

72-71 Victory Send Team Into Quarterfinals

GC West Continues Unbeaten Parade

Unbeaten Garden City West became the second quintet from that city to gain the quarterfinal round of Michigan's Class "A" high school basketball tournament but only by the margin of a single point after going into a stall with 1:28 remaining in the final period.

A crowd of more than 2,800, largest ever to view a basketball game in the Livonia Franklin gym, was limp at the finish of another one of those cliff-hangers that marked the march of the Tigers to the district and regional tourney titles.

WEST HAD WHAT appeared to be a comfortable 72-67 margin with five seconds on the clock when Guard Ed McGowan dribbled in for a two

pointer and was fouled at the same time. He missed the charity toss but grabbed the rebound and fired it through the hoop as the game ended, making the final score 72-71.

It was a hard fought battle from the opening whistle and found the Shamrocks outscoring the Tigers, 29-17, from the field.

But CC lost its "cool" midway through the third period and constant fouls cost it four starters and eventually the game. West converted on 38 of 52 from the foul line with All-Stars Rick Drewitz counting 20 times on free throws and five times from the field to lead the scorers with 30 points.

The Shamrocks had 25 chances from the foul line and made good on 13.

The loss of Chris Rozonca and

Rick Mei, its two tall men, in the fourth quarter proved costly to CC especially since Drewitz was fouled constantly and kept his team in front with eight consecutive conversions in the final period along with three baskets for 14 points.

Before the game ended CC also lost Frank Tanana and Mark Barczuk on five personal fouls and Garden City saw Dennis Leszczynski and Kirk Lewis go to the bench via the same route.

THE OVERFLOW crowd knew it was in for a spectacular contest from the beginning as the lead changed hands twice before the Shamrocks tallied six quick points in the final minutes to end the first period with a 22-17 lead.

CC double teamed Drewitz with great success and the brilliant West star had trouble getting any kind of shots, winding up the quarter with only four free throws for his efforts. Leszczynski stepped into the breach and sparked his team with nine of the 17 points.

Mei and Rozonca gave the Tigers fits with their play under the hoop, grabbing rebounds on numerous occasions and hitting the basket with short shots.

CC ran into a cold spell in the second quarter, going more than four minutes without a point and winding up at the half with seven in the second period to trail 32-29.

Mei hit from underneath at the 5:34 point and the next basket came at 2:02 when Pete

Jonca connected from the corner. Rozonca made the third field goal with 39 seconds to play.

Meanwhile, Leszczynski batted in a rebound at 6:34 to pull West within four points of a tie, 23-19. Mei's basketball gave CC a 25-19 edge and then the Tigers started coming back again.

Gary Nustad was fouled and hit twice, 25-21. Drewitz finally scored his first field goal at 4:17 and it was 25-23. Leszczynski was fouled while tying the score and then converted to give West a 26-25 margin at 3:24.

Lewis slipped in a two pointer from underneath and West had a 28-25 lead. Jonca made it 28-27. Lewis was fouled and connected twice and Drewitz tossed in a pair from

the three throw line to widen the gap to 22-27. Rozonca's tip in made the score 32-29 as the teams went into the dressing rooms for the rest period.

THE SECOND half turned into one of the most thrilling games of the entire tournament, one that had the crowd standing most of the time as the lead saw-sawed back and forth.

Rozonca had a hot hand for CC in the first three and a half minutes with four baskets.

His first pulled CC within a point, 32-31. Drewitz tallied from the foul line and Rozonca knotted the score, 33-33 with his second score. Rutter flipped one in from the side and Rozonca tied it again, 35-35. Jerry Guzowski fought loose under the basket to score and

for a third time Rozonca knotted it, 37-37.

Drewitz's foul gave the Tigers a 38-37 margin but Bill Drypen sent the Shamrock rosters into ecstasy with a hoop from the edge of the foul that gave his team a 39-38 lead -- first time in the second half.

Drewitz tossed in two fouls and Garden City had a 40-39 edge at the 4:00 mark. Drewitz dribbled in for a two pointer, Guzowski added a foul, Drewitz connected twice from the foul line and so did Nustad with the result that West led 49-41 with 1:37 to play in the period.

Tanana and Mei counted four points and Nustad scored from the field for West to make the score, 51-45, as the final eight minutes started.

DREWITZ QUICKLY gave West a 53-45 score when fouled by Mei. Rozonca and McGowan hit twice in less than a minute and CC had cut the lead to 53-49.

Drewitz answered that with two quick hoops and the difference was 57-49 with 6:14 on the clock.

Barczuk and Jonca came right back with two from the field and CC was only trailing by four with 5:20 remaining.

Then came the parade of fouls that found the Shamrocks losing three starters and Garden City two on five personal fouls.

Leszczynski was fouled by Rozonca with five minutes to play and he went the giant center to the Shamrocks. Denny converted and the score was 58-52.

Play had just started when Leszczynski was called for his

Winter Over? It Is For Area Golfers

Although the sun has been bright, the days nippy and traces of snow have fallen in the evenings, at least three public golf courses in Observerland are open for play or will open over the weekend.

Managers at the three courses stated the weather was a big cold but "the sunny weather has brought out many golfers who want to play as soon as the sun shines and we decided to give them the opportunity."

The courses are Whispering Willows in Livonia, Brae-Burn

on Five Mile near Napier in Salem Township and Brookline at the intersection of Six Mile and Sheldon Roads in Northville Township.

Brookline will have a completely remodeled clubhouse available for golfers and a new pro in the person of John Koch, a PGA member who comes to Michigan from the New Castle, Pa. Country Club.

Johnny Jawor, one of the famed golfing brothers of Detroit, is the new pro-manager of Brae-Burn where he has been busy supervising an ex-

pansion and remodeling program for the past six weeks. He goes in Brae, Burn after serving at San Marino golf club in Farmington last year and prior to that at Bonnie Brook, Ann Arbor Country Club and Redford Municipal, part of the Detroit City program.

GARY WHITENER, pro-manager at Whispering Willows since the opening two years ago, is already on the scene and will open the 18-hole layout for play on Friday (March 20).

"We have had so many calls from the earlybirds who want to play as soon as the snow vanishes, that Livonia Recreation Supt. John Dufour and I decided to open 10 days ahead of our normal April 1 date," Whitener said.

The course is located at the intersection of Newburgh and Eight Mile Roads in Livonia.

Weather permitting, Whispering Willows will be open daily from 7 a.m. to dusk.

The green fee rates will be the same as in 1969 with the following schedule announced

by Dufour: weekdays (Monday through Friday)—residents, \$2 for nine and \$3 for 18; non-residents, \$2.25 for nine and \$3.50 for 18; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays—residents, \$2.50 for nine and \$4 for 18; non-residents, \$2.75 for nine and \$4.50 for 18; twilight rates (after 5 p.m.): Mondays through Fridays, residents \$1.50 for nine and non-residents \$1.75 for nine.

Dufour stated that golfers requesting starting times on weekends or holidays may call the course (476-4493) after

Wednesday of that week with a charge of 25 cents per player.

He announced a new policy in regard to rounds on Saturday, Sundays and holidays. No nine hole rounds will be sold until after 1:30 p.m.

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The 18-hole, par 60 course is on a plot of grounds owned by the Northrup family for 145 years. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ross Northrup Jr., III who also own the Northrup funeral home in Redford.

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Ol' George Makes His Cage Picks

Brave ol' George Maskin. He's not a scared of anything (except maybe his better half at home).

But, he's bold enough to stick out his chin and try to call the shots on what'll happen in Wednesday night's state high school quarterfinals and then who'll ultimately wind up as state basketball champs Saturday night in East Lansing.

So, here goes!

CLASS A

PONTIAC CENTRAL VS. DETROIT KETTERING: This truly deserves to be the "game-of-the-year." It would make an ideal state title affair Saturday night. Pontiac Central rolls along.

GARDEN CITY WEST VS. BENTON HARBOR: Lansing, here come—and that's the way it'll be for West, the darlings of Observerland.

DETROIT PERSHING VS. DEARBORN FORDSON: Sentiment may figure in this choice — Pershing. Will Robinson is coaching his last Pershing team. Besides, Will's boys, knocked off Ferndale last Saturday. They should be able to take care of Fordson next.

MIDLAND VS. GRAND RAPIDS UNION: Since No. 1 son, Richard, attends college in Midland, that's where the dough rests.

THE GRAND CHAMP: Pontiac Central.

CLASS B

RIVER ROUGE VS. LANSING GABRIEL: Never get off a champion until he's down. Rouge.

STURGIS VS. MUSKEGON HEIGHTS: This is "comedown year" for the Heights after many great seasons in Class A. The Heights.

SAGINAW CARROLLTON VS. DETROIT DELASALLE: Carrollton.

BAY CITY ALL SAINTS VS. ESCANABA HOLY NAME: Toss up—All Saints.

THE GRAND CHAMP: River Rouge.

CLASS C

EAU CLAIRE VS. STOCKBRIDGE: Flip another coin—Stockbridge.

PONTIAC CENTRAL VS. FLINT BENDE: Pontiac rolls along.

FRANKENMUTH VS. MUSKEGON CHRISTIAN: We like chicken. So that means Frankenmuth.

CHARLEVOIX VS. ST. IGNACE: The hope of the Upper Peninsula—St. Ignace.

THE GRAND CHAMP: Frankenmuth.

CLASS D

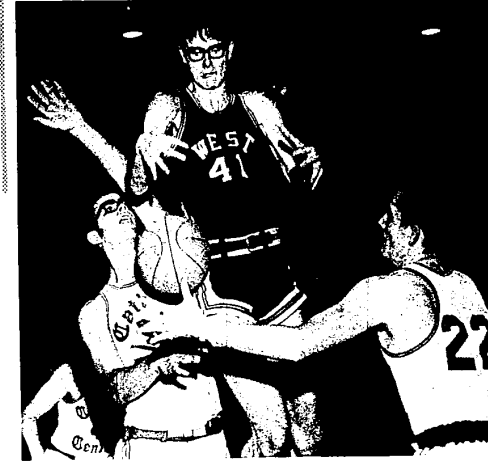
DETROIT ST. LEO VS. FLINT HOLY REDEEMER: Sorry, no chance for the Detroiters.

CAMDEN-FRONTIER VS. MARTIN: Hard to pick. Camden.

MT. PLEASANT SACRED HEART VS. KINGSLEY: Precedent says Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart.

WAKEFIELD VS. BIG BAY DE NOC: It says here... Wakefield.

THE GRAND CHAMP: Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart.



GANGING UP on Garden City West's Rick Drewitz (41) are Rick Mei (left) and Pete Jonca (22) of Catholic Central, as they tried to check his scoring. The strategy worked until the final period when Rick canned one free throw after another to lead the unbeaten Tigers to victory. (Observer photo by Vince Witke).

Only 32 Remain

They're down to the Sweet 32 in the Michigan High School basketball tournament.

Eight teams remain in each of the four classes from more than 725 who started out just over two weeks ago in quests of the state championships.

Upsets, near upsets, form performances. They've all been part of the districts and the regionals.

There have been some undesired situations, too, like River Rouge playing behind closed doors and no fans in the districts... like fans bawling after a game in Trenton... like a brawl cutting short the regional final between Rouge and Inkster.

But here they are now... at the quarterfinal stage and the Detroit area well represented as usual.

TAKE CLASS A, where five of the eight regional winners represent area schools, including the unbeaten Tigers of Garden City West.

The Detroit area has two hopes in Class B, one in Class C and one in Class D.

Wednesday's quarterfinals will be staged at a variety of sites stretched across the state of Michigan.

The 16 winners then will converge on East Lansing Friday for the semifinals with all the finals scheduled for Saturday in Michigan State's Jensen Fieldhouse.

This will mark the final time, under present State Association plans, to hold the quarterfinals, semifinals and finals in the same week.

Effective next season, the quarterfinals will be held on Thursday with the semifinals on the following Saturday during the third week of the overall tournament.

Then, the finalists will wait for one week, before deciding the four crowns on the next Saturday—with the title games alternating between Michigan and Michigan State.

THE BIGGEST surprise of last week's regionals probably came at Southfield High where Detroit's Pershing, playing its final season under Coach Bill Robinson, stunned Ferndale, 90-88.

Ferndale had been ranked No. 1 and No. 2 in all the state polls and was expected to rumple past Pershing, which was not among the powers in the Detroit City League.

But Pershing, whose Coach Robinson has turned out a flock of champs including the state "A" kings in 1967, arose to win the district, then jumped Southfield and Ferndale to capture the region.

Pontiac Central, favored in most pre-tournament polls, emerged with flying colors in the regional at Birmingham Seaholm and now goes against Detroit's Kettering, the city

league champs, in what shapes up as the best game of the tournament.

The other "A" games match Garden City West vs. Benton Harbor and Grand Rapids Union vs. Midland.

IN THE OTHER classes, there's perennial champ River Rouge still rolling along in Class B... Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart in Class C and a wide open field of quarterfinalists in Class D.

Forget it, if you don't have tickets for Saturday's three final programs which begin with the Class B title game at 11:30 a.m.

The Class D and C championships come off in the afternoon at 3 and 4:30 p.m. with the "A" battle at 8:30 p.m.

HERE'S THE SCHEDULE for Friday's semifinals:

Class A—Games at Michigan State's Jensen Field House, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Class B—Games at Jensen Fieldhouse, 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Class C—Games at Lansing Civic Center, 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Class D—Games at Lansing Waverly and Everett High Schools, 7 p.m.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL (71)				GC WEST (71)			
Mei	6	0	0	Drewitz	2	0	0
Jonca	2	0	0	Barczuk	2	0	0
Rozonca	2	0	0	Denny	2	0	0
McGowan	4	3	10				
Totals				39	18	71	
GC WEST (71)				DETROIT KETTERING (71)			
Lewis	2	0	0	Leszczynski	2	0	0
Drewitz	1	0	0	Barczuk	1	0	0
Barczuk	1	0	0	Denny	1	0	0
Denny	1	0	0				
Rozonca	2	0	0	Totals			
McGowan	2	0	0	17	18	71	
Totals				22	7	16	71
C. CENTRAL				GC WEST			
				17	18	71	



Get an early start on Spring by visiting Livonia Mall's second annual garden show. The beautifully landscaped gardens will delight the eye, and give you many ideas what can be done with your own garden.

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