



GC East Snips Inkster String

By BOB McCLELLAN
Garden City East realized the impossible dream, it snipped unbeaten Inkster, 78-76, in a Mid-Wayne League spine-tangler.

The Panthers played near perfect basketball and Dave Jackson, Garden City's 6-3 junior center, ripped the cords for a record shattering 39 points against the invading Vikings, ranked fifth in state Class B ratings and undefeated in 20 straight league games.

Jackson's performance surpassed the East record set by Paul Martini when he mustered 38 points against Schafer in 1965.

Billy Joe Young, East's jubilant coach, called it his team's best performance and biggest win since his squad whipped Pontiac Central, 74-62, in the state regionals in 1968.

THE VICTORY gives East a 6-1 mark in loop play and drops Inkster to 5-1 in Mid-Wayne competition. The Vikings inflicted East's only league loss late last year on the Inkster court.

East has a 10-3 overall

mark, its other two losses suffered at the hands of River Rouge, defending state Class B champion, and Garden City West, arch rival who has lost only to Melvindale.

East dealer Inkster's last league loss in January of 1968, whipping the high scoring Vikings, 65-51. The defeat also snapped Inkster's 21 game winning streak in regular season contests in the last two years.

In Friday's thriller, the lead changed hands only four times, but was tied on 14 occasions.

East ran up its biggest lead, eight points, midway in the second quarter when the Panthers shot ahead, 35-27. But Inkster roared back to take its largest edge, four points, with 36 seconds to go in the third period, surging ahead 61-57.

East rushed to a 24-18 opening stanza lead, Jackson dropping in five buckets and Mike Roller sinking three 18-footers.

Inkster tied the game, 24-

24, as Marvin Glaze, senior forward, was credited with three quick two pointers. He got a pair of the baskets on steals and the third when Jackson was called for goaltending.

JACKSON, however, aided by pinpoint passes from his mates, managed to take his team off the floor at halftime with a 42-40 edge. He cashed in on two foul shots and four baskets in the second period.

The third period turned into a scoring duel between Jackson (nine points) and Eartha Faust (12), the Vikings' shotmaking wizard.

Inkster stung east for six points early in the second stanza as a result of offensive lapses against a full court press, and the host quintet suffered from the same Viking strategy at the tail end of the third quarter. As a result, the invaders got four fast baskets and a 61-59 edge.

At the start of the final period, Roller swished a 20 footer to knot the count, Jackson sank a two-pointer and Jeff DeHarte, junior

guard, canned a charity marker. Moments later, the visitors tied the match, 64-64, on Faust's basket and Glaze's gift shot. Garden City forged ahead for good when Jackson thumped the twines for a pair of buckets while the best Inkster could muster was a foul shot by Faust.

Garden City then went into a stall and Inkster resorted to fouling to get the ball, and that proved the Vikings' undoing.

East cashed in on nine of 11 free throws in the final

quarter and outscored Inkster 19 to 15.

East hit on 14 of 19 foul shots (73 per cent) and 32 of 66 from the floor (48 per cent). Inkster made good on eight of 10 charity tries (80 per cent) and 34 of 78 free attempts (43 per cent). Both teams grabbed 37 rebounds.

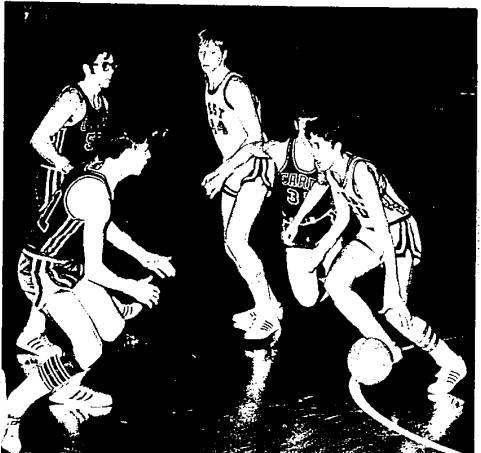
JACKSON led in rebounds with 12 and DeHarte scored 11 points. Faust got 28 tallies, Glaze 18 and 11 rebounds, and Andre Richardson, 6-6 junior center, picked up 12 points and Johnny Dukes, senior guard, 11.

GARDEN CITY EAST (78)

| | G | F | P |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Roller | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Hayes | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Jackson | 17 | 0 | 39 |
| Punished | 4 | 0 | 8 |
| DeHarte | 3 | 5 | 11 |
| Cherniack | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| TOTALS | 32 | 14 | 78 |

INKSTER (76)

| | G | F | P |
|---------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Faust | 12 | 4 | 28 |
| Glaze | 8 | 2 | 18 |
| Richardson | 6 | 0 | 12 |
| Gryson | 5 | 1 | 12 |
| Dukes | 6 | 1 | 11 |
| Hedding | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| TOTALS | 34 | 8 | 76 |



GARY NUSTAD (10), co-captain of the high-flying GC West Tigers tries to thread his way past three Melvindale High defenders as Dennis Leszczynski (44) moves in to give assistance. West gained revenge for its lone loss by downing Melvindale, 60-53. (Photo by Tom Donoghue).

GC WEST (60)

| | G | F | P |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Nustad | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| Pawenski | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Kilbourn | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Leszczynski | 8 | 5 | 19 |
| Lemke | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Jones | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| J. Voles | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| TOTALS | 16 | 23 | 60 |

MELVINDALE (53)

| | G | F | P |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Roman | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Black | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith | 2 | 2 | 8 |
| Turner | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| Turner | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| Kulman | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 16 | 23 | 63 |

By quarters: GC West Melvindale 12 13 16 20-60 12 12 13 16-53

West Averages Lone Setback

By ARTEE

It was cold with a blizzard roaring outdoors and an equally cold Garden City West team inside finally thawed out in the second half to gain revenge for its lone basketball loss by chilling Melvindale, 60-53.

It was West's eighth straight victory and ninth in 10 starts. The Tigers won their season opener, lost to Melvindale in the second, 55-53, and have been unbeaten since.

They take to the road for two league contests this week, meeting Schafer Tuesday and then tangling with Southgate on Friday. Then comes the big one on Friday, Feb. 12 when Riverside travels to West.

The Tigers have a comfortable lead in the Tri-River Conference with their 7-1 mark. Riverside, Southgate and Taylor Kennedy are tied for second with 5-3 records. West, victor over all three in the first half, meets each of the trio in the second half schedule.

SELDOM HAS a team started as slowly as West and still had enough poise to settle down and gradually mow down its opponent. The Cardinals were charged up for this game, hoping to snap the Tigers' winning string and

register their second upset over a highly touted rival.

The result was a tight defensive scrap in the first half which found Melvindale throwing caution to the winds and fouling constantly to keep West from scoring. At Melvindale, 60-53.

At the same time Tim Boutin, bespectacled forward who reentered an ankle early in the second half, had a hot hand that enabled the Cardinals to take a 10-5 lead after five minutes of play.

Kirk Lewis gave West a 2-0 edge on the opening center jump and then the Tigers hit a cold spell and didn't score from the field for five minutes. Their total output was a free throw by Lewis during that time.

Co-captain Gary Nustad tossed in a one-hander from the side to end the drought and it was 10-5 with Melvindale in front with three minutes remaining in the period.

Mike Kilbourne converted a free throw and Nustad and Tom Jones hit from outside to knot the count 10-10 with 1:32 on the clock.

Tim Turner connected from the corner and Melvindale went ahead again. Then with four seconds remaining, Kilbourn dropped in two foul shots and it was 12-12 at the end of the period.

Boutin dribbled in for two but West's Dennis Leszczynski finally broke into the scoring to tie it again. Carson Smith, lapped in a rebound and the Cardinals moved in front. Leszczynski made one of two free throws and the score was 16-15.

Boutin, who flipped in 12 of 17 from the foul line, widened the gap to 17-15 and Leszczynski evened the count after three minutes.

THE SCORE was knotted at 19-19, 22-22, 25-25 before Leszczynski tallied from the side with seven seconds to go and gave the Tigers a half-time lead of 25-24.

It was still anybody's game in the third period with Melvindale starting fast to build a 30-27 edge after three minutes. The lead changed hands three times and was knotted at 34-34 and 36-36 before Kenny Pawenski put West ahead 38-37 with 38 seconds on the clock. Nustad was fouled just before the whistle and sank both attempts to give West a 40-37 lead it never lost.

The loss of Boutin late in the third frame hurt Melvindale and even though the sharpshooting forward returned in the fourth quarter he was never at his best.

IT WAS still a seesaw scrap after four minutes of the final stanza with West leading, 46-45.

Then Nustad and Leszczynski hit from the field to boost the lead to five points at 50-45.

Boutin tossed in a pair of fouls to whittle the deficit to three but that was the last threat.

The Tigers went into a ball control move with two and a half minutes remaining and the result was a flurry of free throws with West making six of six to clinch the victory.

Jones started the string with two, Leszczynski followed with a pair and Jones hit twice more for a 54-47 lead.

Jerry Volas and Pawenski ended the streak with misses but there wasn't any question of the victor. Roman made two charity tosses and Jones stood 58-49 with less than a minute to play.

In that time, Leszczynski scored for West and Turner and Jim Pritula for the Cards for the 60-53 finale.

Leszczynski led West in rebounds with 18 of the team's total of 42. The Tigers hit on 19 of 35 shots from the field and Melvindale had 15 field goals in 59 attempts.

For Plymouth, Bentley

It's Showdown Time

Nothing could be more apropos than a Livonia Bentley-Plymouth showdown in any sport.

The two neighboring schools have staged some "dandies" over the years and now comes another big one Friday when Plymouth invades Bentley for what shapes up as the biggest game of the season in the Suburban Six League's basketball phase.

Bentley with a 6-0 conference record is setting the pace with Plymouth right behind at 5-1.

"They're much improved and we'll be in for a tough night," said coach George Fettes of Bentley after his team had scooped past Allen Park, 73-58, to maintain its winning pace.

FEFLES, who returned to coaching this season after

giving up the job for a couple of seasons, makes no bones this will be his last year "under any circumstances" and wants to go out with a winner.

Bentley played consistently in beating Allen Park. The Livonians scored 19 points in each of the first two periods, 18 in the third and 17 in the fourth.

Bentley had control of the backboards with Dave Veach pulling down 16 rebounds.

just as consistent, giving up 13 points in the first, 15 in the second, 14 in the third and 16 in the fourth.

Lou Lovett enjoyed his greatest scoring game with 31 points on 12 baskets and seven free throws. Dick Boenig had 16 points while Tim Bollin contributed 10 to the winners' cause.

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Rocks Crush Two Rivals; Now Comes The Big One

By FRED DeLANO

It will be showdown night in the Suburban Six Conference Friday when Bentley and Plymouth clash on the Bulldog court in the biggest game either has played since the basketball season opened. Bentley warmed up for this crucial match by playing Allen Park Friday, 73-58, behind Lou Lovett's 31 points as Plymouth was overpowering Belleville, 82-62.

COACH DICK BEAUPUR'S Rocks found Belleville a troublesome foe until a couple of minutes into the fourth quarter when they turned on the heat to win going away.

This triumph and an easy 69-31 nonleague victory over Farmington Harrison the following night ran Plymouth's

winning streak to eight straight since losing to Bentley by six points when the team met in December.

Plymouth led Belleville only 33-31 at the half. Then, after building a 14-point margin in the third quarter saw it shrink to five, 58-53, with six minutes to play.

Given dominating head play by Howie Schryer, Scott Taylor and Charley Wolfe, Plymouth put together a 28-point fourth quarter to give the home fans a treat.

Gerrade Pattus, the Tigers' outstanding senior guard, had scored 20 of his 24 points by that time, but Belleville lacked the team balance to withstand the Rocks' closing charge.

10 points, Taylor eight, Wolfe six and Kevin Brown two. For the night, Wolfe had 23, Jones 20 and Taylor 16 as the Tigers paced Belleville with his 24.

IT WAS STRICTLY a breeze for Plymouth on the Harrison court Saturday as Bearup played his second line Potts for half the game and saw 13 men break into the scoring column. Jones and Wolfe topped the scoring with 13 and 10 points.

Plymouth's jayvees broke even in their games against the same two schools, losing to Belleville, 57-55, before bouncing back at Harrison to bring their record to 9-3 for the season, the same as the varsity.

The box scores:

PLYMOUTH (88)

| | G | F | P |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Schryer | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Wolfe | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Taylor | 4 | 2 | 17 |
| Van Wagoner | 4 | 1 | 13 |
| Jones | 4 | 0 | 17 |
| Egloff | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Boenig | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Bailey | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Trant | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Brown | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Bailey | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Chen | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| TOTALS | 23 | 23 | 88 |

HARRISON (85)

| | G | F | P |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Mason | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Boenig | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Hickley | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Doe | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Connors | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Bagdon | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| Chen | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Hughes | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| TOTALS | 17 | 11 | 48 |

LIVONIA (85)

| | G | F | P |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Mason | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Boenig | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Hickley | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Doe | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Connors | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Bagdon | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| Chen | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Hughes | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| TOTALS | 17 | 11 | 48 |

FARMINGTON (85)

| | G | F | P |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Mason | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| Boenig | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Hickley | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Doe | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Connors | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Bagdon | 3 | 0 | 8 |
| Chen | 1 | 0 | 4 |
| Hughes | 2 | 0 | 8 |
| TOTALS | 17 | 11 | 48 |

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