

Panthers Roar Past Fordson, 64-52

It's RU-Southfield In District Clash

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It's Redford Union pitted against Southfield High in the district championship clash this afternoon, (Saturday), at Southfield with tip-off at 5 p.m.

Southfield rolled over Thurston, 87-75, and blitzed Dearborn, 83-66, in its path to the district finale. Redford Union crushed Crestwood in the first round, 97-54, and surprised powerful Fordson in the semifinals, 64-52.

RU now stands 16-3 overall with losses to Trenton, Walled Lake Central and Rome. The lone scars, Southfield jumped over the .500 mark for the first time after the semifinal win over Dearborn and stands 9-8 overall.

RU and Southfield squared off in the season opener... on Dec. 3, and RU won, 76-64, to mark the first time an RU team had ever conquered a Southfield quintet.

But this game was on the Panther court and Southfield, which is hosting the districts now has RU on its home court and the Blue Jays are a different team at home, especially in state tourney action. Southfield Coach Don Kaup is in his 11th year and today's clash will mark the

eight appearance in the 11 years of Southfield in the district finale.

Southfield jumped off to an 18-8 first quarter lead over Dearborn and outscored it in every quarter to capture a 23 point victory. It was 28-24 at the half and the Blue Jays came up with 44 points in the second to 36 by Dearborn.

THE BLUE JAYS hit double figures in scoring with Rick Moscow pacing the attack

SOUTHFIELD	G	F	P
Kleinman	3	9	15
Lavine	4	4	12
Waska	1	0	2
Moscow	8	13	19
Townbridge	3	0	6
Wazal	1	2	2
Siles	2	8	8
B. Miller	1	0	1
Sanders	0	2	2
Larcel	2	5	9
G. Miller	0	4	4
Totals	26	31	45

DEARBORN	G	F	P
Copeland	2	0	4
Rhodes	1	0	2
Henningson	3	9	15
Miller	0	1	2
Percey	1	3	5
Renzo	5	6	11
Clauser	1	0	2
Robbins	1	3	4
Nelson	1	3	5
Gray	2	1	5
Scheller	1	1	1
Totals	17	26	38

Score by quarters: SOUTHFIELD... 18 21 19 25-83 DEARBORN... 8 16 15 21-60

with 19. Mark Klaiman followed with 15 and Randy Levine added 12 to round out the Southfield assault which saw 11 players break into the point column.

Dearborn was led by John Renko with 16 points and Art Hammonds with 15.

It was the Suburban Eight cage champion against the Border Cities champion when Redford Union took the floor against Fordson and for the first three minutes it looked like a Panther walkway.

Bob Schaner took the opening tip and popped it home and before the Fordson Tractors could get untracked, RU was up 7-0.

FORDSON got off only two shots in the first three minutes as RU was boxing the center and the Tractors could not hit from the outside.

The Tractors closed the gap two minutes later to 11-7 but the Panthers went back on the rampage and redied off 12 straight points to lead after one quarter, 23-7.

Schaner was the Panther sparkplug with 10 points but he also picked up three fouls.

In fact they were the only three called on RU while Fordson was guilty of seven.

Fordson's big gun in Kon Giovanni was also in foul trouble with three as the refs had no qualms in calling it close.

Each team came out in the second quarter with its big gun. RU fell back on its outside shooting and came up with only 12 points in the quarter but Fordson also had problems from the floor and hit for 16 and the Panthers were still in control at the half, 35-23.

RU had its chances to break the contest open in the first half but the freethrow line baffled the Panther cagers. During a 10 minute span, RU missed on nine one- and -one

FORDSON	FG	FT	TP
Forthorfall	1	0	2
Giovannini	1	2	4
Leon	0	3	3
Massimany	11	0	22
Mazars	2	0	4
Kramer	2	0	4
Salah	4	5	13
Totals	22	10	22

REDFORD UNION	FG	FT	TP
Kanney	3	1	7
Fuka	5	2	12
Scholar	8	5	21
Duvance	3	1	7
Wilkie	0	1	1
Sparks	4	0	8
Pasch	2	2	5
Burke	1	0	1
Gyke	2	0	4
Totals	26	12	64

Score by quarters: FORDSON... 7 16 12 17-52 RU... 23 12 13 16-64

situations, thus throwing away a possible 18 points.

Fordson fought to within six points midway through the third quarter, 37-31, but Schaner picked up where he left off in the first quarter and led RU to a 49-35 advantage going into the final eight minutes.

THE PANTHERS had the momentum and didn't let up in the closing minutes, and the closest Fordson could get was at the buzzer... 12 points off the mark.

Schaner paced RU with 21 points followed by Gary Fuka with 12. Alex Massimany led Fordson with 22 points.

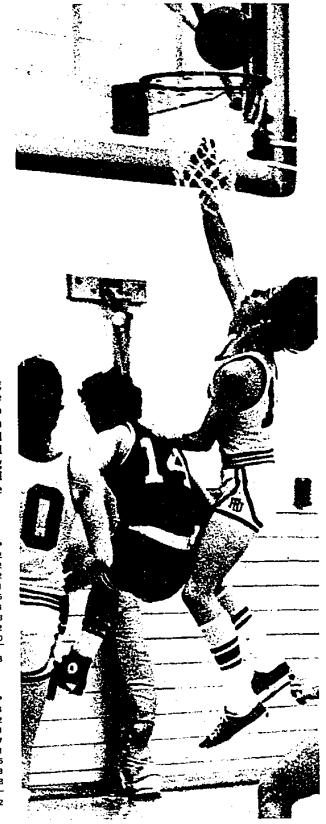
RU hit four more field goals than Fordson but fell apart at the charity line, making 12 and missing 22. The key

rebounding of Mark Kenney and Jerry Petsch and the ball handling of Mark Durance kept RU going.

"Southfield has us on their court now," said RU Coach Carl Andrews. "I look for a real tough game but we really have the momentum."

RU lost in the district championship last year to Fordson.

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TWO POINTS AND A FOUL — Redford Union's Bjerke drives in for a score and is fouled by Fordson's Pete Mazars with Mark Durance (10) of RU looking on. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Plymouth Surprises All; Faces GC East Tonight

By FRED DeLANO

Garden City East, seeking its second straight district basketball championship, will have to beat off the surprise team of the Franklin tournament — the Plymouth Rocks — tonight (Saturday) to gain that honor.

The 7:30 tipoff in the Franklin gym on Joy Rd. east of Merriman will find East in the finals of this tourney for the third time in four years. The Panthers are 14-4 for the season and have yet to be pressed in tournament play, defeating Livonia Franklin 82-69 Monday and Livonia Churchill 73-52 Wednesday.

PLYMOUTH, which came into the district with the worst record of all six teams, surprised Garden City West, 72-67 Tuesday and then bounced Inkster Cherry Hill 78-74 Thursday.

Churchill gave East a battle only for the first period. The Panthers leading 10-9 at that point before Dave Jackson started hitting the cords for an eventual game high total of 23 points.

East pushed its margin to 27-17 at halftime and then

exploded for 23 points in each of the last two periods.

Besides Jackson, the Panthers had three other players in double figures. Randy Mastake getting 12 and Jeff DeHarte and Jack Hayes each hitting for 11. By the end of the third period East was coasting with a 50-28 lead and Coach Billy Joe Young was able to empty his bench.

Churchill scoring was paced by Roy Henriksson, who topped in 17 points for the Western Six champs, and Mike Keller with 11.

PLYMOUTH (78)	G	F	P
T. VanWagoner	8	7	23
Egloff	8	5	12
Close	2	1	5
Selagay	1	0	8
D. VanWagoner	5	2	12
Opat	1	4	6
Yermal	1	1	3
Totals	26	26	64

CHERRY HILL (74)	G	F	P
Kubick	5	7	17
Fowler	4	3	11
Cichon	5	7	15
Walters	5	4	14
McNally	1	2	4
Renes	0	1	2
Suttemyer	2	3	7
Hoskins	2	0	4
Dunsmore	2	0	4
Totals	23	28	74

Score by quarters: PLYMOUTH... 21 12 21 24-78 CHERRY HILL... 14 24 25-74

PLYMOUTH, which has blown hot and cold all season on route to a seventh place finish in the Suburban Eight, was a poor comparison in the Cherry Hill game to the team which upset West.

The Rocks broke on top to a 21-11 first quarter margin, with Dave and Tim Van Wagoner joining Ron Egloff in pacing the attack, but then they were outscored by Cherry Hill in every other quarter.

After boosting the margin to 13 points in the second quarter, the Rocks came apart when Egloff got into foul trouble and was kept on the bench by Coach Dick Bearup from the middle of that period until well into the third stanza.

CHERRY HILL (62)	G	F	P
Slates	2	0	4
Damaska	1	0	2
Foster	0	1	2
Johnson	8	1	17
Keller	3	9	11
Reed	1	1	6
Sherman	1	1	2
S. VanWagoner	3	2	8
Totals	19	14	62

Score by quarters: Garden City E... 10 17 23 23-73 Churchill... 9 8 11 24-52

Trojans Seeking First District Basketball Title

Trojan Coach Ralph Weddle and his cagers are gunning for a Clarencville first tonight. (Saturday)

Clarencville has never won a district tournament, but the Trojans get a shot at it in the Northville district against a strong South Lyon team.

South Lyon... boasts a 12-5 overall mark and Clarencville stands 13-4. The Trojans toppled South Lyon during regular season action, 68-61.

It wasn't easy for Clarencville in semifinal action as the Trojans squeaked by Northville, 77-75. Clarencville went ahead after one quarter, 17-16, and maintained a one point margin at the half, 38-37.

The Trojans went up by 11 in the third quarter, but Northville found the hoop and caught the Trojans. With 3:20 remaining, Clarencville was down by seven points.

CLARENCVILLE put on a press and popped in six straight points in a matter of

20 seconds. With 17 seconds left, the Trojans were up by one and Phil Halstead was fouled. He made good one of two from the line, and on the second shot, Paul Simmons tipped in the rebound to put Clarencville up by four, 77-73.

The Trojans let Northville score in the closing seconds.

Chip Meyrelles provided all the sparks. Clarencville needed with a school record of 41 points. He broke his own mark of 34 set against Clarkston earlier.

Simmons added 16 and Halstead contributed 11 to the Trojan cause.

NORTHVILLE was paced by Jeff Moon and Bill Andrews with 23 and 22 points respectively.

Rebounding proved to be the key factor in the Clarencville win. The Trojans led 40-27 with Halstead and Meyrelles collecting 13 apiece.

The winner of the Clarencville - South Lyons battle will travel to the Ferndale regional.

PREP Schedule

GC East vs Plymouth, 7:30 p.m. (Winner to Franklin regional) AT SOUTHFIELD Redford Union vs Southfield, 5 p.m. (Winner to Franklin regional) AT BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM Brother Rice vs Birmingham Seaholm, 7:30 p.m. (Winner to Sterling Heights Stevens regional) CLARENCVILLE vs South Lyon, 7:30 (Winner to Ferndale regional)

Borgess Falls To Henry Ford

Bishop Borgess dropped from state tourney competition in a 72-68 cage loss to Henry Ford.

The loss concluded a 5-11 season for Coach Tom Denewith and his Spartans. Mark Sopko paced Borgess with 18 points, followed by Shawn McCarthy with 14. Winston Bryant led Henry Ford with 19 points and Carl Rodgers added 17.

Michigan State's 100-91 basketball victory at Iowa marked the first time a Gus Ganas-coached team had hit the century mark.

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GOING UP for a Plymouth score is Ron Egloff with Cherry Hill's Joe Cichon (34) defending. (Observer photo by Harry Maute)