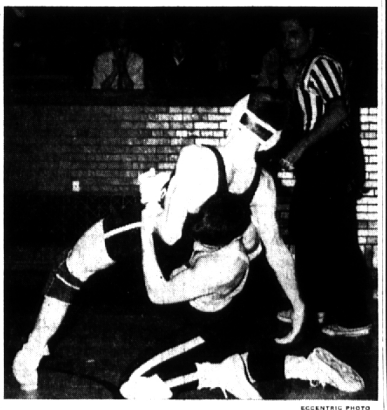

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Heading for a Fall

Birmingham Groves and Cranbrook met for only the second time on the wrestling mat last week and the Cranes came away with a 38-14 victory. Groves, however, in just their second year of competition, scored three wins, one of them in the 95-pound class when Groves' Savage (top) escaped from his apparent predicament and decisioned Cranbrook's Hanway (bottom). Groves wrestled Seaholm Wednesday in the first meeting of the two schools.

Groves Wrestler Wins Weight Class In County Tourney

Pete Ruhf, a member of Groves' wrestling team, earns a special recognition from The Eccentric for his performance in the recent Oakland County Wrestling Tournament at Warren Fitzgerald High School.

Ruhf, who wrestles in the 138-pound class, defeated five opponents and went on to win his division in the annual meet, attended by 16 schools.

The meet was won by Pontiac Northern with 43 points. It marked the first time in five years that Hazel Park has not won the meet.

NOTCHES 78-76 VICTORY

Br. Rice Tops DeLaSalle

Brother Rice got back on the winning track Friday night at DeLaSalle. The Warriors handed their hosts a 78-76 defeat.

The victory, not quite as close as the score indicates, was the third of the season in four starts for the Warriors, who are now in a second-place tie with Catholic Central, a team that defeated Rice two weeks ago.

U. of D., on top with a 4-0 mark, nipped Austin in the last second to maintain a one-half game lead over the Warriors.

RICE JUMPED off to a commanding 28-18 lead in the first quarter and lengthened it to 46-34 at the half. But a 23-point effort on the part of DeLaSalle in the third quarter brought the losers to within two points entering the final period.

Brother Rice, however, choked off the DeLaSalle offensive attack by pressing the home team into making crucial mistakes throughout the last quarter. Both schools scored 19 points in the final eight minutes.

Buck Murray led Rice in the scoring department, notching 17 points on eight field goals and one charity toss. He was helped by four other Warriors who hit double figures.

Dick Kreuz had 13 points, Tom McPhail hit for 12 and Terry Finn and Tom Schearer each added 10. Reserve center Dan Parks chipped in with nine.

"Parks and McPhail did a fine job of rebounding in the second half," said Warrior coach Bill Norton.

RICE HIT for 55 per cent in the first half. The Warriors had 54 per cent from the free throw line for the entire game. DeLaSalle was led by Terry Swartzfager who had 27.

Brother Rice will not see action until after the holidays. The Warriors will meet Austin at home Jan. 2.

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