

observing sports

Stevenson Whips Plymouth In Opener

The occasion was "A Salute to the Pistons" by John and J. Walter Kennedy, commissioner of the National Basketball Association...

Kennedy, however, ignored the subject—at least when introduced to the assembled audience. Instead he took the occasion to openly tell the Pistons something he lectures every NBA team on before a new season begins...

Kennedy paused... then said, "I tell this to every player and I'm using this moment to tell the Pistons—if any NBA player is approached by such persons and any player does not inform his coach or general manager immediately, the commissioner will have only one recourse: Suspend the player immediately and the player will have no right to appeal."

KENNEDY'S REMARKS had an important meaning to the players in the audience. Yet, we couldn't see how the same statement couldn't flow down to the schoolboy level.

Granted, the likelihood of those with gambling desires approaching preps is slim. We can't remember any such scandal ever involving the schoolboys.

But yet, there are those adults who have been known to throw themselves just as carelessly and wicked as far as the preps are concerned.

We're referring to people who sponsor a variety of teams during the off seasons and they draw their talent from the high school ranks.

There are baseball sponsors, golf sponsors, swimming sponsors etc. They lure preps into meets... then make awards which violate the High School Athletic Association rules.

The "criminals"—and that's what these sponsors turn out to be—give the boys fancy gifts, assuring the young men that everything has been cleared with school officials.

Of course, nothing of the like has happened. Which gets us back to what Kennedy said. He pleaded with the Pistons to let their coach or G.M. know instantly if something crooked were to occur.

The prep should act the same way. He should always ask his coach, or his athletic director, first when somebody wants to make a presentation.

The stakes for the prep are just as high as they are for the pro. The word, too, is "suspension."

And, you can add embarrassment and shame and maybe the loss of a college scholarship.

THERE WAS SOMETHING ELSE that Kennedy told the Pistons that applies to the schoolboy athletes.

"When you enter the NBA and sign a contract, you become a special citizen," Kennedy declared. We'd have to feel that any schoolboy athlete is something special.

For one thing, he must have extra talents to make his team, be it the varsity, or JV, or 10th grade or freshman.

He must have a special attitude. You can't play and win, otherwise.

You're something special to have the honor of representing your school against others in the community... or from a distant point in state tournament competition.

You're something special because it's not just ordinary folk who can attend classes, get passing grades, and then find, all the extra time that is required to play on a school team.

IN SHORT, WHAT GOES for the pros, goes for the preps, too.

From where we sit, we'd say it goes even more for the preps.

The pros don't have to worry about math or chemistry or Spanish exams!

Great Lakes Hockey Meet Pairings Set

Michigan State will battle Princeton and Michigan Tech will be opening with New Hampshire in the opening round games of the fifth annual Great Lakes Invitational College Hockey Tournament next month at Olympia.

The two-day tournament begins on Friday, Dec. 19. Tech and New Hampshire will play the first game at 6:30 p.m. with MSU and Princeton meeting in the second game at 9 p.m.

On the following night opening game losers will meet in a consolation match at 8:30 p.m. and winners will play for the championship at 9 p.m.

Last season Michigan Tech won the American Airlines Trophy, symbolic of the GLI championship, by defeating the University of Wisconsin, 4-1. Other GLI champions are Toronto (1965), Michigan (1966) and North Dakota (1967).

Superior rebounding strength greater accuracy from the free throw line were the principal ingredients in permitting Stevenson to post a 60-57 victory over Plymouth...



NO PLACE TO GO for Plymouth's Bob Thornbladh as he tries to pass off after grabbing a rebound. Johnny Jetchick (left) and Ted Exarhos (right), of Stevenson, closed in on both sides to block Thornbladh's moves.

Prep Wrestling Schedules

Table listing wrestling schedules for various schools including North Farmington, Clawsonville, Thurston, and others, with dates and opponents.

Good News For Anglers In Au Sable

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reports that the W.A. Porter Construction Company of East Jordan has met the request of stocking the Au Sable River with 500 rainbow trout in the Grayling area to cover a fish kill caused there last summer by the fire.

The company's release of the six to 12-inch fish was termed a gesture of "good faith" by Gary Scholke, the DNR's district fish biologist at Mio.

Scholke also expressed optimism that an understanding has been reached between the company and DNR to prevent the construction-related problems which caused trout losses in the river.

The die-off occurred when chlorine flowed into the Au Sable at Grayling after the East Jordan firm had flushed it for distribution purposes through a water line under construction.

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14 rebounds, helped the Spartan achieve topseed domination of the boards, 45-31. On the offensive board alone Stevenson had a 16-7 margin and this, perhaps, was the most telling statistic of them all.

Statistical comparison between Plymouth and Stevenson, showing FG, FTM, FTA, TP, and other metrics for both teams.

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