

RU sinks WL Central; dunked by Allen Park

Redford Union's swim squad captured the 400 freestyle relay and all but one individual event to top Walled Lake Central in a non-league dual meet, 105-66, but then fell victim to Allen Park on the final event, 42-41.

Allen Park won the 200 medley relay in a Suburban Eight loop meet but RU splashed back with six of nine individual firsts. It was down to the 400 freestyle relay and the Parkers clocked in at 3:35.5 for the victory.

RU is now 4-6 overall and winless in three Sub Eight outings.

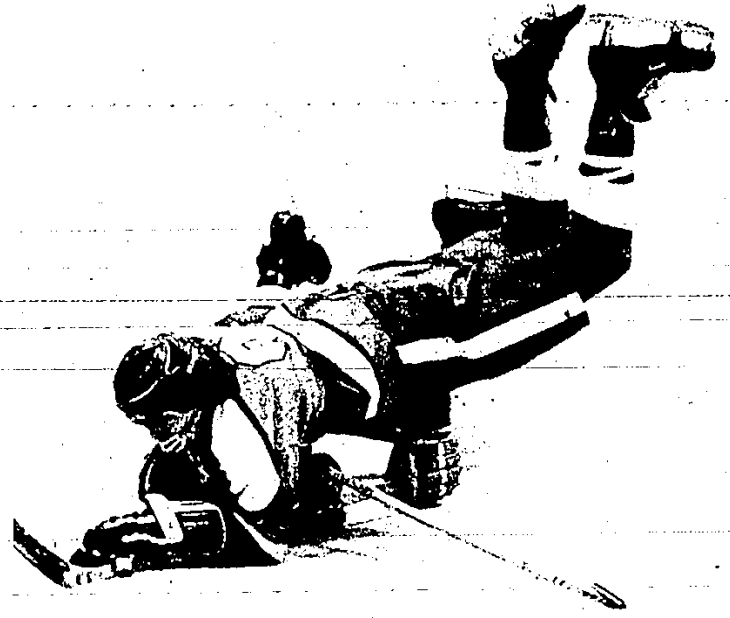
Randy Hurn who was a double winner for RU in both meets, set an Allen Park pool record with a 5:26.8 clocking in the 500 freestyle.

Results:

RU 106, WL CENTRAL 66
 200 medley relay: 1-Walled Lake Central (Clark, Meek, Washburn, Strang); 2-RU (Leith, Johnson, Hardon, Doran). Time 1:58.0.
 200 freestyle: 1-Hurn(RU); 2-Soko(RU); 3-Clark(WL). Time:1:58.8.
 200 individual medley: 1-O'Meara(RU); 2-Hardon(RU); 3-Johnson (RU). Time 2:26.6.
 50 freestyle: 1-Simon(RU); 2-Doran(RU); 3-Wertenberger(WL). Time:24.9.
 DIVING: 1-Trapp(RU); 2-Beakley(RU); 3-Majewski(RU). Points 102.32.
 100 butterfly: 1-Washburn(WL); 2-Hardon(RU); 3-Majewski(RU). Time:1:01.9.
 100 freestyle: 1-Simon(RU); 2-Soko(RU); 3-Keethy(WL). Time:58.0.

500 freestyle: 1-Hurn(RU); 2-Doran(RU); 3-Strang(WL). Time:5:27.9.
 100 backstroke: 1-O'Meara(RU); 2-Leith(RU); 3-Clark(RU). Time:1:03.9.
 100 breaststroke: 1-Anthony(RU); 2-Martin(RU); 3-Johnson(RU). Time:1:09.7.
 400 freestyle relay: 1-Redford Union (Sokol, Hurn, Leith, Anthony); 2-Walled Lake (Strang, Kesily, Clark, Washburn). Time:3:35.1.

ALLEN PARK 42, RU 41
 200 medley relay: 1-Allen Park (Messer, Hersberger, Carter, Woods); 2-RU (O'Meara, Martin, Anthony, Sokol). Time:1:47.2.
 200 freestyle: 1-Hurn(RU); 2-Fantalone(AP); 3-Holewaki(AP). Time:1:57.8.
 200 individual medley: 1-Ottenbacher(AP); 2-Maddock(AP); 3-O'Meara(RU). Time:2:20.0.
 50 freestyle: 1-Dyck(AP); 2-Simon(RU); 3-Doran(RU). Time:24.2.
 DIVING: 1-Trapp(RU); 2-DePompolo(AP); 3-Beakley(RU). Points 106.5.
 100 butterfly: 1-Messer(AP); 2-Wells(AP); 3-Hardon(RU). Time:1:14.3.
 100 freestyle: 1-Simon(RU); 2-Maerner(AP); 3-Soko(RU). Time:55.2.
 500 freestyle: 1-Hurn(RU); 2-Fantalone(AP); 3-Wania(AP). Time:5:28.6.
 100 backstroke: 1-O'Meara(RU); 2-Ottenbacher(AP); 3-Haina(AP). Time:1:03.0.
 100 breaststroke: 1-Anthony(RU); 2-Woods(AP); 3-Martin(RU). Time:1:07.5.
 400 freestyle relay: 1-Allen Park (Messer, Carter, Hersberger, Dyck); 2-RU (Sokol, Beakley, Simon, Hurn). Time 3:35.3.



BARRELING OVER an Alpena defender is Stevenson's Tom Shipp. The Spartans of Stevenson barrelled over Alpena, 9-3. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

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Cagers plunge 108-157

By TOM DONOGHUE
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The 30-inch, 22-ounce basketball took a deflated dip this week in Observerland.

The 19 school contingency sputtered to an eight win - 22 loss showing, thus dipping Observerland's cage winning percentage to .401, a major slip from last week's .426.

Tuesday's eight game slate showed Garden City West and three Livonia schools in Churchill, Franklin and Stevenson emerge victors while St. Agatha, Bentley, Garden City East, Farmington Harrison and North Farmington slipped a notch.

A 16-game card this weekend shows early signs of better pickings for area preps with an eight win - 11 loss prediction sure to boast that sliding overall percentage.

Garden City West received the biggest boost Tuesday night in the mad scramble to the Tri - River crown. West

bombarded Taylor Kennedy, 70-47, while previous front-runner Riverside tumbled. Now there exists a three-way tie between West, Riverside and Cherry Hill. All three sport 7-2 marks with Melvindale a step behind with a 6-3 showing.

The West Tigers got off to a slow start against Kennedy with it tied at 12-all after one period and the Tigers holding a slim, 29-27 lead at the half.

Third quarter action broke things open as West hit eight of 21 from the floor and popped in 21 points while Kennedy connected on only three of 10 from the floor. West spurred to a 50-33 advantage heading into the last eight minutes.

West continued its drive in the fourth, 20-14, to finish 25 of 54 from the floor for 46 per cent and Kennedy, 18 of 50 for 36 per cent. It was West's 10th victory overall against five losses.

Livonia Stevenson won its

third game in its last four in a 65-55 fashion over West Bloomfield. Overall it was Stevenson's sixth victory against eight defeats.

The Spartans jumped to a 15-9 first quarter lead, let it fall to 32-31 at the half, but broke it open with a 20 point third quarter while holding Bloomfield to just seven.

Stevenson hit 21 of 55 from the field for 38 per cent and Bloomfield, 20 of 62 for 32 per cent. Dale Haberman's 13 rebounds and Ray Davis' 10 assists paced the Spartans.

North Farmington almost pulled off a major non-league upset.

Ken Dean's Raiders trailed heavily favored Ferndale, 47-45, with 4:18 remaining.

That's when the North roof fell in and Ferndale reeled off 16 straight points to top the Raider crew, 63 to 45.

"We just started gambling and everything worked against us," commented Dean whose North crew stands at 8-6 overall.

Ferndale finished 31 of 56 from the floor for 55 per cent and North, 17 of 37 for 46 per cent.

Flint Central handed Bentley its fifth straight setback, 51-49. A one - time 7-2 Bull-

dog mark has now slipped to a seven - all showing.

Bentley spurred off to a 13-8 first quarter lead and held on at the half, 25-24. It was nip - and - tuck the rest of the way with Flint copping a 14-10 third quarter advantage.

With 40 seconds remaining, Don Kegley spurred to the Bentley basket and popped in a bucket that would have given Bentley a 51-50 lead. Instead Kegley was called for charging, the basket nullified and Flint made good one of two free - throws and the Bulldogs, who shot only 33 per cent from the field, missed on a last second 15 footer to fall to defeat.

The area's No. 1 club again received a gift.

Livonia Churchill, now 13-1 overall and 6-0 in the Western six, came up with one of its poorest showings ever last Friday but luckily for the Chargers it came against a now 2-12 Farmington Harrison crew.

Such was not the case against Garden City East on Tuesday. Not that it was against a falling squad because East had won its last three games, but the Chargers faced the poorest performance a Billy Joe Young club has ever come up with in his 16 years of coaching.

Churchill ripped East, 58-36.

The Chargers, who face Walled Lake Western tonight, spurred to a 12-2 first quarter margin. East hitting on only one of 16 tosses from the field. The rest was all a formality as Churchill won the second, 12-10, the third period, 16-15, and the last eight minutes, 18-9.

East wound up 15 of 72 for 21 per cent. That's 57 missed

Prep Schedule

TONIGHT (Friday)

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL at Stevenson
 ROYAL OAK DONDERO at Southfield Lathrup
 SOUTHFIELD at Hazel Park
 ALLEN PARK at Redford Union
 Belleville at PLYMOUTH SALEM
 NORTH FARMINGTON at Thurston
 John Glenn at OAK PARK
 GARDEN CITY WEST at Crestwood
 FRANKLIN at Garden City East
 PONTIAC NORTHERN at Farmington
 WATERFORD KETTERING at Clarenceville
 Walled Lake Western at CHURCHILL
 Bishop Gallagher at BISHOP BORGESS
 Bentley at EDEL FORD

SATURDAY (Feb. 9)

Farmington Harrison at PLYMOUTH CANTON
 EDEL FORD at Thurston

TUESDAY (Feb. 12)

BENTLEY at Belleville
 Redford St. Mary at BISHOP BORGESS
 Farmington at SOUTHFIELD
 FRANKLIN at Northville
 FORDSON at Garden City East
 North Farmington at BERKLEY
 PLYMOUTH CANTON at Woodhaven
 Edsel Ford at PLYMOUTH SALEM
 TRENTON at Redford Union
 Hazel Park at SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP
 Probable winners in bold-face caps
 (Tuesday's predictions, 7-1; Overall Record, 159-48)

Stevenson pummels Alpena pucksters

Livonia Stevenson jumped off to a 4-0 first period lead, held on after two stanzas, 4-2, then roared to a five goal finish to skate past Alpena in a non-league prep hockey clash, 9-3.

Paul Vermeesch and Steve Hillman slapped in three goals each. Tom Shipp added two and Tim Murphy completed the attack.

Stevenson outshot Alpena, 44 to 38. Results:

STEVENSON 0 0 5-9
 ALPENA 0 2 1-3
FIRST PERIOD
 SCORING: Stevenson - Vermeesch (unassisted), 9:04; Stevenson - Shipp

(McMurray), 10:14; Stevenson - Hillman (Shipp), 13:02; Stevenson - Vermeesch (McDonald), 13:57. PENALTIES: Vermeesch (S), 3:57; Bray (A), 3:58; DiRusso (R), 3:59; Hillman (S), 7:41; McDonald (A), 9:02; Ferndale (A), 14:41; McDonald (S), 14:48.

SECOND PERIOD
 SCORING: Alpena - Bray (McAdams), 12:08; Alpena - Bray (McAdams), 14:00. PENALTIES: McDonald (S), 3:02; Bray (A), 5:37; Vermeesch (S), 10:58; Hillman (S), 12:41; Shipp (S), 13:42; McMurray (S), 13:42.

THIRD PERIOD
 SCORING: Stevenson - Hillman (DiRusso), 0:39; Stevenson - Hillman (Van-Norman), 1:43; Stevenson - Vermeesch (DiRusso), 2:16; Stevenson - Shipp (DiRusso), 3:31; Stevenson - Murphy (Kobe), 9:30; Alpena - Bray (unassisted), 10:45. PENALTIES: McDonald (S), 2:42; Van-Norman (S), 5:23; Vermeesch (A), 5:23; McDonald (S), 6:33; Shea (A), 9:00; Paquette (A), 10:39; McDonald (S), 14:40.



Churchill 58, GC East 36
 Stevenson 85, W. Bloomfield 55
 GC West 70, Kennedy 47
 Southfield 72, Harrison 47
 Ferndale 63, N. Farmington 45
 O.L. St. Marys 64, St. Agathe 53
 Franklin 55, Dearborn 54
 Flint Central 51, Bentley 49

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Thurston matmen set school mark

A seven sophomore attack netted the Thurston High wrestling squad a 72 - 0 Northwest Suburban triumph over Oak Park. It was the highest point total ever scored by a Thurston mat crew and the first shutout.

Sophomore Jeff Matheny at 132 pounds came up with the fastest pin in 20 seconds over Oak Park's Neil Pleasant. All the Eagle grapplers pinned their opponents in the first period except for Gary Scott at 155 pounds who did it in the third.

The entire 12 class bout saw Thurston on the mat for only 15:57. Results:

90 lbs - Mike Steele (T) won by vold.
 108 lbs - Rocky Arsenault (T) pinned Cal Huby (OP), 1:45.
 112 lbs - Tim Benedict (T) pinned George Vierli (OP), 1:30.
 119 lbs - Dale Hinton (T) pinned Malcolm Derbalian (OP), 1:40.
 132 lbs - Dale Berbay (T) won by vold.
 132 lbs - Jeff Matheny (T) pinned Neil Pleasant (OP), 0:20.
 138 lbs - Tom Lovach (T) pinned Roy Glickin (OP), 1:40.
 145 lbs - Jeff Trachsel (T) pinned Mike Kennedy (OP), 1:50.
 155 lbs - Gary Scott (T) pinned Gary Gapes (OP), 5:20.
 167 lbs - Ken McLean (T) won by vold.
 185 lbs - Joel Hohl (T) pinned Andy Rathman (OP), 1:40.
 HWY - Dan Finigan (T) pinned Jerry Day (OP), 0:32.