

Big game next Friday for boys

Round one is over. The Donegal boys' basketball team has defeated every team in Section 3.

Round two begins this Friday, when Garden Spot, whose only loss was to Donegal, gets another shot at the reigning Indians. That game, which will be held on the Vikings' home court, promises to be an exciting contest. Donegal won the first showdown with Garden Spot by a single basket.

Judging by the 74-48 drubbing which the Indians handed to 3rd-place

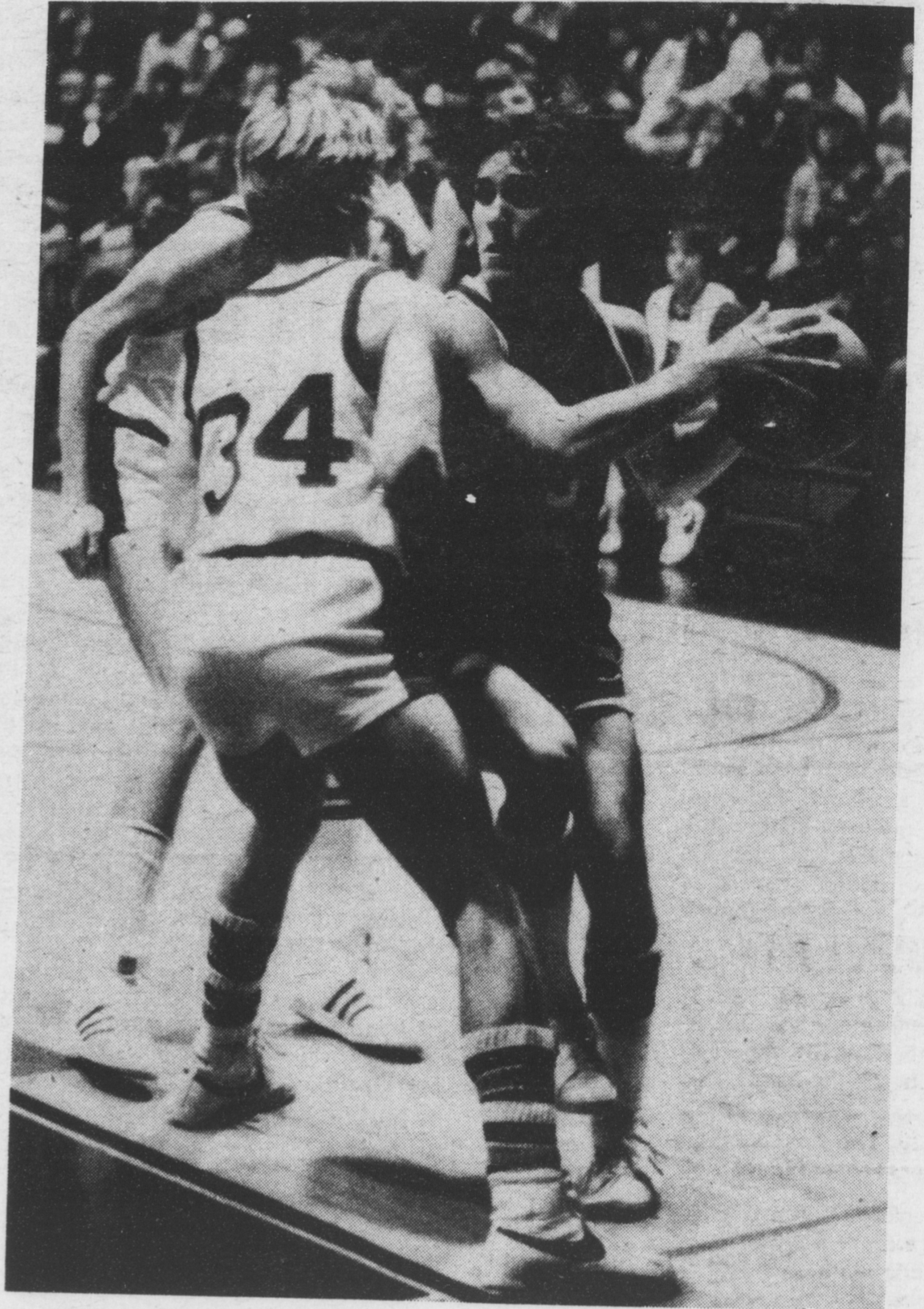
Annville-Cleona last week, Donegal should be well-prepared for the coming fateful Friday.

Tim Roaten was in top form at Annville. Coach Emil Swift credited the big win mainly to Roaten's domination of the defensive boards. The rest of the defense also clicked nicely. Coach Swift, whose previous teams have always played either a straight or partial man-to-man defense, is starting to sound almost fond of the staid zone defense which he was forced to develop for this year's team.

Although he still laments the fact that this year's team is too slow to play an effective man-to-man, he cheerfully admitted that the defense was "excellent" after last Friday's win.

Mitch Johnson led the Indians in scoring with 20 points. He also collected a lot of rebounds.

Shooting guard Craig Zink added 15, and Roaten scored 12. Playmakers Keith Persun and Brian Ney directed the offense with their usual expertise, and shot only enough to keep the A-C defense honest. Persun added six points, Ney two.



Brian Ney drives inside

Wrestlers crunch their way through yet another victim

Last week, the unbeaten Donegal wrestlers added Northern Lebanon to the lengthening list of opponents whom they have ground into the mat.

Donegal won the meet 33-21.

In the 98 lb. class, Kent Sweigart got the meet off to a nice start by pinning his opponent in just over one minute. Ken Davis,

Mike Greiner, Scott Emenheiser, Cliff Sweigart, Arlen Mummau and Pete Splain all won decisions, and Brent Hershey pinned his opponent in five minutes and 28 seconds.

Girls' team shows sudden improvement as Kinsey's ankle heals

In December, Donegal High School had a good girls' basketball team. They were good in spite of the fact that their playmaking guard, Sherri Kinsey, was sitting on the bench with an injured ankle.

Miss Kinsey's ankle is now completely healed, and the Indians are no longer merely good. They are starting to look invincible.

The big difference, as Solanco discovered last Wednesday, is Kinsey's

contribution to the Indian defense. In the first quarter of that game, which Donegal won 65-40, Solanco did not score a single field goal.

Indian coach Bill Earhart likes to use a very aggressive sliding zone defense. He likes to see his players double team opponents and steal the ball. He likes to turn on a full-court press.

These tactics work only if the defense is very quick. Sherri Kinsey is very quick. And smart. And aggressive.

The Indians always had plenty of offensive strength. Sharon Hershey, Tanya Merchant, and Beth Keffer all score in double figures quite regularly. They are also good rebounders.

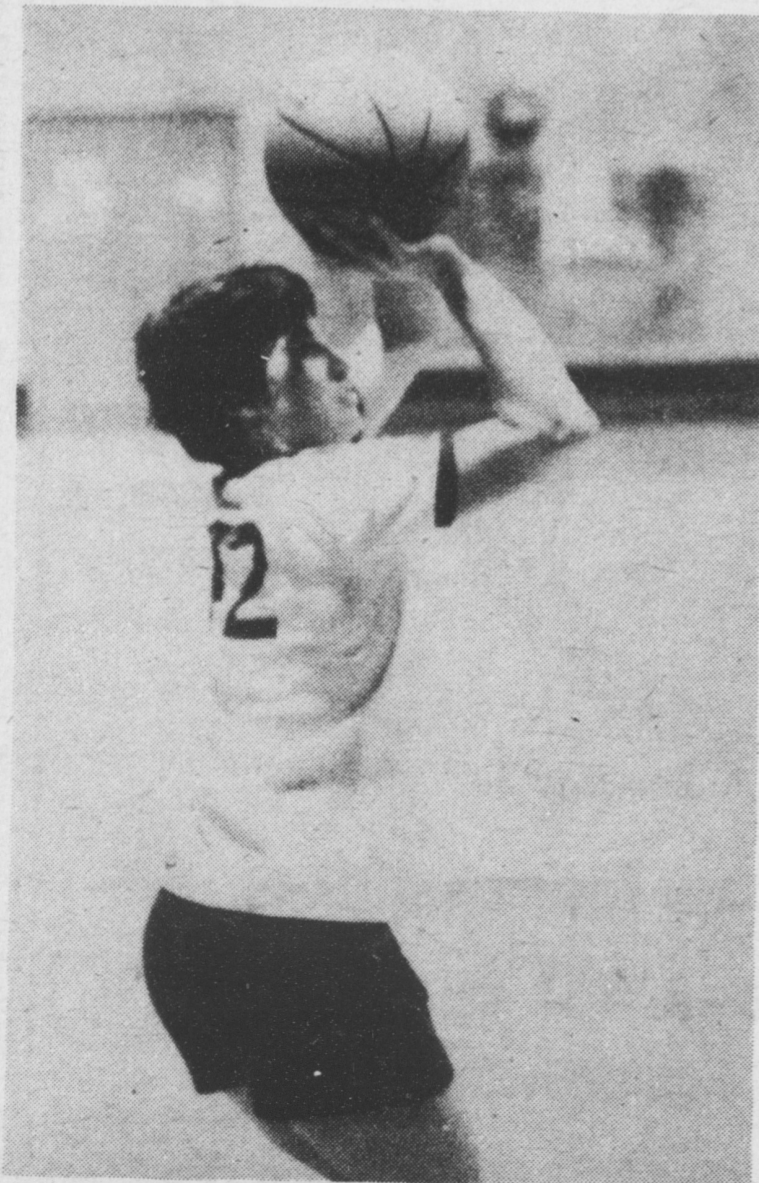
But, until recently, gaping holes often appeared in the Indian defense.

"There's nothing wrong with the defense," coach Earhart insisted. "The girls are playing it the right way, but they're not quite quick enough. When Sherri Kinsey starts playing, there won't be a problem."

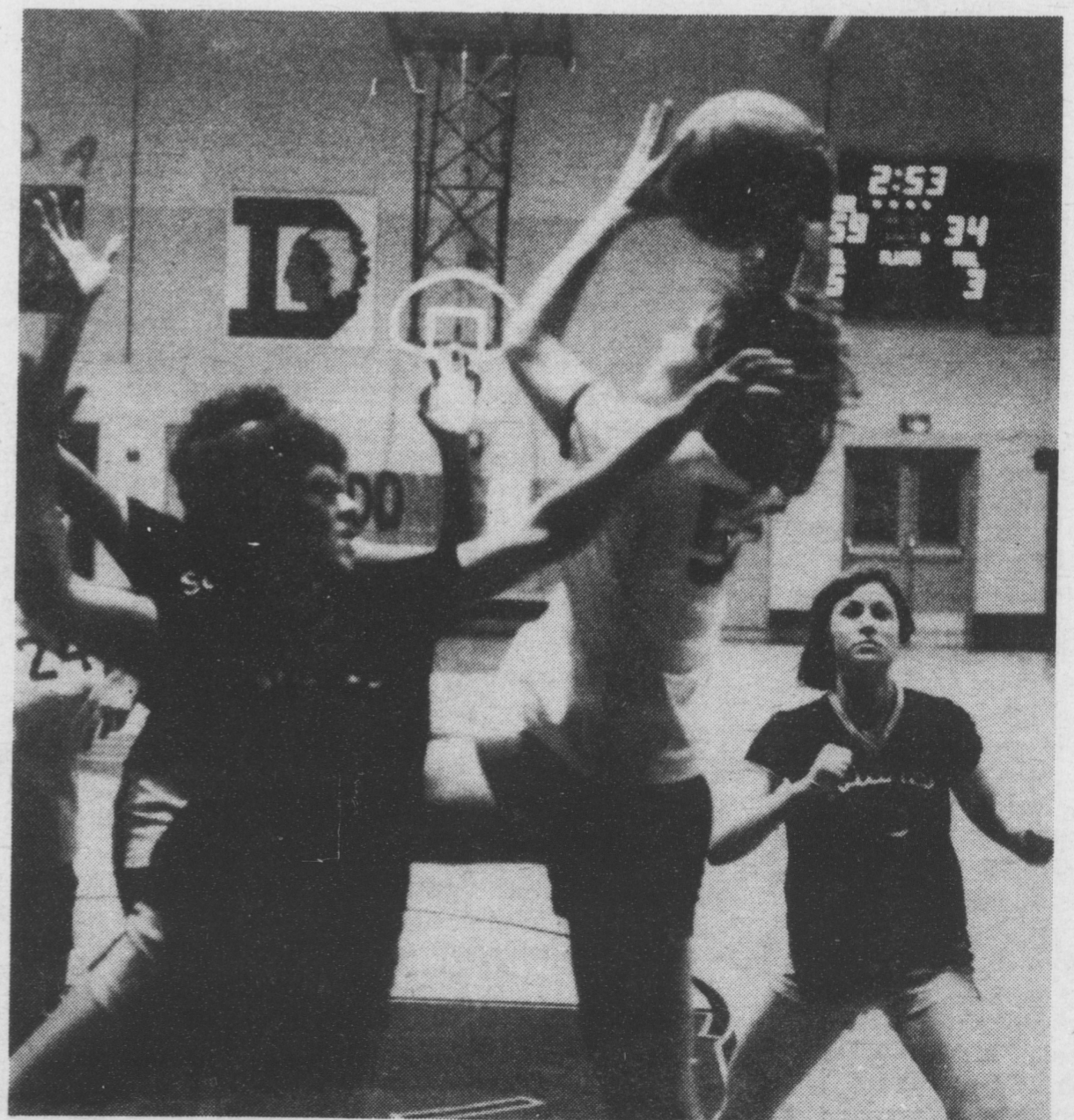
He was right.

After blasting Solanco out of a four-way tie for the lead of Section 3, the Indians demolished Manheim Township 63-1 last Friday. Once again, the Indian defense was almost 100 per cent effective. Township scored only once in the first quarter as the Indians raced to a 26-2 lead.

Donegal is now tied with Hempfield for first place in the Section (both teams have 5-1 records). Penn Manor and Solanco, with two losses each, are in second place.



Sherri Kinsey



Action at the girl's game