

'Twas the hour back from Tigertown and all through the house, not a newspaper was shuffled-just scattered about.

But staring right in the face when I entered

But staring right in the lace when I entered was a vision I just couldn't believe. Churchill High, the school that always wins when I pick it to lose, had wor one of the toughest basketball districts in the state over Bentley, Redford Union, Plymouth and Stevenson.

I found this hard to believe and at first thought maybe I had amassed too much sun in Lakeland, Fla., but a second glance and a phone call confirmed it.

confirmed it.

Churchill, in only its third year of varsity competition, had won its first state tourney game ever over Bentley and then proceeded to rip two teams that sported a combined record of 32-8.

The 18-5 Chargers successfully defending their first Western Six cage crown with a 46-45 win over Harrison and now have their first district trophy.

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"It was just super!" said Montagano whose Chargers finished 98 in their first year of varsity competition and 125 last season. "The kids went after everyone and came out like champs!"

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asleep, just tried to figure out what had happened.
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"The kids were confident and looking for each
other and we took everyone on the boards. Phil
Damaska, Jim Foster and Don Braun just played

'I knew we had an inside shot at the district

and playing on our home court had to help." Churchill stands 12-3 on its court for the season and 6-2 on the road.

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Now comes the regional test for Churchill, a team that you have to believe in at this point.

The Franklin regional features Walled Lake Central, Franklin, Detroit Murray Wright and the "glass slipper" Chargers.

The Chargers match talents with Walled Lake Central tonight (Wednesday) at 8 p.m.
Central (Randy McLean and Co.) is nothing new to Montagano and his crew.

Churchill fell' to Central at Walled Lake on Jan.
12, 64-54, when the Chargers ran out of gas. But on Feb. 16, Churchill upended Walled Lake on the home court, 68-59.

"If we can hold McLean to 30 points and get Imhoff to foul out, we will be all right," added Montagano. "When we are right, it is going to take a team with four 'basketball players' to beat us."

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Central, he could be carrying home another trophy, one that would be only three games away from a state championship.

Churchill's basketball season has to be a

complement to a football team that finished with a

perrect 9-0.

"This has to show the caliber of our senior class," said Montagano. "How can you subtract from a 9-0 football season or a current 18-5 basketball season?"

Montagano is the first to admit that "March Madness" has struck Churchill High. He believes in

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The Chargers have a winning combination going for them and this will probably come to a surprise to most Churchill fans – but I am picking Churchill to take top billing in the Franklin region—

## George Gee Tourney Finale Is Friday

Prep hockey talent in Observerland is at a

The first annual George Gee memorial suburban high school hockey tourney is in full swing with Southfield Lathrup and Franklin High packing away their gear for next season.

Bentley, Southfield, Churchill and Stevenson are still alive in the fight for the championship at Ford Arena.

Stevenson which won the Suburban Leagu plays Bentley tonight in the 7 p.m. clash, with Churchill pitted against Southfield at 9:30 p.m. The two winners meet Friday at Ford at 8 p.m.

We will be selecting a most valuable player and this will be announced along with the all-area team immediately following the championship game.

Stevenson has to be the favorite, but if Churchill has picked up any of the fever generated by its basketball team, the finale could be interesting.



CHARGER SPARKPLUG -- Churchill's Phil Damaska (21) drives past Plymouth's Bruce Johnson (32) in the district finale at Churchill Damaska pumped in 25 points to give him 69 points in the last three games as the Chargers dumped Plymouth, 68-57, for the district crown. Churchill will face Walled Lake Central tonight at Franklin High (8 p.m.) in a regional battle. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Pistons Set

Family Day

The second and final Detroit Pistons Family Day of the 1972-73 National Basketball Association season will be held on Sunday. March 18, when the Chicago Billian Basketball Association season will be held on Sunday. March 18, when the Colon Basketball Association and the foliation of the holtest teams in the NBA. The Bulls currently are in a red-hot fight to overtake the Milwaukee Bucks for first place in the Milweyt Division and the Pistons have come on strong since the first of February.

For Family Day, each member of a family may purchase a reserved seat for 3 with a maximum delays for any family.

with a maximum of eight tor any family. However, the special Family Day tickets may be secured in only two ways: I.— Mail ticket requests with a check for the number of tickets to the Detroit Pistons, Cobo Hall, Defroit, 48226.

Pistons, Cobo Hall, Defroit, 4228.
2 — Come directly to the Pistons "executive offices, Suite 3000, Cobo [Hall], and purchase Family Day tickets there.

The special tickets will not be sold at the regular Piston box office at Cobo Arena or other outlets in the Detroit, area which handle Piston tickets.

It will be the Pistons' final

tickets.

It will be the Pistons' final Sunday matinee of the season.

Bing Sets

Record With

**Every Point** 

Star guard Dave Bing of the Detroit Pistons has eclipsed two more notable rillestones in the brilliant seventyear career was considered to the brilliant seventyear career water and the brilliant backetball Assn. Bing has cleared the 3.000-career mark in assists and topped the 12,000 mark in brilliant backetball Assn. With each point he makes

With each point he makes and with each assist he records. Bing adds to the Piston all-time records in both categories.

MSU Coaches

From Colorado

Charles Butler and Andy MacDonald, assistant coaches on Michigan State's football staff, formerly served on the grid staff at Colorado State.

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Records are made to be broken and the Northwest Suburban Conference swimmers took it to heart and smashed seven of 11 marks in the league meet at North Farmington took it all a little closer to heart and captured first place with 35 points. Thurston was a distant second at 221 followed by Garden City East with 207. When the Market Suburban Sub

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Admis, Wright); 5-John Glenn (Bird,
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1-Bob Jenrow (T); 2-Mike Gasse (F); 3-Paul Barbu (JG); 4-Jim Jose sky (GCE); 5-Eric Harting (T); 6 layton Campbell (NF). Time 1:06.2 400 YD FREESTYLE RELAY

son, Bill Gilmour and Bill freestyle with a [1:52.5 Ankele smashed the '72 mark clocking, snapping his '72 of Franklin of 3:34.2 with a 'do yard freestyle relay time of 1:53.9 Peterson clocked in at 2:09.7 in the 200 yard freestyle relay time at 1:00 mark set by break the 2:10.5 mark set by break the 2:10.5 mark set by North's Griswold broke his Franklin's Dave Balnaves own record in the 200 yard this season.



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