

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

March 19, 1975

The Forest Park High School boys' basketball season ended with a Class D State semi-final loss in Cheboygan to the Allendale Falcons (80 – 70). Those that witnessed the game confirm that the “questionable” officiating was the key factor in the game. The Trojans were in foul trouble early and were outscored at the free throw line (26 – 4) not getting a chance at a free throw attempt until early in the fourth quarter. This season was the first time the Trojan squad has made a trip downstate since 1959 when Coach Bob Boldt's team ended a four year consecutive span that began with the 1956 Michigan State Class C Championship. Coach Stu Smith's team completed the regular season (17 -3) losing to Iron Mountain (69-72), North Dickinson (62-66) and Norway (61-71). Claiming District Tournament wins against North Dickinson (65-63), Republic (55-54) and Watersmeet (84-52). Regional wins against White Pine (80-53) and Baraga (85-70) and a quarter-final win against Harbor Springs (75-64). The Trojans were led all year by senior center John Hermanson and junior forward Bryan LaChapelle. Tom Perry is the only other senior on the team.