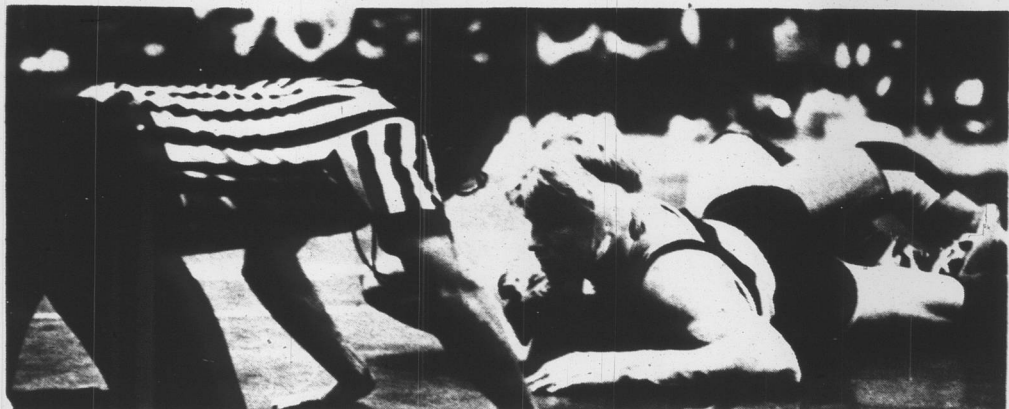


# Sports



**IS IT A PIN?** — Intent on pinning his foe, Brad Traviola looks to finish off Belmont's John Velez as Official Warren Outlaw prepares to make a call. Traviola won by a technical fall, 18-1. And Wawasee won seven of eight dual matches in the Warrior Classic, losing only to Belmont, 33-25. (Photo by Dave Straub)

## Wrestlers win seven of eight at Classic

Following two days of wrestling, which accounts for eight intense rounds, the Wawasee grapplers can take a break until Thursday's road meet against NorthWood. The Warriors won seven of eight matches at their

own weekend classic, improving their dual meet record to 12-1. Belmont, ranked fifth in the state, went 8-0 to claim top honors, including a hard-earned 33-25 win over host Wawasee Friday afternoon. According to the

latest rankings, the Warriors are ninth in the state.

In addition, three Wawasee wrestlers garnered perfect records during the weekend. Jeff Welborn (132 lbs.), Brad Traviola (155 lbs.) and Lance Lantz (167 lbs.).

In all, nine teams competed, including Wawasee, Belmont, Columbia City, Eastside, Fairfield, Muncie Central, North Miami, Warsaw and Whitko. Whitko finished with a 6-2 mark.

Following Thursday's meet at NorthWood, the Warrior will participate in the East Noble Invitational Saturday. Then they will host Plymouth next Tuesday. Weigh-in times begin at 6:15 p.m. Results from the Warrior Classic follow.

### Warrior Classic Results

#### Friday's Rounds

11 a.m. session — Wawasee 70 Fairfield 3.

1 p.m. session — Belmont 33 Wawasee 25.

3 p.m. session — Wawasee 62 Columbia City 9.

5 p.m. session — Wawasee 57 Muncie Central 8.

#### Saturday's Rounds

10 a.m. session — Wawasee 60 North Miami 13.

Noon session — Wawasee 63 Warsaw 7.

2 p.m. session — Wawasee 56 Eastside 9.

4 p.m. session — Wawasee 45 Whitko 16.

#### Wawasee's Top Wrestlers

Jeff Welborn (132) 8-0, Brad Traviola (155) 8-0, Lance Lantz (167) 8-0, Steve Sturgill (HVV) 7-1, Jeff Dunithan (119) 7-1, Scott Shoemaker (185) 7-1 and Eliseo Roa (112) 6-2.



**WARRIOR WINNER** — Official Ed Corazzi proclaims Wawasee's J.R. Noel (98 lbs.) the winner of this match. Noel pinned his Muncie Central opponent, Benny Bell, at 4:40. (Photo by Dave Straub)

## Wawasee Adult basketball scores

After a long holiday break, the Wawasee Adult basketball league continued with a full slate of games Monday night.

North American Wire Die (5-2) edged C.T.B. (4-3), 78-72. Jay Wysong led the winners with 22 points. John Haugh netted 18 for C.T.B. Dana upped its record to 4-3 with a 72-56 win over Lawsons (1-6). Dan Krisko scored 19 points for Dana while Scott Kimlick pitched in 16 for the losers.

Baker's Boy's Club routed Fairmont, 87-55. Baker's, now 5-2, was led by Scott Wiley's 30 points. Jeff Deezeley scored 13 for winless Fairmont. Pletcher's im-

proved its mark to 4-3 with a 54-47 triumph over Flexsteel (0-7). Mike Kissinger paced the winners with 16 points. Mike Thorn tallied 13 for the losers.

Sturionac increased its league-leading mark to 9-0 with an 85-31 romp over 1-7 Super Sounds. Ron Sylvester led a balanced attack with 20 points. Bruce Zimmerman scored eight for Super Sounds.

Laundry Basket also remained undefeated (7-0) with an 80-48 route over Syracuse Rubber (4-4). Darrell Hicks led the winners with 24 points. Vincent Rhodes tallied 12 for Syracuse Rubber.

## Zurcher enjoying good season

Former Wawasee basketball standout Kim Zurcher is enjoying a good sophomore year at Kilgore College in Texas. The 6-2 guard is averaging 14.8 points per game and has started all 10 games for the Rangers this season.

Zurcher has scored 148 points and is shooting 48 percent from the field. He has converted 67 percent of his free throw attempts and averages five rebounds an outing. Zurcher has 50 boards for the season, which third best on

the team. He also has 57 assists and is second on the team in steals.

Kilgore owns a 5-5 record.

In a recent game against Panola College, Zurcher canned 15 points and sparked the Rangers to a hard earned 71-69 win. He dished out eight assists and grabbed five rebounds to add to his fine overall play.

Zurcher is a 1984 graduate of Wawasee High School.

## Basketball getting more offensive

Professional basketball certainly has excelled in offensive production in recent years. With bigger, stronger and more skilled players, it's amazing how much talent goes on the court almost every night.

Consider this statistic. In 1977,

the Los Angeles Lakers led the National Basketball Association in team offense, averaging 107 points a game. Only two teams averaged less than 100 points an outing that year.

Not much has changed at the Lakers still lead in team offense. But the numbers are staggering since Los Angeles averages over 120 points an outing. More than half of the NBA teams score over 110 points a contest and only one team is under the century mark — the New York Knicks, despite the presence of Patrick Ewing.

## Wawasee recovers with 45-43 win over Carroll

By DAVE STRAUB  
Sports Editor

Basketball wins come hard enough for the Wawasee Warriors to be picky. So they will gladly take Saturday's 45-43 home court victory over Carroll and be satisfied with a 5-4 record.

"We're not overpowering," said Coach John Wysong, realizing the limits of his team. "We have to take what we can get."

But the 2-6 Chargers were doing the taking much of the game since they patiently built a 29-25 lead at the half. After three quarters, Carroll still had a 33-30 edge.

Wawasee tied it at 33 when Bill Hutchinson canned a 20-foot jumper with 6:12 remaining. With that bucket, the 6-0 senior had completed a stretch where he scored seven straight points to spark the comeback. This offensive flash began late in the third quarter when the Warriors started chipping away at the small lead.

"In a low scoring game like this, that made a big difference," said Wysong. Hutchinson scored 11 points and grabbed five rebounds for the game. He also had four assists. Forward Jon Evans took scoring honors with 14 and hauled down seven rebounds. The 6-2 senior enjoyed a fine outing as he hit six of seven field goals.

The Chargers regained leads of 35-33 and 37-35 on a pair of bank shots by Todd Dunne and Steve Merryman. Hutchinson added a bank shot and an 18-footer to put Wawasee ahead, 39-37. The Warriors never looked back.

"They solved our zone defense pretty well," said Wysong, thinking the Warriors physically matched up with Carroll. "Then we went back to man-to-man defenses and some things worked better for us on both ends. We were screening more for open shots and we played a patient game. As a result, our offense was efficient and that's what we strive for," he added.

Dunne's three-point play knotted the contest at 41 following a short jumper by Tim Mangas. But Dave Kistler nailed a 12-foot bank shot at the 1:45 mark to make it 43-41. Evans iced the game by hitting both ends of a bonus free throw situation with 13 seconds left.

"We did a lot of pulling together tonight," Wysong praised while mentioning that the Warriors were able to bounce back from a loss the night before (to West Noble). Wawasee has done this twice, including an important win over Triton (65-48) after suffering a blowout defeat to Warsaw.

The Warriors hit 49 percent of their field goals while Carroll was less proficient, shooting just 41 percent. The Chargers made up for that with strong offensive rebounding as Dunne claimed 15 boards. Carroll posted 29 rebounds while Wawasee had 19. Kevin Shank paced the visitors

with a game-high 16 points.

West Noble Too Much

Tom Schermerhorn burned Wawasee with 32 points and 11 rebounds to lead host West Noble to a 64-50 win. The 6-4 senior had things his way last Friday, hitting 15 of 16 field goals. Dan Sanchez added 10 more for the winners.

The loss dropped the Warriors' record to 4-4 before taking on Carroll Saturday.

Evans paced Wawasee with 14 points. Mangas pitched in 10.

West Noble converted 59 percent of its field goals while the Warriors shot poorly, hitting just 37 percent of their attempts. Wawasee was also out-rebounded, 30-19.

### Plymouth Next

The Warriors return to Northern Lakes Conference action with a home date against Plymouth this Friday. And they will need more than a home court advantage to win this one. The Pilgrims feature good balanced size and an experienced roster.

Wawasee 45 Carroll 43

WAWASEE — Mangas 4-2-10, Kistler 3-0-6, Evans 6-2-14, Steffen 0-0-0, Hutchinson 4-3-11, Rhoades 0-0-0, Rensberger 0-0-0, Beer 1-0-2. Totals: 19-7-45.

CARROLL — Coblenz 4-0-8, Merryman 3-1-7, Shank 7-2-16, Malcolm 0-0-0, Dunne 4-1-9, Schinbeckler 1-1-3, Gonzagowski 0-0-0, Stahlhut 0-0-0. Totals: 19-5-43.

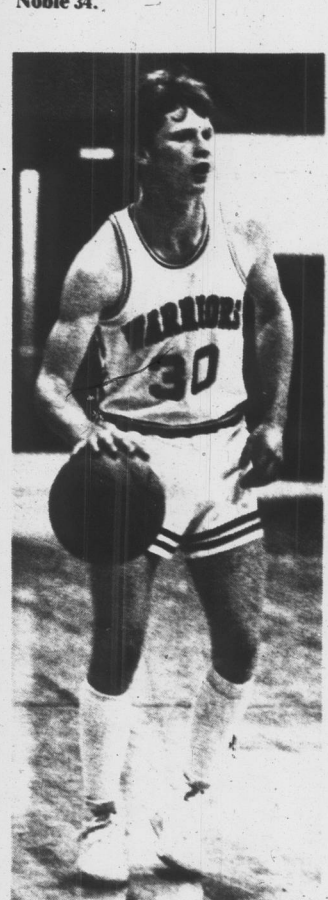
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West Noble 64 Wawasee 50

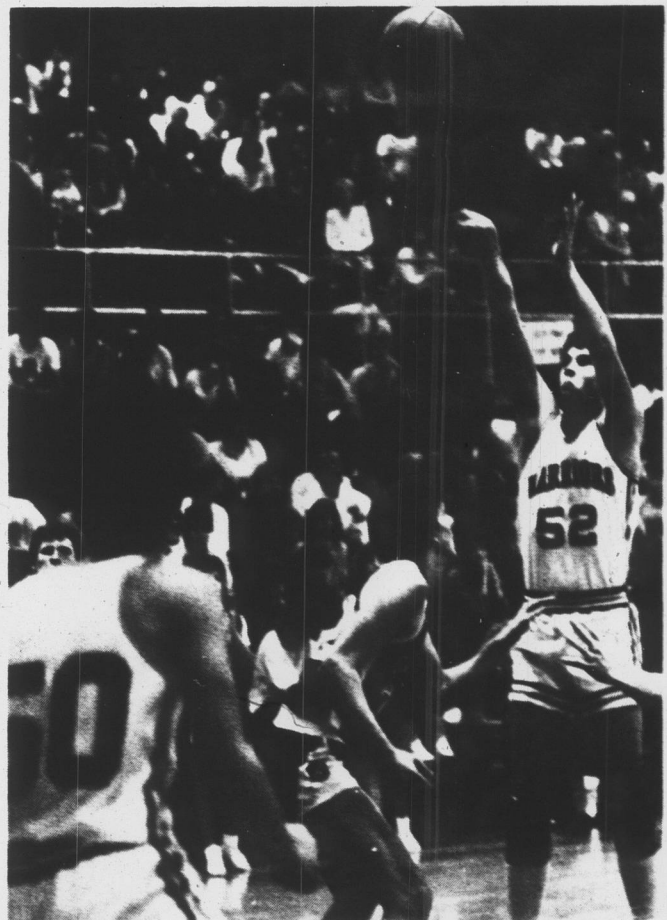
WAWASEE — Mangas 2-6-10, Kistler 3-0-6, Evans 7-0-14, Steffen 1-0-2, Hutchinson 2-2-6, Rensberger 0-0-0, Rhoades 3-0-6, Beer 2-2-6, Taylor 0-0-0, Reiff 0-0-0, Jones 0-0-0. Totals: 20-10-50.

WEST NOBLE — Cripe 3-0-6, Schermerhorn 15-2-32, Wogoman 2-0-4, Hull 1-2-4, Morris 3-2-8, Sanchez 5-0-10, Beckner 0-0-0, Stump 0-0-0, Pet 0-0-0, Hiatt 0-0-0, Hippensteel 0-0-0. Totals: 29-6-64.

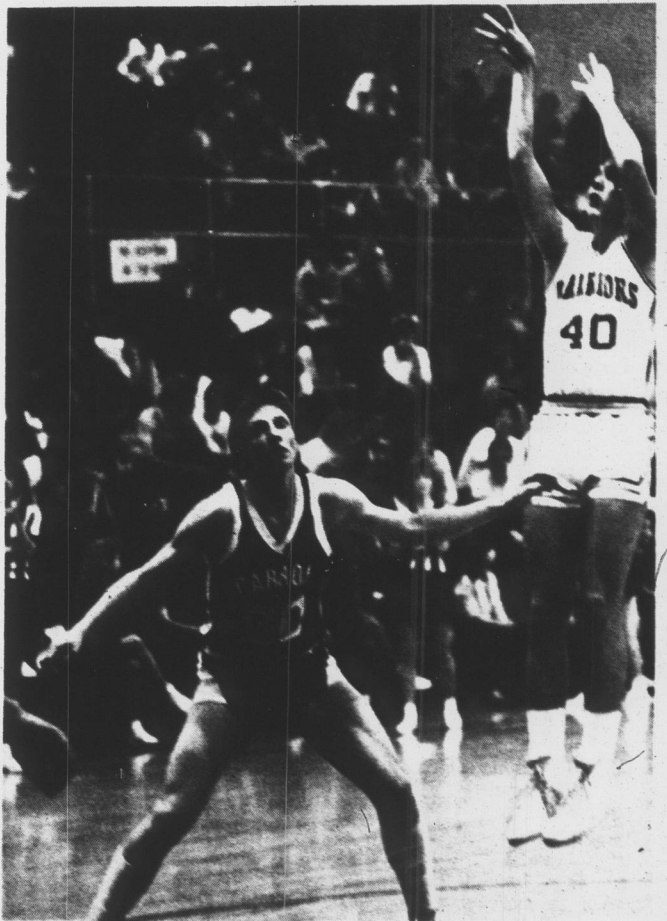
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**PLAYMAKER** — Dave Kistler sets up the offense for Wawasee. (Photo by Dave Straub)



**KEYED THE WIN** — Warrior Bill Hutchinson shoots in heavy traffic in Saturday night's game against Carroll. Wawasee pulled out a 45-43 home court victory, pushing its overall record to 5-4. (Photo by Dave Straub)



**OVER THE DEFENSE** — Carroll's Kevin Shank (30) couldn't react in time to defend Wawasee's Jon Evans as the 6-2 senior forward canned this 15-foot jumper. Evans scored 14 points against the Chargers Saturday night. (Photo by Dave Straub)

## Sports Calendar

Week Of January 9  
To January 15

### THURSDAY

Wawasee Wrestling  
6:15 p.m. at NorthWood  
Wawasee Boys' Freshman Basketball  
6:30 p.m. at home vs Whitko  
Wawasee Girls' Varsity and JV Basketball  
6:15 p.m. of Warsaw  
Wawasee Girls Freshman Basketball  
6:00 p.m. at Warsaw

### FRIDAY

Wawasee Boys' JV and Varsity Basketball  
6:15 p.m. at home vs Plymouth

### SATURDAY

Wawasee Girls' JV and Varsity Basketball  
1 p.m. at home vs Northrop  
Wawasee Girls' Freshman Basketball  
1:00 p.m. at home vs Northrop  
Wawasee Wrestling  
8:00 a.m. at East Noble Invitational  
Wawasee Boys' Freshman Basketball  
10:00 a.m. at Manchester Tourney

### MONDAY

Wawasee Girls' Varsity and JV Basketball  
6:15 p.m. at home vs Goshen

### TUESDAY

Wawasee Boys' Swimming  
6:30 p.m. at Mishawaka  
Wawasee Wrestling  
6:15 p.m. at home vs Plymouth

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