

# Churchill Blasted From State Tourney, 83-47



PHIL DAMASKA (20) leaps to launch a jump shot over the head of Murray-Wright's 6-4 Nate King as Churchill fought to hold the lead in Friday's regional finale. At the finish, however, Murray-Wright was on top, 83-47. Patrolling beneath the backboard for Churchill on this shot is Don Braun (52). (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe.)

By FRED DeLANO  
Livonia Churchill's basketball bubble was ripped asunder by Detroit Murray-Wright's race horses Friday night, 83-47, to end Observerland's last prep hope of sending a team into the quarter-finals of the state Class A tournament.

Murray-Wright's convincing victory not only carried the Pilots to the title in the regional eliminations played at Franklin High School, but also set up a quarter-final match for Wright next Thursday against Pontiac Central.

The best of all Churchill seasons ended with a 19-6 record as the Chargers were overwhelmed right from the opening tip-off.

The Murray-Wright troops from the Detroit city league led after the first period, 14-10, and they were on top at the half, 33-20. However, that was only the beginning of the onslaught.

The Pilots turned on their free-wheeling brand of offense to net 25 points more in each of the last two quarters even though Coach George Duncan cleared his bench.

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# Stevenson Crunches Bentley Puckmen, 5-3

Bentley High, Bob Wasilewski and Co., gave Stevenson a real run in the semi-final clash for the George Gee memorial high school hockey tourney.

But the Bulldogs ran out of talent in the third period and Stevenson fought back from a 3-1 deficit to topple Bentley, 5-3, and move into the finale with Churchill.

Wassilewski, who had popped in three goals two nights prior against Franklin, slapped in two in the first stanza to Stevenson's one to give the Bulldogs a 2-1 advantage.

Each squad added another in the second. Then Stevenson power prevailed in the third with Paul Vermeesch, Kurt Geiger and Don Finn scoring for the now 15-3 Spartans.

Wassilewski netted his first at 8:12 of the first when Bentley with Stevenson's Wally McIlmurray knocking it at one-all at the 13:27 mark.

# Southfield Falls Churchill Wins, 6-4

When the Charger spark is ignited, the flame is sure to soar.

The Southfield High hockey squad jumped to a 2-0 first period lead over Churchill in George Gee tourney semifinal action and Charger hopes of getting into the finale with Stevenson looked dim.

But it was announced that the Charger basketball crew had just toppled Walled Lake Central in a regional pairing and the Churchill spark spread to Adam Mitchell's hockey crew.

Churchill bounced back to tie it, with the Blue Jays of Southfield slipping ahead after two periods, 3-2.

The Chargers exploded in the third stanza with four goals to burst into the finale with Stevenson, their 6-4 triumph pushing the season mark to 12-4-3.

For Southfield and Coach Art Carinci, it was the finish of a 7-8-2 campaign.

It was Churchill's Mike Merrill who got the Blue Jays off on the right foot in the semi-final game.

Merrill picked up a roughing call at 3:32 of the first period and 24 seconds later, Southfield was on the board.

Kevin Neehill beat Churchill goalie Mike Parks, Mark Farber assisting.

Southfield made it 2-0 three minutes later, Farber beating Parks. John Fallows assisting.

Blue Jay netminder Joe Carroll kept Churchill scoreless in the 3:16 minute of the second stanza when Steve Ursitti slapped one home, Kris Kostolansky assisting.

With Southfield's Ron Kuciensky off for tripping, Churchill -Lloyd (unassisted), 8:39; Southfield -R. Mead (Booth), 12:18; Penalties: Kuciensky (B), 7:52; Carroll (S), mis-conduct, 8:39; Feback (C), 11:06; Farber (S), 11:12; Nion (C), 11:12; Bird (C), 11:12.

THIRD PERIOD  
Southfield -B. Mead (unassisted), 1:58; Churchill -Kostalansky (Ursitti), 2:45; Churchill -Kostalansky (unassisted), 4:38; Churchill -Thauvette (Vessey), 5:20; Churchill -Gagnon (Kostalansky), 13:18.

Penalties: Farber (S), 2:13; Farber (S), misconduct, 2:13; Meyers (C), 2:23; Garvin (S), misconduct, 6:17; Southfield bench penalty, 6:17; Vessey (C), 8:32; Meyers (C), 11:43; Carroll (S), 12:55; Ursitti (C), 15:38; R. Mead (S), misconduct, 15:59; Ballone (C), 14:48; Booth (S), 14:42; Rony (C), 14:55.

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MURRAY-WRIGHT(83)

	FG	FT	TP
J. Davis	11	3-25	5-9
Koppe	1	0-4	0-4
Howard	5	0-10	1-3
M. King	2	0-8	0-2
Slaughter	4	0-6	0-6
R. King	2	1-7	0-2
Brown	2	0-4	0-4
Daniels	1	0-2	0-2
Totals	37	12-83	3-12

CHURCHILL(47)

	FG	FT	TP
Sander	5	12-11	1-1
Damask	2	5-6	1-1
Braun	2	2-8	0-2
Reed	1	0-2	0-2
Foster	1	0-2	0-2
Kelly	0	0-2	0-2
Landini	0	0-2	0-2
Wood	1	2-2	0-2
Phillips	0	2-2	0-2
Totals	17	15-47	1-10
Murray-Wright	14	19-25	8-23
Churchill	10	10-11	18-47

Sets Record  
Steve Deters had his biggest day as a Wayne State University swimmer when he won the 1000-yard freestyle in a school and Matthei Pool record 16: 52.13 and the 500-yard freestyle in a school record 5:14.41 vs. Northern Michigan.

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Geoff. Lane, Wayne State University senior track coach, won the 1973 Central Collegiate Conference 800-yard run with a 1:53.5 docking.

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By Doc Minard  
It will be a night for the wearers of the green tonight at Wolverine Raceway and begorra all wearing green will be admitted free to the grandstand.  
To make the sons of Erin's eyes on a happier, Racing Secretary Bill Connors has arranged a \$4,000 St. Patrick Handicap race as the feature of the all-pacing program.  
The handicap attracted a field of seven including a two horse entry from the Joe Adamski stable. It is one of the few times the track had an entry so early in a meeting.  
Tricky Dale, winner of the preferred event a week ago at Northville Downs, heads the field as he seeks his second straight victory for owner Bob Kalish of Southfield.  
It will be the third 1973 start for the veteran who was freshened up with more than a month on the farm before getting back to the races.  
Erlanas Valley, surprise winner of the \$10,000 finale of the Jackson-at-Northville pacing series, drew the outside post this time.  
Erlanas Valley ran into trouble in its last three outings at the Downs, faltering in the stretch to lose to such fast ones as Johnny G, Tricky Dale and H. T. Pilot.  
Others going postward are the heady entry of P. B. Abbe and Key Creed, Knox Counsel, Timely Joy and A Susan Knox.  
The secondary feature, a \$2,500 pace, lists eight starters with such fast ones as Grace Time, Black Gate McKlyo, Pedro Wilson, Moon Bonnie, Just Getting By, Fire Dance, Mischief Des and A Susan Knox.  
Singing Knight, a six-year-old mare, may not win another race all year but she was the first under the finish line in the opening event at Wolverine Thursday night.  
With Don Niccum in the sulky, Singing Knight was content to pace in the second spot for three quarters of the race before taking the lead at the head of the stretch and storming home by four lengths.

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