

Franklin's Tight Defense Chokes Wayne Quint

No defense in basketball? Franklin High's cagers proved there is in beating Wayne, 65-50, last Tuesday night. Wayne managed only eight points in the first quarter and 10 in the second period.

During the first half, Wayne was restricted to seven baskets. "This kind of defense made me very proud," said Franklin coach Bob Visser after the victory. Another item that made

Visser smile was the fact that Franklin's two best quarters were the second and the fourth. "It showed me something," the coach added. "We got stronger as each half progressed. That's important."

"We were able to run Wayne into the ground and if we can continue to do so, we should have ourselves a fine year," T'LL BE recalled that Franklin won only once last season, but with a veteran team

available, rival coaches in the Northwest Suburban League figure the Livonians as the team to beat for the flag this winter. Franklin's shooting also improved as the game progressed. During the first half, the Li-

vonians made only 38 per cent of their shots. But in the second half, Franklin flipped in 13 out of 23 for 56 per cent, led by the fantastic marksmanship of Charles Wiggins, who tossed up

eight shots after the intermission and came seven. Wiggins took scoring honors with 10 baskets and three free throws for 23 points. Brad Lyons and Jim Salter each had 11.

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RU Bests 2 Rivals In Swim

Redford Union turned back Stevenson and John Glenn in a triangular swimming meet Thursday night.

The Townshippers posted 77 points to 64 for Stevenson and 71 for John Glenn.

The results: Medley relay: 1 -- Stevenson (Gilbert, Hulet, Hultbrandt, Kramer), 2 -- Redford Union, 3 -- John Glenn, 200-yard free: 1 -- Klotz (S), 2 -- Lepien (RU), 3 -- Alexander (RU), Time: 2:00.3, 50-yard free: 1 -- Master-son (RU), 2 -- Link (RU), 3 -- McCreary (G), Time: 24.6 seconds.

Individual Medley: 1 -- Jakus (RU), 2 -- Day (S), 3 -- Jarocha (S), Time: 2:20.8, Diving: 1 -- deViancor (RU), 2 -- Blackman (RU), 3 -- Murphy (Glenn).

Butterfly: 1 -- Swakowski (G), 2 -- Mollerling (G), 3 -- Hulet (S), Time: 1:03.1, 100-yard free: 1 -- Link (RU), 2 -- Alexander (RU), 3 -- Sanger (S), Time: 56.3 seconds.

Backstroke: 1 -- McCollum (RU), 2 -- Osterhout (G), 3 -- Crosky (G), Time: 1:07.2, 400-yard free: 1 -- Lepien (RU), 2 -- Klotz (S), 3 -- Johnson, Time: 4:21.4.

Breaststroke: 1 -- Jakus (RU), 2 -- Day (S), 3 -- Jarocha (S), Time: 1:08.2, Freestyle relay: 1 -- Stevenson (Gut, Sanger, Flaherty, Ankeron), 2 -- Redford Union, 3 -- Glenn, Time: 3:57.1.

By George Maskin observing sports

An All-American boy . . . on and off the field. He's none other than Ron Johnson, the half-back who smashed Tom Harmon's records at Michigan . . . along with a flock of other Big Ten marks.

When the season began, Ron didn't stand much of a chance of making All America.

The reason was simple. There was a fellow by the name of Leroy Keyes, a back at Purdue. The selectors don't like to name two backs from the same sector.

Or, for that matter, two ends, two tackles or two guards.

They feel that if an All American is to be All American it should represent players from all parts of the country. The argument doesn't always stand up.

Notwithstanding, Johnson made All America and deservedly so.

AND WHEN WE SAY he's All America off the field, too, you should have been present at the University of Michigan's annual football bust the other evening in Detroit's Cobo Arena.

As is customary, each senior is called upon to make a speech.

Ron, as Michigan's captain, was accorded a few extra moments.

He thanked the coaches, he thanked others in Ann Arbor for making his college career what it was.

Then he paused . . . and declared:

"The man I want to thank most is my dad . . . Mr. Johnson. It was dad who felt that I should attend Michigan when, actually I wanted to go to either Michigan State or Iowa."

"Dad insisted that in the long run it would offer more if I enrolled at Ann Arbor. But, dad made one point clear: the final decision was up to me."

The rest of the Johnson story, of course, now is football history. He has become one of the Michigan immortals.

When Johnson asked that his dad arise in the audience of more than 1,000 for a second of recognition, the entire assemblage arose, too, to salute a man . . . a man who never went to college . . . or to high school or finished the fifth grade . . . but a man who broke his back working for his son.

That night, the senior Johnson had to be the happiest father in the world. To have your son say "thanks" in the way Ron did, well, hopefully, Rich and Doug will tell that to us when they wind up their career days.

THE MICHIGAN BUST was the forerunner of three major banquets on the sports agenda within 10 days.

Three nights later, the Detroit News saluted its All-State football players and also hailed Woody Hayes, the coach of Ohio State's Big Ten football champ.

Next Thursday, the Edison American Legion hails the all-city and all-area players from Detroit and suburban prep football teams.

As you stand in the midst of the modern generation of schoolboy stars, you are more and more impressed by "how big" the kids are these days. Terry Barr, the former Michigan and Lions star, was introducing a group of the top high school greats at the U-M banquet.

The Michigan alumni had brought the boys, their dads and their coaches there for a reason—to recruit them to play at Michigan.

Ninety per cent of the boys Barr introduced stood six feet or taller and scaled upwards of 200 pounds.

Bump Elliott looked across the room and his eyes sparkled. He'd be happy to get five or six of the group.

Because, as Barr stated:

"The backbone of this year's Michigan football team and its predecessors are boys who played their high school football in the Greater Detroit area."

That, of course, includes Observerland!

We might add that it's the same story at Michigan State, at Eastern Michigan, at Western Michigan . . . or at any of the other colleges one watches play football in the state of Michigan.

ON THE SUBJECT of prep football, the recent season like others, passed without incident in these parts.

Unless somebody kept it a secret from us, there were no riots, no kids tearing buildings apart and the like during or after games.

But in other cities, it wasn't that way. When in Cleveland the other evening with the Pistons, the big story in the papers and on television was the aftermath of the annual city high school championship game.

Youngsters looted away from the Cleveland Stadium and caused thousands of dollars of damage in downtown Cleveland.

Businessmen yelled. City fathers demanded action. There were suggestions that the game should be dropped.

Just what will happen we don't know. But one reporter produced some interesting statistics. He wrote that 99 per cent of the boys and girls who attend school do so with a purpose — to learn something and prepare for what follows in life.

So, why should so many have to suffer because of so few?



ALL-AMERICA HONORS have been given to Garry Grady, former Plymouth High footballer, for his standout performances with Eastern Michigan University during the past season. Grady, a 185-pound defensive back, was named by the Associated Press to its second Little All-America team on the defensive unit. The announcement was made earlier in the week by EMU officials.

Hudnut Hailed For Sports Work Buzzer

Twenty-five years ago, the Detroit News All-State football team listed Jack Hudnut as one of its stars.

Thursday Hudnut was honored at the National Football Foundation dinner at Detroit's Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

He was presented the Harvey Hareus Award as the All-State player of 25 years ago who best typifies the results of football training in business and home life.

Barcus, now retired, for more than 40 years wrote prep sports for the News.

HUDNUT is an assistant principal at present at Bentley High School, Livonia where he formerly coached. He also coached at Franklin High before retiring from the sports wars.

Said Barcus, in presenting the award to Hudnut: "Few men have done so much in sports and for youngsters as Hudnut. He coached, he ran clinics, he staged recreation tournaments and many other things before turning to the administration end of sports."

Stevenson Swimmers Triumph

Stevenson high's swimming team scored a 65-40 victory over Pontiac Northern.

The results:

Medley relay: 1 -- Stevenson (Gilbert, Hulet, Hultbrandt, Kramer), Time: 1:54.9.

200-yard free: 1 -- Kootse (S), Time: 2:02.4.

50-yard free: 2 -- Flaherty (S), 2 -- Gott (S), Time: 25.2 seconds.

Individual Medley: 1 -- Day (S), 2 -- Jarocha (S), Time: 2:24.1.

Diving: 1 -- Murphy (S), 3 -- Ankerman (S), Time: 55.6 seconds.

Breaststroke: 2 -- Figurski (S).

400-yard freestyle: 1 -- Klotz (S), 3 -- Quarles (S), Time: 4:32.

Breaststroke: 2 -- Hultbrandt (S), 3 -- Malm (S).

Freestyle relay: 1 -- Stevenson (Ankeron, Sanger, Flaherty, Gott), Time: 3:56.5.

Thurston

Matmen Lose

First Match

A victory in the heavyweight division, final match of the meet, gave Southfield High a victory over Thurston wrestlers in the season opener at Thurston, 27-23.

Victors for the Redford Townshippers were registered by Mark Miller, 95-pounds; Dave Mineau, 154-pounds; and Gary Steadman, 165-pounds. Each placed his opponent.

Ryan McGreevey, of Thurston, won his 112-pound match on points.

Area Swimmers

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Most of the area high school swimming teams will vie in next Saturday's Redford Union invitational meet at the Redford Union High pool.

Events are staged as part of relay with three and four boys representing a school in each race.

Sports Briefs

BASEBALL CHATTER: Will the major league players strike for more pension money?

The umpires also are threatening to strike because two of their colleagues were bounced last season.

Now all that hasn't happened is the announcement managers will strike.

Carl Blafsky, slugging star of the Baltimore Orioles, has been traded to the Houston Astros for Mike Cuellar, a pitcher.

DR. FAGER, a four-year-old, has been voted the 1968 horse-of-the-year.

There were no major contenders for the prize.

Junior B's Speed Off To Debut In Hockey

Looking for some speedy action?

Here's a tip—take in the games played by the Ellis Junior B's hockey team every Friday evening at the new Livonia Arena on Ford Field.

Sponsored by Russ Ellis, an observer and realtor, the team is comprised of boys 17-18 from Greater Detroit.

The roster includes Mike Waller, a defenseman from Plymouth; Ron Laird, a defenseman from Farmington; Denny Shelby, a center from Garden City; and Bruce Smith, a goalie from Garden City.

It's bristling hockey that the boys play in the Michigan Junior B Hockey League, which has an interlocking schedule with four teams in Canada.

THE OVERALL champ hauls down the title trophy at the end of the season, but the top team among the five Michigan entries gets a shot at shooting for a spot in the Junior Olympics to be played at U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y.

The purpose of the league, according to sponsor Ellis, is "to train boys to be top-notch hockey players."

Ellis has seen dividends paid. His son, Billy, recently was given a chance to play for Peterborough team in Canada, one of the foremost amateur aggregations across the border.

"WE THINK that through leagues such as ours, we will be able to develop more American boys who can win jobs on professional teams, such as the Red Wings."

Jim Garrison, who coaches the Ellis Junior B's, admits that at the moment the Canadian teams "are a half-step ahead of our boys."

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"But, we are catching up every year," insisted Garrison.

"We're winning more and more against them."

Both Ellis and Garrison declare that through the league, an opportunity is provided to give boys something to do in their leisure hours and also a chance possibly to gain college scholarships.

"BESIDES," SAID Ellis, "our games provide lively entertainment for the older folks and the young, alike. We need

fans. The boys need encouragement. Younger boys will learn a great deal just by watching the older boys in action."

A modest admission price of 75 cents is charged for adults. They can get a season's ticket for \$6.

Youngsters under 12 pay only 25 cents to see a game.

Ellis will play 13 Fridays at Livonia. In all, the team has 40 regular-season games on the docket, plus several exhibitions.

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