

Pontiac Central Just Too Quick

GC East Falters In State Title Bid, 69-65

By TOM DONOGHUE, Observer Sports Editor

The bubble has burst for Garden City East. Billy Joe Young's Panthers ran into a quick Pontiac Central squad and fell out of the state tournament picture in the quarterfinals at Ferndale, 69-65.

This ends a 17-5 season which included a 12-4 regular season mark, a district crown, and a regional title over Detroit Northwestern. East was far from being outplayed... just outmaneuvered by four points. The Panthers never had the lead after the first minute and were tied just twice in the early moments of the clash.

In fact with only three minutes remaining, the Pontiac Chiefs were in command by 15 points, 69-54. East gave it all it had and reeled off 11 straight points to capture a 16-5 advantage. Jackson and Hayes hit in the closing seconds to cut it to 16-9 at the end of the quarter.

PONTIAC SCORED its 19th win in fighting its way to the semifinals for the third consecutive year. The Chiefs met Lansing Sexton in the 5 p.m. battle at Crisler Arena on Saturday (March 18). Pontiac's Floyd White took the opening tip and popped it home. East's Dave Jackson notched it at two-all and Jack Hayes hit from the corner to put the Panthers up, 4-2.

JACKSON opened the second half with a two-pointer but Pontiac kept the momentum and maintained an eight to 10 point advantage throughout the quarter. The Chiefs were up at the end of three quarters, 38-48, and it appeared they could coast to an easy win.

Within a two minute span, the Chiefs hit four straight buckets by Jimmy Green, Larry Russell and White and were up 65-52. Panther 6-4 forward John Grigal then picked up his fifth foul, forcing him to leave the game after giving it about 200 per cent with only 50 per cent there to give.

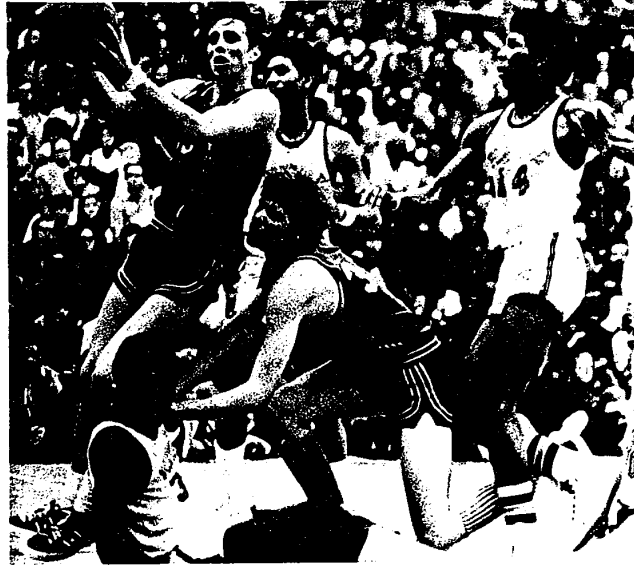
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CONTEST UNDER THE BOARDS -- GC East's Jack Hayes latches onto a rebound with Central's Larry Cole (30) and East's Dave Jackson falling to the court. Floyd White (14) of Central moves in for the battle. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

RU's Swim Coach Ralph Deetz Honored With Mann Award

Redford Union's swim coach Ralph Deetz received much more than the state's highest swimming award... DEETZ just completed his 14th year as coach at Redford Union, after 14 years at Ypsilanti. He finished runnerup in the state three times at Michigan High School Swimming Coaches Association and it touched a little closer to home than most people realized.



RU SWIM COACH Ralph Deetz proudly holds the most coveted swim award in the state, the Matt Mann award which he was presented at the recent state meet. (Observer photo by Bob Wooding)

Receiving this award has to be my biggest thrill ever," said Deetz. "Matt Mann really meant a lot to me as he did to swimming throughout the country. He got me started back in 1945, and I'll never forget him." Matt Mann was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1884, and began swimming at the age of eight. He was crowned the British Empire Swim Champion at the age of 16.

MANN took over coaching duties at U-M in 1926 through 1954, a 28-year span that saw the Wolverines compile a 201-23 win loss record, in addition to 13 NCAA championships, and 16 Big Ten swim titles. The U-M coach directed the U.S. Olympic team in 1952 and died 10 years later on August 6, 1962. Thus came about the Matt Mann award which was given to Deetz. He was the head of the Class A championship swim meet. Redford Union placed 14th in the state meet with Dearborn capturing honors for the second consecutive year. Following are the results of the state meet involving swimmers from the Observerland area:

- 200 MEXLEY RELAY: Constablers: Birmingham Groves (Dodge, Buchan, Wise, Jensen, Ulrich, Hand, Browning, Mutual) 1:54.11 for seventh place. Finals: Livonia Bentley (Powless, Simpson, Dupuy, Connolly, Levy, Toak, Vanderhoof) 1:42.28 for fourth place. 50 FREESTYLE: Constablers: Steve Finley (Plymouth) 22.21 for 10th place. Finals: Randy Reed (Redford Union) 22.98 for fourth place. Diving: Constablers: Dave Edge (Birmingham Groves) 389.85 for 12th place and Brad Carr (North Farmington) 412.65 for fifth place. 100 BUTTERFLY: Constablers: Roger Wise (Birmingham Groves) 36.42 for 11th place and Tom Dupuy (Livonia Bentley) 35.47 for 12th place. 100 FREESTYLE: Constablers: Randy Reed (Redford Union) 25.63 for 8th place. Finals: Mark Colville (Birmingham Groves) 28.17 for second place. 400 FREESTYLE: Constablers: Tom Vallat (Birmingham Groves) 4:04.84 for 11th place. 100 BACKSTROKE: Constablers: Bob Rex (Birmingham Groves) 58.07 for second place. Finals: Mike Rado (Farmington Harrison) 57.93 for sixth place. 100 BASTROKE: Constablers: Jim Pawlowski (Thurston) 1:06.19 for 10th place. 400 FREESTYLE RELAY: Constablers: Brother Rice (Hickman, Keating, Keating, Sicks) 3:25.07 for seventh place. Finals: Birmingham Groves (Cobbie, Riddick, Jensen, Lindsay, Matos, Jace, Wood, Wilmetts) 3:15.17 for first place.



Raider Gymnasts Take 6th In State

North Farmington's girls gymnastics squad captured sixth place in the state meet to pace the five competing Observerland schools at Hillsdale College. Taylor Kennedy took first place in the 33 school meet with 146.20 points. Farmington placed a step behind the Raider gymnasts with 131.80 points. Clarenceville finished with 112.90 points and Birmingham Groves ended up with a 98.20. Farmington Harrison brought up the rear among area gymnasts with a 92.30 total. Approximately 280 girls competed with 70 to 80 per event.

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Weekend Bargains Planned By Tigers

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tions - are invited to take advantage of the 50 cent price on ladies' retreats day. Tickets for both events can be purchased in advance by mail or at the Tiger Stadium advance ticket office, Michigan and Trumbull. Check or money order (payable in U.S. currency) and a return envelope should accompany orders mailed to: Ticket Department, Tiger Stadium, Detroit 48216. NF Brad Carr Captures 3rd In Swim Meet North Farmington's Brad Carr placed third in the fifth annual Detroit News invitational swimming and diving championships at Wayne State University. Carr, undefeated in dual meets, got off to a slow start in the preliminary round and was 14th going into the semifinals. He moved up and was seventh going into the finals. In the finals, Carr performed two twisting dives and a one and a half somersault which moved him into third, just three tenths of a point out of second.

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