In The Interest Of Sport --

By M. Warner Turriff

Deerfield 31	Gurnee 7.
Deerfield 17	Maine 15.
Deerfield 26	Waukegan 5.
Deerfield 45	U. High 12.
Deerfield 46	Roosevelt 23.
*Deerfield 27	Proviso 21.
Deerfield 24	Bowen 11.
Deerfield 31	Downers Grove 19.
Deerfield 21	New Trier 22.
Deerfield 22	Waukegan 21.
Deerfield 27	U. High 13.
Deerfield 34	Oak Park 31.
Deerfield 21	Evanston 16.
Deerfield 25	Maine 16.
Deerfield 25	Proviso 22.
Deerfield 22	Downers Grove 11.
Deerfield 31	New Trier 18.
Deerfield 36	Oak Park 17.
Deerfield 33	Evanston 25.

Won 17; Lost 2.
Opponents' points, 326; Deerfield, 513.
*Forfeit to Proviso; use of an ineligible player.
Tie for Suburban League Championship with Oak Park.

For the first time in many seasons Deerfield-Shields' lightweight basketball quintet, nicknamed "Little Giants" of the Suburban League, have succeeded in winning a title, a tie for the Suburban League Championship with the masterful lot of "villagers" from Oak Park High school.

Coach "Solly" Thurston's aggregation of basketeers went through their entire schedule to win seventeen of their nineteen games. Their fast break, accurate shooting, and splendid team work proved too much for the opponents. This well coached team came out of the scramble with flying colors and the whole student body, faculty, and taxpayers ought to be mighty proud of them, for they have at last brought the much-sought-after title to Deerfield-Shields High School.

Actually Lose One Game

This lightweight quintet actually lost only one game during the whole season. This heart-breaking defeat was administered by their dreaded rival from New Trier when this visiting five scored a basket in the last few minutes of a game played at Highland Park to win by a point.

The only other defeat credited to the "Little Giants" was a forfeit game to Proviso due to an unfortunate incident discovered by the athletic authorities of Oak Park and Deerfield, the presence of an ineligible player on the team. This discovery caused Deerfield to lose the one game that would have given them sole possession of the first-place berth.

Nevertheless, the Deerfield cagers deserve a great deal of credit, for instead of letting down and giving up the ship, this band of spunky fellows went through the remainder of their games to win ten consecutive encounters in true Thurstonian style of play. A record of ten straight wins, one of the longest strings of victories any one team has registered at this school in quite some time.

Thurston Deserves Credit

Coach Thurston has a star performer in every position. In every game they played some new member of the squad popped into the limelight. When one of his outstanding players would experience a bad night "Solly" would quickly replace him and a surprising change would occur immediately. Mr. Thurston seems to have been born with an unusual sense of sighting breaks in a game long before they happen.

The author of this article believes that Coach Thurston deserves as much, if not more, credit for the way he has handled not only this team, but every team he has coached since he came to Deerfield some six years ago. Mr. Thurston's lightweight teams have been runner-up to the title every year. His first year at Deerfield found his team losing their last game, incidentally for the title, in an overtime game with Morton High School by one point.

The members of this year's championship five are: Richard Pett, forward; Harold Huhn, forward; Elmer Maiman, guard; John Osborn, center; and Caesar Pasquesi, guard. The reserves who aided the regulars are: Chester Skidmore, forward; John Brigham, center and guard; Paley, guard; and Bob Wicklander, forward. These players, according to Coach Thurston, are the best group of basketeers he ever coached, every one a letter winner.

Huhn Is Leading Score

During the entire nineteen games Harold ("Hetz") Huhn led the light weights in scoring honors. He chalked up a total of 123 points, including 49 field goals and 25 free throws. Second place honors went to Richard Pett, the long-shot artist of the group. "Richy" scored 45 field goals and 26 charity tosses for a total of 116 points. Orsborn, Maiman, Pasquesi, and Paley, followed the leaders in that order.

This group of players have a great deal of height which is a valuable asset to any winning team. Osborn, Paley, Pett, and Brigham, are all big tall fellows who are capable of handling themselves well at the tip-off and who easily gain possession of the ball off the backboard. Few passes get by these fellows and few teams penetrate their zone defense when their long arms and legs begin to function.

Cæsar Pasquesi and Harold Huhn proved very valuable to the team, especially Huhn whose ability to sink the craziest and seemingly impossible shots kept his team well out in the lead. Pasquesi is a demon when it comes to dribbling down the floor, past his opponent's defense and then pass to an open player for a shot at the basket. These two fellows although much smaller than the rest, seemed to make shots from all angles of the floor. Chester Skidmore, the youngest and last member of the long line of Skidmore basketeers, seems headed for Huhn's job next year. Chet is a scrappy little fellow and according to past performances will come in mighty handy next year.

Confirmation Mar. 25 at St. Pauls Church

Ten children will become members of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Deerfield, on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 10:30 a.m. They are Gertrude Anderson, Betty Lou Schanafelt, Lydia Reeb, Rosemary Holm, Doris Ott, Paul Hertel, Harry Jacobsen, Charles Kapschull, Gilbert Nickelsen and Frederick Piepenbrok.

The class has chosen as its colors maroon and gold and the flower is a deep yellow rose. Their motto is "Forget not my law, but let thine heart keep my commandments" from Proverbs 3-1. Their class song is "Down in the Valley with My Savior."

Rev. F. G. Piepenbrok has been their instructor.

Fellowship Dinner at Deerfield Church

The annual congregation meeting will be held Wednesday evening, March 28, at six o'clock at the Deerfield Presbyterian Church. A fellowship dinner will be served to which all members and friends of the church are invited. The business session will begin at eight o'clock. Reports from the various departments of the church will be received, and an election of officers will be held. Dr. C. Johnston Davis is clerk of the church board.

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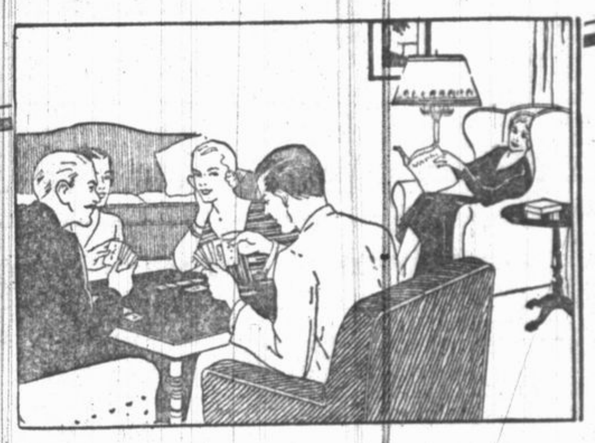

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