

# Hail To The Champs! St. Agatha Wins Loop Title

Sing it loud... and sing it clearly...

"Hail to the Champs!" Just as in football, it's St. Agatha High again in basketball, kingpins of the Catholic League's Southwest Division.

St. Agatha proved it belongs on top by blowing a lead, then

fighting back in the closing seconds to nip Lourdes, 54-52, last Friday night.

The victory was the 11th in 13 starts for St. Agatha and clinched the divisional title.

NEXT STOP: The University of Detroit on Sunday, Feb. 9.

for the Second Division playoffs. St. Agatha's first foe will be powerful Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which has won 14 straight this year.

Agatha appeared to be coasting along against Lourdes. Maybe the Townsippers figured they could start their celebrating early.

They led, 17-12, after one quarter when George Barbour bounced in six points.

Dave Urban and Mark Miron accounted for four points each as St. Agatha held a 30-25 advantage at the halt.

Then the edge swelled to 49-35 at three quarters when Ur-

ban tallied six more, Doug Bach popped in five and Miron four.

BUT LOURDES didn't know what the word "quit" meant. Taking advantage of every break and making their own, Lourdes rushed back to even

the score at 52-52 with just under a minute to go.

Then with six seconds on the clock, Miron was fouled.

He had a "one and one" situation.

Miron made the first and the second and Lourdes wasn't able to get off another shot before the final buzzer making

it seven straight wins for Agatha.

In the final period, St. Agatha managed only one basket and three free throws.

URBAN TOPPED the winners with 18 points. Mira had 15, Barbour 12, Inch nine and Tim Flamboe four. Barbour also was the giant in rebound-

ing with 16 as he made it possible for St. Agatha to control the boards.

Dan Adair and Paul Fishwick each scored 16 points for Lourdes.

St. Agatha plays St. Francis de Sales Friday in its final regular-season game.

## Slowdown Can't Halt Stevenson

The test of a good team is how it fares when the opposition resorts to other than standard practices.

Waterford High tried a zone defense with a slow offense against Stevenson Friday night.

About all it did was keep the score down. Stevenson won, this time by a 30-28 tally, to make it 8-0 and remain two full games ahead of Farmington and Pontiac Northern, who are tied for second place in the Inter-Lakes Conference.

It was a ding-down battle right down to the final wire.

ford a lot of credit," said Coach George Van Wagener of Stevenson. "They played good ball. Very good ball.

"But our kids were in there rebounding and really playing excellent defense and we finally were able to break away in the last period."

The teams were tied 10-10 after the first period and it was 23-19 for Stevenson at the half.

Waterford cut the deficit to two points going into the final quarter, but then Stevenson broke away with a 15-6 closing stanza.

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## Trojans Bow To Northville

Northville High's basketball team handed Clarenceville one of its worst losses in several years, 91-49.

Northville took a 14-1 lead at the outset and never was threatened the rest of the way as the Mustangs built a 33-point lead by the end of the third period.

Run Hubbard had 22 points for the winners while Bob Riding scored 11 for Clarenceville.

## RU Matmen Win; Stay Tied For 1st

Redford Union High's wrestlers whipped Belleville, 23-15 to remain tied for the Suburban Six League lead and boost its overall record to 7-4.

The RU winners:

- 107 pounds—Dennis Campbell, decision
- 115—Bill McCurry, decision
- 125—Mike Mann, decision
- 137—Chip Woods, pin
- 145—Bob Metz, pin
- 185—Tim Srock, pin
- Heavyweight—Tony Lang, decision.



BIG GEORGE BARBOUR came through for St. Agatha despite efforts by two Lourdes players. George was one of the big reasons for Agatha's victory in the game that decided the championship.

(Observer photo by Vince Witek)

## Thurston Boys, Girls Ski To Victories

Thurston High's ski team won over the boys and girls of Beneditine High.

In the boys division, Thurston posted a 220-284.7 score at Brighton as Ray Ott turned in the best time of 53.6 seconds.

Thurston's girls won, 215.1-230.5 as Debbie Lewis led the way with a time of 61.7 seconds.

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By Jay Stokan

Beginners practicing snow-plow turns often have difficulty completing them because their ski tips flex. When a skier transfers his weight toward one ski to initiate a turn, he often over-edges the opposite less-weighted ski. The over-edged ski will then track straight ahead, usually across the shovel of the downhill ski.

To avoid this problem, try the following exercise to keep your inside ski flatter during turns.

Place both hands slightly to the inside of both knees and begin a snow-plow turn. When you transfer weight to the downhill ski to make a turn, begin to press the uphill knee outward over the less-weighted ski. This will flatten the uphill ski and prevent it from tracking across the shovel of the downhill ski.

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It's Raiders Over Glenn

North Farmington High's wrestling team dethroned John Glenn, 23-15, in a battle of Northwest Suburban League power.

The results:

- 93 pounds—Larry Sandus (G) def. Mark Frank.
- 107—Ken Haller (NF) def. Tom Neal.
- 125—Mark LeSuer (G) def. Bob Livingston.
- 123—Tom Tooney (NF) def. Ken Jones.
- 130—Ray Tooney (NF) def. Bob Foster.
- 137—Tom Garratt (NF) def. Charles Young.
- 143—Lynn McLilly (G) def. Mike Pease.
- 155—Michael Davis (G) def. Mike Pease.
- 165—Craig Goff (NF) def. Bob Kruse.
- 175—Mike Leiter (NF) def. Jim Cook.
- 185—Den Loe (NF) pinned John Thorp.
- Heavyweight—Sam Leo (G) pinned Ron Craine.

## New Face Sorrows Playoff Gives East Big Lift

The new semester opened on a high note for Garden City East high's basketball team — a 69-48 victory over Lutheran West.

It marked the first win of the season after five losses for East in Mid-Wayne League action.

The addition of Greg Puiushes to the East roster helped tremendously.

Puiushes, a transfer from Divine Child, was making his debut for East and he drilled in 18 points to top the winners.

Mike Roth had 16, Rod Shafer 11 and Dave Jackson sparked with 11 rebounds.

East led only 18-16 after the first period, but outscored Lutheran West, 20-9, in the second period when Puiushes had eight of his points.

From there East opened a 62-40 lead and was in no trouble the rest of the way.

Playoff hopes for Our Lady of Sorrows high school in basketball have vanished.

Losing to St. James, 88-40, ruined the Sorrows' chances of qualifying for next week's championship series in the Catholic League.

Sorrows and St. James had entered the game with identical 9-9 records and tied for second place in the Northwest Division.

BUT AN EXPECTED battle between the two teams never materialized. St. James took a 22-11 lead in the first period, held it 40-22 at the half and then outscored Sorrows 46-8 in the second half.

"We just couldn't find the mark," said Coach Bob McElris of Sorrows.

His charges made only 14 out of 45 while St. James was red hot, canning 41 out of 72 for 69 percent.

St. James went ahead, 9-0, at the outset and was in command the rest of the way as

Bill Moharter led the way with 22 points.

Chris Centers had 12, Mike Hart eight and Dan McGrath seven for Sorrows which finishes its regular-season schedule against St. Rita Friday night.

## SPLIT PERSONALITY

Tiger infielder Tom Tresh hit one home run for the Yankees in 43 games in 1969; after coming to the Tigers in a trade on June 14, he blasted 13 round-trippers in 84 games.

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