







Mustangs Come from Behind

Edge Clarenceville, 53-50

The Northville Mustangs gave Coach Dave Longridge a Christmas present...

Clarenceville's semi-stall tactics to protect an eight point margin in the final stanza...

Lance Hahn. Pacing the Mustangs' offensive effort was Hahn, who finished in 22 points...

It was largely through his and Hahn's efforts that Northville was able to evade the back court press...

And these two back court men effectively directed the stall in the last minute of play to protect the Mustangs' two-point margin.

In the opening quarter, Northville jumped to a 3-0 lead, which was short lived as the Red and White scored 10 straight points...

Graves scored 11 of his points and used his six feet four inches to control both boards.

The local cagers closed a 21-12 gap to 38-25 with a few minutes remaining in the first half, but Clarenceville surged to a 34-25 lead at the buzzer.

Beginning the second half, the Mustangs pushed its advantage to 42-27, before Northville, led by Mazel and Hahn, tallied nine consecutive points.

With the Mustangs lagging by only six points, Clarenceville began its semi-stall deep in its front court.

When the local five shifted into a man-to-man defense, the Mustangs broke for the bucket. They missed two shots close in, but increased their lead to 44-30 at the end of the third period.

The fourth quarter was all Northville. It closed the score to 44-43 with 4:50 remaining in the contest on the strength of free throws by Mine, Hahn and Inman and two drive-in buckets by Inman.

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Colts' Play Tops; Coast to Victory

Playing their finest game of the season, the Northville Colts ran over and around an inferior Clarenceville quintet, last Friday, 61-46.

The addition of Mark Cushing, a six-foot two-inch former varsity player, gave the local team a decided height advantage.

He clipped in 19 points and controlled the back boards. Backing up Cushing in the scoring department was Center Steven Evans, who tallied 11 points.

Even when Coach Alex Kluech substituted freely in the final period, the Colts maintained their margin, although Clarenceville did make a better show.

The Trojans stayed close through the first period, trailing by only 14-0, but in the second period Northville went on a scoring rampage to take a 38-10 lead at half time.

Scoring the Colts' early attack were Cushing, Evans and Guard Bob Reganhard, who scored all of his nine points in the opening canto.

In the third quarter, the local five increased its margin to 51-27, while once again dominating play. Cushing with eight points and Phil Andrews with four paced the attack.

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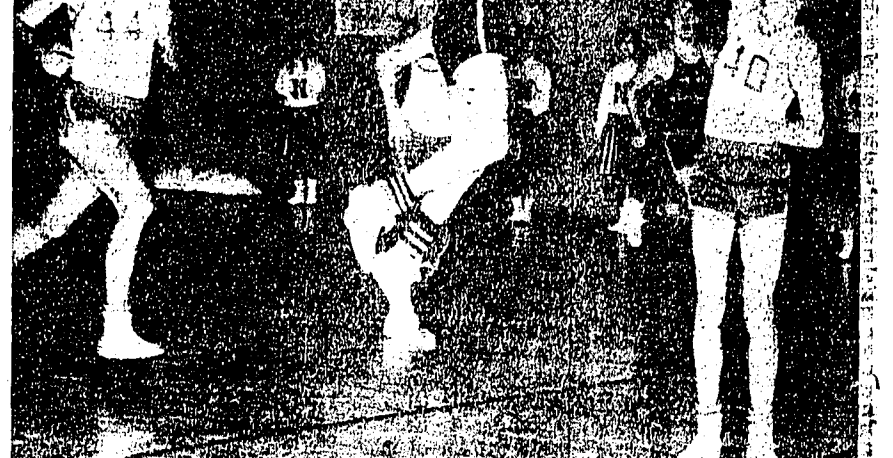
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French, fouled in the act of shooting, then converted one free throw and missed the second. Mine went high in the air to grab the rebound and put it in, giving Northville a 53-50 margin.

When the Trojans missed their opportunity for a second, the Mustangs rebounded and successfully stalled away the last minute.

Fouled with one second left, Inman made it 53-50.



TWO-POINTER — A Northville Mustang lofts a two-pointer, leaping above the outstretched arm of a Clarenceville net defender.



HARDWOOD BALLET — Nearly every player from both sides joined here under the basket in a ballet-like performance while scrapping for a rebound.

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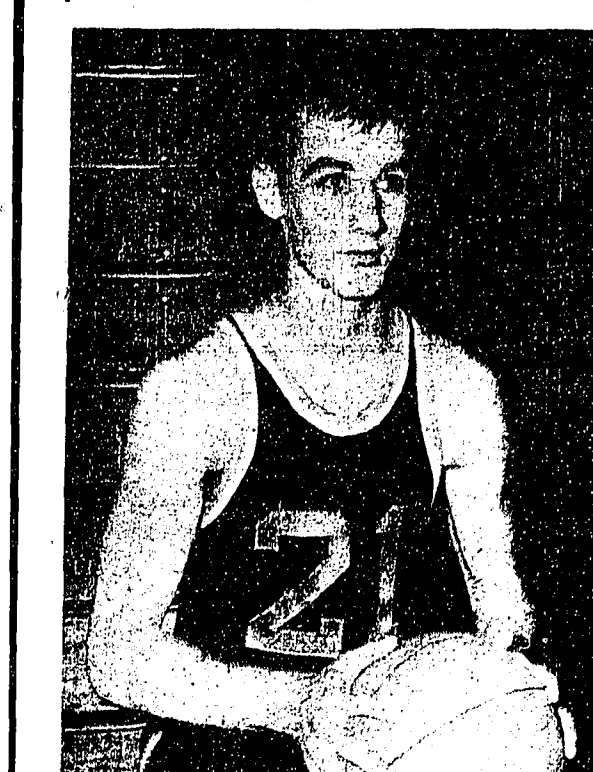
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Cager of the Week



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Upon graduation, he hopes to attend Schoolcraft college or Eastern Michigan university to major in business administration.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bishop, who reside at 46111 Neeson street.

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