



Ready For Action

Referee Gus Stewart prepares to start the action in a Junior Hockey League game, sponsored jointly by the Applewild School and Park and Recreation Department. Ready to scramble for the puck are Webber's Gary Linder and Weyco's Don Brownell. (Sentinel Photo).

Beth Eden, Lutherans Win Church Loop Games

Wade Dockery led Beth Eden past Christ Church, 28-21, in the opening game of the 1970 Church Basketball League double-header played at the B. F. Brown Junior High School gymnasium. Messiah Lutheran rode the scoring of Dennis Hill to narrowly top the Elm St. quintet in the second contest of the evening, 30-23.

Beth Eden picked up a two-point lead in a slow first quarter, 5-3, stretching it to three points at the half, 13-10. Gary Willingham and teammate Gary Holmes paired up to pace the Beth Eden cagers over the first half, while Wayne Bickford and Ken MacDonald fought to keep the Christ Church hoopers within reach of the leaders' total.

Dockery spearheaded Beth Eden's break in the third period as his team pulled steadily away from the trailing Christ Church five, 17-12. Beth Eden out-pointed their opponents by two during the final quarter as

Christ Church could not muster the strength to hold the lead.

Dockery led all game scorers with ten points (4-2), followed by teammate Willingham with eight points (4-0) and Holmes with five (2-1). Christ Church was led by Bickford, who tallied seven points (3-1), and MacDonald, who netted four points (3-2).

Elm St. cagers took a three-point lead, 9-6, in the first period of play against Messiah Lutheran, but were held to merely one point throughout the entire second quarter as Messiah came from behind to tie the score at ten-all at the half. Highlighted by a scoring battle between Messiah's Hill and Bob St. Jean of Elm St., the action gained momentum in the second half of play.

Messiah earned a hard-fought two-point edge in the third quarter, 20-19, and managed to hold off the attempts of Elm Street. Messiah maintained its throughout the final canto

to finish with a two-point edge over Elm St.

Hill led all game scorers with a 20-point tally (9-2) for the winners, and teammate Bob Goguen (3-1) contributed seven points to the narrow win. St. Jean highlighted Elm St. efforts with a 16-point total (6-4), while Jim Cali netted eight additional points (3-2).

Mt. Watatic Races Saturday

ASHBY — The Mt. Watatic Ski Club will sponsor races on Saturday at the Mt. Watatic Ski area here.

Registration will get under way at 9 a.m., while starting time for the race will be 10 a.m. Races will be held for both male and female in the following categories: eight years old and under, nine to 12 years old, 13-18 year-olds, 19-30 years old and over 30.

The Mt. Watatic club will hold a meeting Feb. 2 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the base lodge. A movie, "Ski the Outer Limits" will be shown.

Sacred Heart Gains Top Parochial Spot

Sacred Heart hoopers took over the lead in the 1970 Parochial Basketball League standings with their fifth consecutive win in the first game of a double-header at the Notre Dame High School gym, defeating the St. Joseph's cagers by a two-point margin, 28-27. St. Francis beat out the St. Anthony's quintet, 29-17, in the follow-up contest, marking their second win against three losses.

Sacred Heart and St. Joseph's staged a nip-and-tuck battle in a hotly-contested first period which ended in a 5-all deadlock. Ken Bouchard then led a Sacred Heart surge to put his teammates out in front by

three points at the half, 14-11. St. Joseph's trailed by six points, 23-17, at the end of the third quarter as Keith Shaw led Sacred Heart further ahead.

Steve Leger and Rick Croteau spearheaded a drive for St. Joseph which finally brought them ahead with 12 seconds remaining to play, 27-20. Bouchard retaliated for Sacred Heart, however, regaining a one-point lead with a long shot from the outside. Leo Bolduc fed the contest for Sacred Heart with a free throw as the game ended.

Bouchard led all game scorers with 13 points (5-3), while teammate Shaw contributed ten points (5-0). Leger netted eight points (4-0) for St. Joseph's, and Croteau tallied seven (2-3). Leo Bolduc controlled the defensive for Sacred Heart, while Paul Membrino was the driving force behind St. Joseph's defense.

Fitchburg 'Y' Swimmers Lose

The Fitchburg boys' YMCA swim team, consisting of Class B, C and D participants, was defeated by a strong Newton 'Y' team 126 to 90.

The Class D squad was downed by a score of 59-9. Mike Roddy was the leading scorer with a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle and a second in the 100-yard freestyle for a total of six points.

The Class C team captured five events to defeat their Newton counterparts, 35-31. Gaining first place finishes were John O'Hara, Dave Darcy, and Timmy Gervais.

The Class B contingent suffered its second loss of the campaign, 35 to 25. George Garlick, Rick Lammi and Steve O'Hara kept Fitchburg hopes alive with first place finishes but Newton pulled ahead by taking first and second in the 100-yard backstroke event.

The Fitchburg mermen will take on Attleboro next Saturday.

St. Anthony's faltered in its attempt to win their season's first match after controlling St. Francis during the first half of the game. St. Francis nipped St. Anthony's in the first period to gain a two-point lead, 6-4, but St. Anthony's came back on the scoring of Mike Alario to take a narrow 13-12 advantage at halftime.

The St. Francis defensive unit fired throughout the last half as it held their opponents to just four points — one basket in the third period and two foul shots in the fourth. St. Francis easily pulled away to a 19-15 advantage at the end of the third quarter to add another ten in the final period.

Game high scorer Steve McCluskey, singlehandedly out-gathered 18 points (8-0). Joe Loveseque hit for nine. St. Anthony's was led by Alario's seven points (2-3), with Mike Marcella adding four (2-0).

St. Joseph's Pool Tourney This Weekend

The St. Joseph's Club pool tournament semi-final and final round will be held this week at the club quarters on Oak Hill Road.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Rudy Leger will take on Roger Freeman and the winner of this match will play Eddie Miller for the championship Sunday starting at 2 p.m.

En route to the semi-final round, Leger defeated Nel Freeman, Len Craigen, Ed Freeman and Don Miller while losing to Boucher.

Boucher recorded victories over Dick Craigen, Pat Buttafucce, Leger, Al Breaud and Ron Albert while losing to Miller.

Miller is undefeated and must be knocked off twice Sunday in the double elimination event. Miller downed Bob Higginbottom, Dick Dougherty, Albert, Boucher and Ed Freeman.

A total of 24 players took part in the tournament. Sunday's winner will represent the club in the City Tournament along with Leger, Boucher, and Don Miller.

'Y' Swim Team Needs Members

The Fitchburg YMCA is seeking prospective swim team members to fill the ranks and participate in the coming Massachusetts and New England Area championships. The swimming season is half over, but competition is scheduled through February and early March.

Boys and girls aged nine through 14 years are needed for the team. The requirement to participate on the team is only to have passed the Minnow category, which includes the basic 21 tests of the National Aquatic Program.

Sled Dog Races To Highlight FPC Carnival

RINDGE, N.H. — One of the highlights of the fourth Winter Carnival at Franklin Pierce College will be the Northern States Championship Sled Dog Race to be held on the campus Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 7 and 8, under the auspices of the New England Sled Dog Club. About 100 teams are expected to compete for trophies and prize money, according to Sharon Bornstein, Winter Carnival chairman.

The full schedule of events will begin on Feb. 6, at 8:00 p.m. with a basketball game between the FPC Ravens and Nathaniel Hawthorne College. The game will be followed by a dance in the college dining hall and sleigh rides from Silver Ranch.

On Saturday, Feb. 7, in addition to the first day of the sled dog races, which will be run from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m., a snow sculpture contest judging and coffee house (lower level of the college union) will be held in the afternoon followed by a banquet for couples at 6:30 p.m. in the dining hall, and a concert in the field house at 8:30 p.m. featuring Johnny Winter.

The final day of the Northern States Championship Sled Dog Races will take place Sunday, Feb. 8 from 12:00 noon on.

College Coaches Worry Sooner

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Gus Ganakas says there's a big difference between coaching high school and college basketball.

"In college coaching you worry sooner and more intensely," says Ganakas, Michigan State's new coach.

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