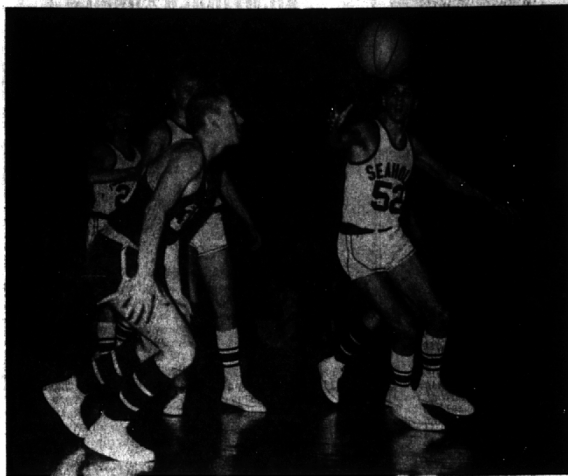


Seaholm, Bloomfield Chase Conference Crowns



SEAHOLM MOVED another step closer to an Eastern Michigan League basketball title Friday night when they turned back Royal Oak Kimball, 60-52, at Seaholm. The Maples, now 10-3 in league play and deadlocked with Ferndale for first, must beat East Detroit tomorrow night. Maple Bruce

FINISHES 3RD IN LEAGUE

Groves Wins Final Game

Groves wound up its regular basketball season Friday with a thrilling, nip-and-tuck victory over Northwest Suburban League member Livonia-Franklin, 54-53.

The victory against the Falcons' circuit mark at 4-4 and cemented their third place finish in the five-team league. Thurston and North Farmington fight for the title Friday.

Groves jumped off to an 18-8 edge in the first period, but faltered in the second and hung on to a 27-26 halftime advantage.

THE FALCONS again went out in front in the second half, but Franklin's Larry Duffield hit on a jumper with 20 seconds left to give his team the lead for the first time, 53-52.

Groves brought the ball down court, missed a shot, and with 12 seconds showing on the clock, cashed in when Bill Stephenson tipped in a shot.

Stephenson and Rafferty led Groves with 14 points apiece. Duffield sparked Franklin with 22 points. The Falcons finished with a 5-9 record over-all.

Falcon coach Tom Carson said that Bill Forrester came off the bench and "was a big help." He got five baskets in the final quarter.

"I THINK WE had a pretty good year considering we won five games with a junior team and one that was injury-riddled," Carson added.

Groves is not scheduled to play until the district playoffs at Seaholm Tuesday. The Falcons face Berkley in the opening round.

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Maples Face Second-Place East Detroit

Deadlocked in 1st With Ferndale

The Eastern Michigan League may be heading for disbandment at the end of the year, but the old circuit is making sure the final basketball race goes right down to the wire.

With one game left for each school, Seaholm and defending champ Ferndale are neck and neck for the crown. Both own 10-3 records.

Seaholm shook off stubborn Royal Oak Kimball Friday, 60-52, while Ferndale routed Hazel Park, 69-42. The Maples travel to East Detroit and the Eagles entertain Port Huron in their finales.

THE SCHEDULE certainly favors Ferndale. Port Huron is mired in last place with a 1-12 mark, but Seaholm's opponent, East Detroit, is currently riding one game behind the leaders with a 9-4 slate.

This is the game coach Lew Parry said he was worried about weeks ago. The Maples, on the crest of a seven game winning streak, now face the toughest game of the season.

All too well Seaholm students remember the cold night at Roseville when Seaholm lost the football championship in the final game. A trip to East Detroit could be just as disastrous.

Seaholm started slowly against Kimball. The two teams were even after the first quarter, 15-15, and tied at the half, 33-33. But in the third period, Seaholm won the game.

THE MAPLES ran up a 25-8 gap in scoring and took a 40-38 advantage. They never lost the lead from that point on, although they were outscored 14-11 in the final stanza.

Scoring honors went to Kimball's Pete McVittie, who counted 26, but Seaholm's Mark Fritz, with 20, and Ron Jacobson, with 12, easily offset that.

Fritz tallied nine of Seaholm's 15 points in the first quarter. Harold Wilbur checked in with 10. Seaholm hit on 24 of 51 field goal attempts while Kimball could only manage 19 on 56. The Maples were hotter at the line, also, hitting on 12-16, as compared with the Knights' 14-28.

KIMBALL USED a full-court press for the entire game and the maneuver allowed the Knights to stay with Seaholm for the balance of the first half.

Coch Parry said that he expected the press and cited guard Harold Wilbur as doing a good job of breaking the defense. Seaholm held a 34-24 rebounding edge.

The Maples start district playoff action Tuesday when they entertain Royal Oak Dondero at 8:45 p.m. on their own gym floor.

Country Day Places Fourth In Tournament

Detroit Country Day grabbed fourth place in the six-team Maumee Valley basketball tournament held in Maumee Friday and Saturday.

The Yellowjackets had the unfortunate experience to draw top-seeded Park School of Indiana in the first round and were defeated, 49-32, although Steve Serlin held the tournament's top player, Neil Punk, to only eight points.

Dave Walker had 15 points for Country Day, while Paul Sonda netted 10 in the loss.

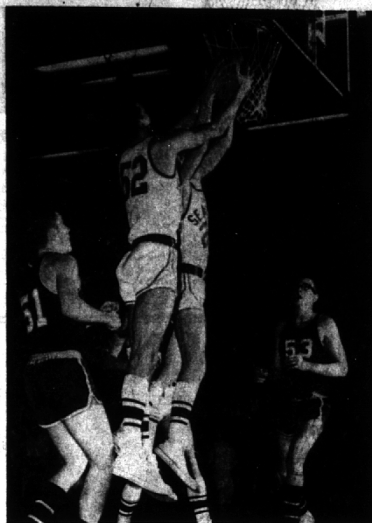
COUNTRY DAY defeated Evansville, Ind., in the following round, 52-47, to make them eligible for the consolation game. Paul Sonda scored 21 points, while Walker and Gary Grimes each had 12.

Grosse Pointe University School downed Country Day, 67-46, in the consolation game, even though Sonda hit for a season's high of 25 points.

The performance placed Sonda on the all-tournament team. Walker was voted an honorable mention. Country Day finished fourth in the tournament, winning one and losing two.

THE YELLOWJACKETS are now 3-10 overall and close out the regular season against Waterford Our Lady of Lakes Friday.

The school's hockey team dumped the Mountain View Rangers Wednesday, 4-1, at the Cranbrook Ice rink.



GETTING THE jump on Royal Oak Kimball Friday night, are Seaholm's Bruce Nyberg (52) and an unidentified teammate. The two Maple players made sure this rebound didn't get away as two Knight defenders slumped by helplessly. Seaholm made good use of its height throughout the game as they emerged with a 34-24 rebounding edge and a 60-52 victory.

Maple Swimmers Set Pace in AAU Meets

The Maple Swim Club continued to be a strong contender in the AAU meets in this area as evidence of their fine showing in Flint recently.

The 12 and under division wound up second in the competition as Tim Murphy finished first in the 50-freestyle for boys 10 and under in :29.8. Rick Phillips was fourth.

LIZA MORGAN took first in the eight and under girls' 25-freestyle with :16.9 and the boys' 10 and under relay of Phillips, Murphy, Fred Westdale and Bob Rex set a Michigan state record for the 100-freestyle relay in :56.8.

The 10 and under girls' relay of Kathy Ash, Gayle Wendel, Nancy Norkils and Sue Engle finished second and the 13-14 medley relay team of Marty Moore, Earl Lane, Gayle Champagne and Peg Fournier also were second.

The boys relay team of Pete Wallace, Don Parrish, Mark Lenox and Don Robertson were noted out by Fitzgerald, although finishing in the time of 1:45.5.

THE NEXT Maple meet will take place Saturday, at 1 p.m. in Seaholm's pool. At 3:30 p.m., an invitational meet featuring some of the best swimmers in the state, will take place.

Such headlines as Cynthia Goyette and other Olympic hopefuls will participate in the special meet following the Maple Swim Club's performance.

Photo by Joel Smith

PAIRINGS SET for District Basketball

It's that time of year again when basketball fans across the state start pointing for a trip to Jensen Fieldhouse on the campus of Michigan State University and a coveted state title.

District sites have been named and now the pairings have been announced. For teams in this area, here's the way things stack up.

Bloomfield Hills, trying for another Wayne-Oakland League championship, will travel to Pontiac Northern Tuesday to play Waterford Township at 8 p.m.

ON THE SAME night, Lake Orion will meet Pontiac Northern. The winner of this game will play Pontiac Central Thursday night and the subsequent victor will advance to the championship game Saturday against the winner of the Bloomfield-Waterford contest.

Over at Seaholm, the Maples host Groves, Brother Rice, Kimball, Dondero and Berkley. The games will also be played Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Pairings announced by Birmingham Athletic Director Frank Whitney are as follows:

Groves faces Berkley Tuesday at (See PAIRINGS, 3-E)

Hills, Clarkston Tied for First

By DICK ZEMMIN
Sports Editor

Bloomfield survived an early scare at Holly Friday before coming on strong in the fourth quarter to subdue the Broncos, 47-35.

The victory kept the Barons in a first place tie with Clarkston, who defeated Clarenceville, and made it possible for the Hills to capture their second straight Wayne-Oakland League co-championship.

Swim Stars To Appear in Special Meet

Swim fans will have a chance to see some of the top female swimmers in the country Saturday when Olympic hopefuls take part in a special invitational meet at Seaholm.

The meet, scheduled for 3:30 p.m., following the Maple Swim Club's contest at 1 p.m., will feature some of the national champions in the breaststroke, freestyle and backstroke.

HEADLINING the list will be Cynthia Goyette, American Indoor national champion in the 100-breaststroke. She will swim against such performers as Sue Stuckey and Joanna Cooke.

Sue Stuckey will also enter the 100-freestyle, the event in which she is the 15-17 Michigan girls' champion. Pam Swartz and Kathy Filgo, two other top swimmers, are also entered.

In the 100-backstroke, state champ Mike Shelton will be out to lower her time. She also holds a record in Canada. Birmingham's Sue Smith and Jenny Parks are also entered in the event.

Other entrants are scheduled to come from Michigan State, University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan.

(See MEET, 3-E)

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BUT, THE fourth quarter was all Bloomfield. They outscored the losers, 14-4, and pulled out a hard-fought victory. The Hills is now 11-2.

"They played aggressive ball, so we sat on the ball a little in the final quarter and made them make mistakes," coach Hal Henderson said.

Bloomfield got into foul trouble early and had to use its sub. But, Dan Maute and Greg Anderson (See HILLS, 3-E)

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