

BATTLE AT FIVE DIFFERENT CENTERS:

Area Cagers in State Tourney Play

The March Madness is on!

From the Ohio-Indiana border on the south to the far reaches of the Upper Peninsula, from Lakes St. Clair and Huron on the East to Lake Michigan on the west, thousands of high school basketball fans are screaming wildly this week.

The reason:

Michigan's annual state prep cage tournament is underway.

This week it's the district phase with games being played at 124 different locations, including five in the Greater Livonia area.

The survivors will move on to next week's regionals to be played in 23 gyms.

By the end of next week, eight games will remain in each of the four classes — A, B, C and D. They'll go on to the quarterfinals to be played on Wednesday, March 17.

The semifinals on March 19 will be staged in the Greater Lansing area and the finals, as usual, will take place in Michigan State's Jenson Field House on Saturday, March 20.

If you don't have a ticket for the finals, it's too late. The three final sessions already are sellouts.

Area teams are contesting in five of the district locations.

Action began on Monday at Farmington high when Farmington squared off with North Farmington for the right to meet Redford Union Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Thurston hooked up with Walled Lake Tuesday evening and the winner will go on to the district final Friday evening to play against Farmington, North Farmington or Redford Union. Tipoff time for the final in the district Friday is set for 7:30 p.m.

There was also Class B action Monday at Clarencville where the host school was pitted against Garden City. The district field at Clarencville also included Lutheran West, Northville, Riverside and Hoston with the final slated for Saturday at 8 p.m.

Franklin high's palatial gym also is the center of a Class A district.

The Franklin play began on Tuesday with Garden City engaging Franklin for the right to face Robichaud on Thursday in the semifinals.

Bentley, the favored for the district final, faces Inkster

Wednesday at 7 and the victor advances into the finals.

Plymouth high has drawn Belleville Thursday at 8:30 p.m. in the first round of the Class A district at Eastern Michigan University Thursday night. Wayne and Ypsilanti were to meet in the first game at Ypsilanti.

The two winners will go against each other Saturday in the district final.

In the Class C district at Detroit's U. of D. High school, it'll be St. Agatha vs. Our Lady of Sorrows in a renewal of their rivalry Wednesday at 7 p.m.

This will mark the third meeting of the season between the two teams. Sorrows won both previous starts.

Such strong teams as St. Theresa, St. Francis de Sales, St. Gregory and St. Cecilia round out the field at U. of D. high.

The winners from the districts at Franklin, Eastern Michigan, Farmington and Clarencville all will be paired in next week's regional at Franklin.

The Clarencville "B" district king advances to the regional at Northville to join champs from Mason, Lansing, Fenton and Pontiac. The "C" champ from U. of D. will go into the regionals at Harper Woods-Bishop Gallagher.

SHARE FLAG WITH GROVES:

N. Farmington Co-Kings

Franklin Tough on Groves '5'

Franklin tried his best... but couldn't make it possible for North Farmington high to take the Northwest Suburban League basketball title outright.

Going into the final week of the regular campaign North Farmington had sewed up at least a flag share.

If Franklin could down Birmingham Groves, the outright crown would belong to North Farmington.

Franklin and Groves were to have met Friday night, but the snow dictated otherwise.

So the teams collided on Saturday night in the Groves gym with the hosts eking out a 70-67 triumph.

As a result Groves matched North Farmington's league record of eight wins and two losses. It marked the second straight year Coach Dick Wilson's North Farmington cagers had wound up as co-kings.

In 1953-54 North Farmington split the laurels with Thurston.

Franklin, playing a fine all-around game, held a 16-15 lead over Groves after one period.

But in the second stanza, Groves opened up a 10-point command, as star forward Dennis Rafferty knocked in three baskets and six free throws for 12 points.

But Franklin wasn't conceding anything.

Led by Ray Porter, who came off the bench late in the third period, Franklin cut the differential to 50-44 after three periods.

Then Porter drilled in four shots in the fourth period, Franklin went ahead at 53-52 and later at 58-53 on a hoop by Al Jose.

But Groves came back and finally required two free throws with 30 seconds left to sew up the contest.

Tom Cannon had 13 points to pace the losers while Al Jose and Paul Katosh each scored 12 for Franklin and Porter notched 10.

Franklin finished the regular season with only two wins for 16 games. But the South Livonia (Continued on Page 3B)

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STAR JOE CALDWELL of the Detroit Pistons shows three members of the Plymouth Community Junior Basketball League one of the basketballs the Pistons will present free to youngsters attending Saturday night's game with New York at Cobo Arena.

From left: Caldwell, Charles Field, Bill Wilkins and Doug McCubbery. To receive a ball as a gift from the Pistons, boys and girls, 16 and under, need only to purchase a \$3 reserved seat.

Michigan Matmen To Seek Third Straight Conference Title

ANN ARBOR — While Michigan will be seeking its third straight conference crown at the Big Ten wrestling championships here, March 5-6, they will face a spirited dispute from Michigan State, Minnesota and Northwestern, the way the dogs stare figure it.

The defending champs have a record of 31 straight collegiate dual meet victories behind them.

The Wolverines will be represented by only one defending champion — Lee Dietrich at 147 pounds — but he may move up to the 157 pound division for the title meet. Rick Bay, another Wolverine, won the 157-pound crown two years ago, but now wrestles at 167 pounds.

Wallop Kettering In Final

The regular season ended on a happy note for North Farmington high's basketball team.

Not only did the Raiders share the Northwest League title with Birmingham Groves, but they took the measure of Kettering, 60-54, Saturday night to wind up with a record of 12 wins in 15 starts.

A strong start helped North Farmington to jump in front, 22-18, by the end of the first period. The team stayed on top the rest of the way.

Rick Schultz, notched 10 points, Rick Lorenz eight and John McDonald the other four points for North Farmington in the initial period.

The Raiders reached halftime with a 34-31 edge and picked up three more points to their lead in the third period.

Lorenz and Schultz again packed most of the firepower for the winners with 22 and 17 points, respectively. Jim Newberry topped off Kettering team with 21 points.

The North Farmington reserves also won their final game as they triumphed by a 15-8 score.

Here's the North Farmington varsity box score:

N. Farmington	60	54
John McDonald	8	10
Curt Schumacher	2	4
Bill Schultz	10	17
Rick Lorenz	8	8
John McDonald	4	4
Tom Cannon	1	2
Larry August	1	2
Goal	12	12
N. Farmington	22	12
Kettering	12	12

Trojans Shine In Last Loss

Although beaten by West Bloomfield, 58-51, Saturday night in his final game on the regular season, Clarencville high's basketball team turned in a fine effort all the way.

After falling behind, 17-8, at the end of the first period, Clarencville bounced back to trail by only a 37-36 count after three quarters.

But the loss of Danny Freels and Tim Spencer on fouls hurt Clarencville's cause in the closing period, despite the fact the North Livonians managed to crawl within a point (46-49) with three minutes left to go.

Then three straight baskets put the game out of reach for West Bloomfield.

Free throws made the difference. West Bloomfield hit on 20 of 28 shots, including nine straight in the first quarter.

Clarencville hit 19 from the charity line in 33 tries.

The Clarencville reserves came through with a 44-42 victory as Dave Wilson hit on a shot with 15 seconds left. He also topped the winners with 20 points.

The varsity box score for Clarencville:

Danny Freels	6	10
Tim Spencer	4	12
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Larry Ray	2	4
Chris Hawkins	2	4
Fred Nell	2	4
Tom Lebertic	2	4
Totals	18	10
Clarencville	8	17
W. Bloomfield	17	21

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

The coaching ranks of our area is losing another of its "oldtimers."

Charley Ketterer is stepping out as basketball mentor at Plymouth high school... thus winding up a coaching career with the Rocks which began back in 1951.

Ketterer plans to remain in the Plymouth School system. He's on the faculty of the junior high.

His retirement means that Plymouth will go into the 1965-66 school year with new head coaches both in football and basketball.

Mike Hoban parted company with the gridders at the close of the '64 campaign because of his added duties in connection with administrative post at the high school. John McFall was named to succeed Hoban.

Who'll take Ketterer's place remains to be decided. It's reported that John Bearup, the reserve cage coach and Ketterer's assistant, will rate high consideration from the school officials.

There's an interesting "twist" to the departure of Hoban and Ketterer in the same school year as Plymouth coaches.

The pair first had met during World War II when both were in the V-12 program at the University of Michigan. Almost a decade later, they ran into each other at a sports clinic.

Ketterer told Hoban, who then was coaching at Cheboygan High, that he (Ketterer) was going to step out as Plymouth high's grid coach. He told Hoban where to write, if Hoban was interested.

Of course, Hoban wanted the job... and, as we all know, he eventually got it and turned in a tremendous job.

This reporter first knew of Ketterer when he was a star athlete at Detroit's Northwestern high school. Ketterer then went on to star in basketball and baseball at the University of Michigan.

His teammates at the U. of M. included Dave Strack, the Tigers' farm boss; Bump Elliott, who coaches Michigan's footballers, and Pete Elliott, who fills the same job at the University of Illinois.

Ketterer made his coaching debut at Northville high in September, 1948. He assisted with the Northville high footballers. In the winter, he was head man in basketball, and then assisted with baseball in the spring.

After a year at Northville, Ketterer returned to Michigan to study for his master's degree. From there he went to River Rouge high, succeeding the great Buck Weeber as the Panthers' football coach.

Ketterer joined the Plymouth staff as football and baseball coach in 1951. He filled the roles for four years, then turned his attention to guiding the varsity basketball team for two seasons.

Thereafter, Ketterer dropped out of the Plymouth coaching picture until four years ago when he came back as basketball coach.

His football achievements included three championship teams, including two which were unbeaten, at Plymouth. He never had a tilt in basketball.

Ketterer was a strict disciplinarian. They tell the story that when he passed his basketballers for a practice, if he shut the doors and wouldn't permit a tardy player in — unless the young man had a very good reason.

Ketterer has been an success in more ways than as a teacher and coach. He also operates an insurance business, which does well for him and his associates.

THIS ISN'T THAT Doc Friedericks, the Bentley high principal, wasn't the least bit worried by last week's snow blizzard. An adept skier, the Bentley bossman glided his way to school and had no problems as other members of the staff fought their way down Five Mile Road in their cars.

Speaking of Bentley and Livonia, we hear that there may be some changes in the top-level athletic posts when City's new high school opens in the fall.

A flock of orchids to Bob Callahan and his University of Detroit basketball team, which will play in the National Invitational tournament in New York starting next week. There weren't many who gave the Titans a ghost of a chance to rank among the nation's leaders when the season began back in December.

Just a reminder to you youngsters who'd like an official basketball and for FREE. You can pick one up by purchasing a \$3 ticket and attending next Saturday's Pistons-New York game at Cobo Arena.

Thurston Bowler and Dad Top Father-son Tournament

Paul Moldaban, 17-year-old Thurston High student averaged better than 200 for three games Saturday night as he and his dad combined for the Class B Regular Lead in the Detroit News Father & Son bowling tournament at Satellite Bowl.

Paul carries a 164 average, but shot above his mark in the final game of the series. His father, George Malaban, added 329 for an actual total of 1131.

They received a 156-in spot for a 1987 total.

SUBURBAN SIX LEAGUE			
Trenton	1	Bentley	1
Allen Park	2	Bellefontaine	2
Redford U.	3	Plymouth	3
NORTHWEST LEAGUE			
N. Farm.	1	Thurston	1
Groves	2	Franklin	2
Oak Park	3	Glen	3
INTERLAKES LEAGUE			
West North.	1	Waterford	1
Walled Lake	2	Farmington	2
WAYNE OAKLAND LEAGUE			
Bria, Pitta	1	Holly	1
West North.	2	Midland	2
Northville	3	Clarencville	3
West Bldg.	4	Stratton	4

Final Prep Cage Standings

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THE SPORT of gymnastics is beginning soon on the high school interscholastic agenda. North Farmington is the first of the area schools to sponsor a team. In this picture Chuck Baers goes through two of the maneuvers which are part of gymnastics meets.

Thurston Takes Second in Swim

Quality over quantity.

So went the story for Thurston high's swimming team in the Warren-Fitzgerald invitational last Saturday night.

Coach Joe Mrazna took only nine individuals to the meet, but Thurston wound up in second place with 65 points as Birmingham Groves won with 76 points.

Fitzgerald was third with 60 points, followed by Pontiac Northern with 53 and Southfield with 24.

Thurston came through with four winners.

The school's two relays both triumphed. The individual medley quartet came through in the fine time of 1:47.4 with Bill Barringer, Gordon Niles, Ron Smith and Jeff Lach forming the contingent.

Bill Zeeb took the 400-yard freestyle in 4:17.4 while Gordon Niles clipped the 100-yard breast stroke in 1:08.8 to set a new varsity record for Thurston.

The old mark of 1:07.3 was set two years ago by Bruce Kordenbroch.

Dennis Long was fifth in the breast stroke.

In the 200-yard free style, Bog Lloyd, Rick Korden, Smith and Lach teamed up to win in 1:36.

Zeeb also took a second in the 200-yard free style, Lloyd was third in the 400-yard free.

Barringer second in the individual medley, Rick Maxwell second in the diving and Chris Hudson fourth in the 100-yard free style.

Attends Service School

Robert E. Totten, owner of B. & N. Refrigeration Service, 9630 Southview in Plymouth, attended a technical service school conducted by the Electro Freeze Division of Bastian-Blessing in Paris, Ill.

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