Thursday, March 13, 1980

Regionals are next

The state district basketball tourna-"The state district baskethall tourna-ments concluded last Saturday and only two of the top seven teams in the Observer & Eccentric area poll sur-vixed to advance to the regionals. Top-ranked Birmingham Brother Rice won the Birmingham Seabolm district by deceating Bloomfield Hills Andover, 49-43, last Friday. Southfield, rated third in this week's poll, was an easy winner in its district first against Redford Union, 73-83, last Friday at Southfield. Three of the other live teams in the

Three of the other five teams in the pout test in district final matches. Andover, ranked in a tie for sixth with Rochester, was beaten by Rice. A key factor in the game was Rice's ability to limit Andover's high-scoring guard, Tim Meter, to only 10 points. Andover finished 10-12 on the season.

Rochester concluded the year at 12-9 with a 44-43 loss in the Troy Athens dis-

trict finals to Utica. Forward Chris Ri-bant missed a shot in the final seconds that could have been a game-winner. Earlier in the district tourney, Roches-ter beat Lake Ortion, 43-36. Orchard Lake St. Mary's was the third team to bite the dust in a district final, losing to Center Line St. Clement, 57-51, in overtime at the Harper Woods Lutheran East Class C district Friday.

SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP, No. 4 in south field-lathitup, No. 4 in the poll, was beaten in the first round of the districts by Cinderella-team Royal Oak Dondero, 80-52. Dondero went on to the championship of the Royal Oak Kimball tourney, beating Detroit Henry Ford in the finals Satur day.

No more than one rated team will have a special to the regionals, since Southmake it past the regionals, since South-field and Rice are competing in the Lathrup tourney. Southfield's first opponent was a fa-miliar one — Ferndale. The two teams

Northville

Downs

tied for the Southeastern Michigan Association championably this past season and split their two games this year. Rice faced Dondero Wednesday night Tae Warriors are clear favorites to win the regional title, having beaten Ferndale earlier in the season. The regional championship contest is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lathrap. The winner advances to the quarterinants at University of Detroit's Callians Hall on Wednesday, March 19, against the winner of the Warren Tower regional. That game will begin at 8 p.m.

FINAL O&E CAGE POLL

(necords as of March 10)			
1. Brother Rice (27 points)	18-5		
2. B.H. Lahser (19)	17-4		
3. Southfield (17)	18-5		
4. Southfield-Lathrup (12)	15-6		
5. O.L. St. Mary's (7)	18-4		
6. (tie) Rochester (4)	12-9		
6. B.H. Andover (4) 1	0?-12		

from courtside David Stewart

Netters upset favorites

When an unseeded player wins a club "A" singles tournament and the No. 1-seeded player is defeated in the semifinals, everyone knows there must be a high number of strong players in the tournament. Of course, there is always the cynic who says the person making up the draw did not know what he or she was doing. But in the recent Winter Women's Singles Championships at the Centaur Racquet Glub in West Bloomfield, this was not the case. The No. 1-seeded player, Anita Goldman of West Bloomfield, should have been the top seed. But the tournament's top player was defeated by No. 4-seed Hildy Randolph of Farmington Hills in straight sets, 6-2, 6-4, in the semifinals.

In the bottom half of the draw No. 2-seed Rabbia-

semifinals.

In the bottom half of the draw, No. 2-seed Bobbie
Daniel of West Bloomfield was defeated in the second round by the eventual winner — unseeded Nancy Green of West Bloomfield, 6-1, 6-3.

First Round

Anita Goldman received the tournament's only bys. Gail Brown (Bloomfield Hill) didtated Karen Iljourer (West Bloomfield, 2-7. Man! Newglawur (West Bloomfield, 2-6. Man! Newglawur (West Bloomfield), edsaled to Carry Barthas (Troy); Hilly Randolph diétated Theres Halath (Farmigon Hill), 4-6, -5, -7. Tray Blangan (Bloomfield Hills) de teated Barthara Domothly (West Bloomfield), 6-6, 6-7 Farn Putman Persidigon Hills) defeated Danner (Direct (Highland), 4-6, 6-1, 6-1); Bobbie Daniel defeated Irone Klamer, 5, 6-7, 7-8.

IN THE WOMEN'S "B" Singles Division, No. 2-seed Judy Power of West Bloomfield, defeated No. 4-seed Alice Pranis of West Bloomfield, 6-I, 6-1.

Shirley Russell (Southfield) received a byr, Judy Gabriel (We Bloomfield), defeated Shirley Carp (West Bloomfield), 6-4, bonas Sattla (Frankill) defeated Am Marie Estamas (We Bloomfield), 5-4, 6-4, 6-2, Alice Praint received a byr, Mary Ar (Walled Lake) wonly default over Diaze Ryp (Farmingston) (Walled Lake) wonly default over Diaze Ryp (Farmingston) (West Bloomfield) defeated Starbara Wallial (West Bjoomfield), 4-4, 6-4, Judy Power received a byr.

Russell defeated Gabriel 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Pranis defeated Slatkin 6-2, 6-2; Brady defeated Troskey 6-2, 6-3; Power defeated Mascolo 6-1, 7-5

Semifinals

Pranis defeated Russell 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Power defeated Brady 6-1,

The accusation has been made that the club's "A" players compete in the "B" Division of the Suburban League. With such a high number of strong players, that kind of an accusation is easy to understand.

ed Goldman 6-2, 6-4; Green defeated Ealagna 6-





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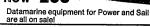
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