

Tom Flynn (25), Marquette forward, takes a ride on Washington University of St. Louis guard Bob Kowitz on his way to an easy layup.

Prep Ratings

Lawrence Features Strong Cage Club

By DON FORSYTHE

Principals of the Panthers' basketball program are awaiting a big day at Lawrence this season as the Panthers' record is up to a 10-1 record and a No. 9 ranking in Class D. Coach Leinenweber opened the season with seven senior lettermen who had logged considerable playing time in 4-13 and 5-14 seasons for the boys' and juniors.

With four of last year's seniors graduated, the Panthers waited no time in kicking the Justin Habit. They rolled on to a 10-1 record before the Christmas break.

“Dobie,” a Class C club with an 11-2 record, is the only team in the district with three wins against the District 19 winner in the regional playoff. That was the case with the Panthers, currently ranked No. 1, in Overton, now ranked No. 3.

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Georgia Judge Makes Order Permanent

Atlanta, Ga. — A state court judge made permanent today an order that the Atlanta Braves of the National League will play their home baseball games in Atlanta beginning this year.

Judge Sam Phillips ordered that the Braves, who had a 25-year contract with the Atlanta Fulton County Recreation Department, could not defer the club to live up to it.

The Braves face an option under their franchise contract requiring them to prepare to play in Milwaukee, but club officials said they intended to file a writ of error to the Georgia judge's order while fighting the Wisconsin order in court.

6 Yanks Ink '66 Tenders

New York (9) — First baseman Jim Bouton, Al Downing and the New York Yankees are the latest to agree to terms, general manager Ralph Houk announced Tuesday.

Outfielder Hector Lopez and pitchers Steve Cullen were the other satisfied players to bring the team to a total of 12 signed players to 21.

Mike McCormick remains the sole big name unsigned. The switch-hitting star recently signed with the St. Louis Browns and is expected to sign his third straight \$100,000 contract. The club opened spring training Feb. 24.

Bouton is the only one of the six latest signees to take a salary increase. He signed a \$10,000 raise from an 18-season total of \$964 to a \$105,000 last year, was cut \$10,000.

All others received the same salary except Cullen, who was given a raise, too. McCormick, who had been brought up last summer after a 14-4 record at Toledo, is now 1-10 and 2-10 last year in a Yankee uniform.

Bouton, who earned a reported \$25,000 last year, has a \$30,000 raise and Cullen's raise is \$10,000. Lopez, used mostly as a pinch hitter and reserve in 1965, has a \$10,000 raise from seven home runs and 39 runs batted in.

Downing, a youngster with great promise, had a disappointing 13-14 season as a member of the starting five. He is a candidate for the pressing Nebraskans.

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and Byron (11-4) as possibilities for the team.

Should the Panthers emerge from the district competition in third place, they will play against the District 19 winner in the regional playoff. That was the case with the Panthers, currently ranked No. 1, in Overton, now ranked No. 3.

“The girls will escort us to their stations, take us to the plate, and we will be the first to know of things,” Luz explains. “They will be costumed in some way, and we will be the first to know for looks and personality. Luz says, No special knowledge is required, except the field location.”

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Class C

6-Seward Concordia (15-1)

—Pawnee City (15-1)

2-University High (10-4)

—Lomp City (15-3)

—Scriven (15-3)

—Waterloo (15-3)

—Elgin St. Benedict (15-2)

—Laurel (11-2)

—Spencer (15-2)

Class D

6-Cairo (16-0)

7—DeWitt (15-5)

8—Sutherland (12-3)

9—Lawrence (15-1)

10—Creston (12-2)

9—Hartington (6-9)

11—Creswell (12-2)

12—Creswell St. L. (12-4)

13—De Witt (15-2)

14—Hartington (11-4)

15—Beaver Crossing (11-3)

Class E

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Bladen (9-4)

8—Hartington (10-9)

9—Fairfield (11-2)

10—Mason City (12-3)

11—Hartington (10-5)

12—Hartington (15-2)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Naponee (14-0)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (10-4)

17—Hartington (12-3)

18—Lawrence (15-8)

19—Lawrence Assumption (11-4)

20—Dix (7-6)

Class F

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

11—Mason City (12-3)

12—Hartington (10-5)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (11-4)

17—Dix (7-6)

Class G

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

11—Mason City (12-3)

12—Hartington (10-5)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (11-4)

17—Dix (7-6)

Class H

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

11—Mason City (12-3)

12—Hartington (10-5)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (11-4)

17—Dix (7-6)

Class I

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

11—Mason City (12-3)

12—Hartington (10-5)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (11-4)

17—Dix (7-6)

Class J

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

11—Mason City (12-3)

12—Hartington (10-5)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (11-4)

17—Dix (7-6)

Class K

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

11—Mason City (12-3)

12—Hartington (10-5)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (11-4)

17—Dix (7-6)

Class L

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

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17—Dix (7-6)

Class M

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

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17—Dix (7-6)

Class N

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

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14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

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17—Dix (7-6)

Class O

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

11—Mason City (12-3)

12—Hartington (10-5)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (11-4)

17—Dix (7-6)

Class P

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence (12-4)

8—Bladen (9-4)

9—Hartington (10-9)

10—Fairfield (11-2)

11—Mason City (12-3)

12—Hartington (10-5)

13—Lawrence (12-3)

14—Hartington (15-2)

15—Lawrence (12-4)

16—Hartington (11-4)

17—Dix (7-6)

Class Q

6-Lawrence (12-4)

7—Lawrence