

It's Holiday Tourney Time

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There will be visions of sugarplums dancing in the air this week and nine Observerland schools have visions of capturing a Christmas Tourney basketball crown.

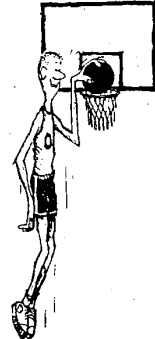
It's holiday tournament time and nine area schools will be competing in three tournaments, which include the Northwest Suburban Christmas Tourney, the Plymouth Holiday Basketball Tournament, and the Clarenceville Christmas Tourney.

The Northwest Suburban tournament is being co-hosted by Redford Union and Bentley, and involves eight schools: Farmington, Detroit Redford, Bentley, Walled Lake Western, North Farmington, Henry Ford, Redford Union, and Walled Lake Central.

This is the 15th year for the Northwest tourney which began in 1957. Southfield, which dropped out of the tourney after winning it last year, has captured the crown five times. Henry Ford who last won the holiday clash in 1965, has won the tourney four times.

OTHER WINNERS in the tournament have been Melvindale (1960), Highland Park (1961), Grosse Pointe (1962), Ypsilanti (1967) and North Farmington (1969).

The tournament kicks off Monday night with the Farmington-Detroit Redford, and



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Bentley-Walled Lake Western games being played at Bentley. At Redford Union will be North Farmington against Henry Ford and Redford Union against Walled Lake Central.

Plymouth High is hosting its first holiday tournament pitting Churchill, Stevenson, Thurston and Plymouth against one another.

A junior varsity tournament is being held at Churchill involving the same four schools.



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4 Area Hockey Stars To Face U.S. Olympians

Area hockey fans have a double treat in store Monday at Olympia Stadium when the United States Olympic team faces an all-star squad composed of nine players from the Detroit Junior Wings, nine from the Port Huron Wings of the International Hockey League and Marty Howe, oldest son of the retired Red Wing super star Gordie Howe.

Marty is making a special trip from Toronto for the contest. He is a member of the Toronto Marboros of the Ontario Hockey Association's Major A League. His brother Mark is also a member of the all-star squad.

When the referee drops the puck for the initial faceoff at 7:30 p.m., fans will have an opportunity to see four Observerland players perform against the Olympians, who

are making a tour of the United States to raise funds for their appearances in the 1972 winter Olympic Games.

IN ADDITION to the Howe brothers, the all-stars will have Bill Fraser, a student at Thurston High who resides at 9332 Salem in Redford Township, and Jim Piech, who attends Livonia Franklin High and resides at 7400 Randy in Westland.

Bill and Jim are members of the torrid Junior A Wings which recently started the season with 17 victories against four defeats. The team has cooled off since but is still in the thick of the fight for the league crown.

Just to make the evening more interesting, the Detroit Hockey Club will have members of the Red Wing squad on hand for a camera

night from 6 to 7 p.m. All attending are invited to participate, bring cameras and have pictures taken with the Wings.

LEADING THE U.S. Olympic team through its first 22 games is six-foot, one-inch, 185-pound center Henry Boucha. In 20 games, Henry has scored 20 goals and added 25 assists for 45 points.

Boucha is considered to be a fine all-around hockey player and probably the most outstanding American prospect to come along in recent years. A native of Warroad, Minnesota, Henry was selected by the Detroit Red Wings in last summer's National Hockey League amateur draft.

According to his coach, Murray Williamson, Henry is big, strong, extremely quick and possesses great stamina. He carries the puck with skill,

shoots hard and moves well either way. Henry was a high school sensation in hockey and also an outstanding performer in football, baseball, track and tennis. "A Young Jim Thorpe" is the way Murray Williamson put it. Boucha is a descendant of the Chippewa Indians.

Also wearing the Olympic uniform is Tim Sheehy, who is second in scoring behind Boucha with 17 goals and 24 assists for 41 points in 20 games; Tom Mellor with eight goals and 14 assists in 19 games; Wally Olds with two goals and five assists in 11 games and Bruce McIntosh with two goals and four assists in 13 games.

All four of these players are American born and property of the Detroit Red Wings, either through the NHL's amateur draft or acquired as a free agent.

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL
TUESDAY
Garden City East at Franklin
Northwest Suburban Christmas Tourney
MONDAY

Game No. 1 - Farmington vs Detroit Redford at Bentley, 7 p.m.
Game No. 2 - Bentley vs W.L. Western at Bentley, 8:30 p.m.
Game No. 3 - North Farmington vs Henry Ford at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Game No. 4 - Redford Union vs W.L. Central at Redford Union, 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAY
Game No. 5 - Winner No. 1 vs Winner No. 2 at Bentley, 7 p.m.
Game No. 6 - Winner No. 3 vs Winner No. 4 at Bentley, 8:30 p.m.
Game No. 7 - Loser No. 1 vs Loser No. 2 at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Game No. 8 - Loser No. 3 vs Loser No. 4 at Redford Union, 8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY
Game No. 9 - Loser No. 5 vs Loser No. 6 at Bentley, 7 p.m.
Game No. 10 - Winner No. 5 vs Winner No. 6 at Bentley, 8:30 p.m.
Game No. 11 - Loser No. 7 vs Loser No. 8 at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Game No. 12 - Winner No. 7 vs Winner No. 8 at Redford Union, 8:30 p.m.

PLYMOUTH HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY
Game No. 1 - Churchill vs Stevenson at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Game No. 2 - Thurston vs Plymouth at Plymouth, 9 p.m.
THURSDAY
Game No. 3 - Loser No. 1 vs Loser No. 2 at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
Game No. 4 - Winner No. 1 vs Winner No. 2 at Plymouth, 9 p.m.

CHURCHILL JUNIOR VARSITY TOURNAY

MONDAY
Game No. 1 - Churchill JV vs Stevenson JV at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Game No. 2 - Thurston JV vs Plymouth JV at Churchill, 9 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Game No. 3 - Loser No. 1 vs Loser No. 2 at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Game No. 4 - Winner No. 1 vs Winner No. 2 at Churchill, 9 p.m.

Cage Results

TUESDAY
Harrison 67, Farmington 69
Courtney Day 69, Holy Rosary 63
St. Hedwig 81, St. Agatha 85
Melvindale 74, Garden City W. 68
W.L. Central 86, N. Farmington 71
Southfield Lathrop 71, Kimball 82
John Glenn 73, Taylor 49

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