

# OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

In something like 45 hours, the tune of Auld Lang Syne will send the year of 1965 into history. Some will welcome '65's departure ... others will wish it could live on forever.

It's been a year, like all others, with its ups and downs. There have been high moments for us in sports (and some low ones).

This was the year when the chronicler of this effort saw his own No. 1 son stage perhaps the greatest comeback of all—after being a school dropout twice, making the most of it the next time he tried so that comes the month of June, graduation bells will toll.

But this also was the year when at 3 a.m. on a Tuesday morning in late September, the phone sounded. It was Sports writer Jerry Green of the Detroit News on the other end.

"Have you heard?" a broken-voiced Green asked. "Heard, what?" we countered.

After a few seconds pause, Green spelled out the shocking news: Dan Warwick, the Pistons' executive manager and our immediate boss, had been stricken with a fatal heart attack an hour or so earlier and was dead on arrival at the hospital.

This seemed unbelievable. Just before we had retired before midnight, we had talked with Watrick and he had said: "We've got some things to do tomorrow."

He never got to them ...

Sports, nor the world, of course stops for any man as all of us so vividly recall two years back when a bullet snuffed out John Fitzgerald Kennedy in Dallas. As they say on Broadway: "The Show Must Go On." It did.

More people saw sports events in Michigan ... in the United States than ever before.

There was the end of the monopoly of the New York Yankees in our area. We're thinking of Casey Stengel ... the brilliance of Sandy Koufax, especially on that night you picked up the broadcast when he was pitching a no-hitter.

The "tragedy" which befell the Baltimore Colts in losing both their quarterbacks ... the departure from our local sports scene of a gent named Al Roscoe who did so much to promote baseball and other activities for teenagers.

There were the difficulties encountered by Jack Nicholas and Arnie Palmer in golf ... the raps directed at Harry Gilmer and Milt Plum of the Lions ... the perfect seasons enjoyed by Bentley and North Farmington in football ... the reversal owner Fred Zollner of the Pistons suffered when the men he had helped most turned him down in his first bid to land Michigan's Cazzie Russell for 1966-67.

You remember sitting in Yankee Stadium and seeing Mickey Mantle and Roger Maris unable to leave the bench ... and watching Al Kaline hobble through his paces at Tiger Stadium.

The hockey world went mad the night that Gordie Howe scored No. 60 of his career. It took awhile coming but where in the land will you find a greater athlete than genial Gordie?

Horse racing flourished like never before. At the Detroit Race Course with its new clubhouse and other facilities records were set both in wagering and in crowds. It was the same way when the trotters held their season at Middlebelt and Schoolcraft.

Some very excellent men left the schoolboy coaching ranks in our area. We're thinking of Mike Hoben at Plymouth and John Hayes at Farmington High, to mention a few.

One could go on, reflecting and reminiscing ... like the happiness that the Pistons experienced when they made Michigan's Bill Buntin their No. 1 draft pick in May ... but just the other day Buntin was scratched from the active roster.

It's been customary that we end a year by listing what we consider the top sports stories. This time we have grouped 'em under two categories—the first dealing with the State of Michigan as a whole, the other with the area serviced by the ever-growing Observer Newspapers.

### MICHIGAN'S BEST

1—The all-winning season in football at Michigan State and the Spartans march to the Big Ten and national titles plus next Saturday's appearance against UCLA in the Rose Bowl. Duffy Daugherty's forces came literally from nowhere to finish in the top of the pre-season polls. Most figured they'd be fortunate to finish in the middle of the pack in the Big Ten. The Spartans fooled the world.

2—The hot spree of the Red Wings in January, February and March, as they leaped from well down in the National Hockey League race to capture the 1964-65 title and then earn a place in the finals of the Stanley Cup. The Wings, like Michigan State, didn't seem to have what one might consider "the championship stuff" when the going began.

3—The disappointments of the Tigers and the Lions. Here were two teams which were supposed to make serious bids for title honors. Neither did. What went wrong with them? The best answer: A lot of things.

4—The charge of the 1964-65 University of Michigan basketball team to the Big Ten title, the regional crown in the NCAA and finally a shot at UCLA in the NCAA final out on the coast.

5—Beautiful Peaches Barkovitch of Hamtramck being named the No. 1 junior tennis player in the country. This is an honor which was before had come to a male or female tennis player who called Michigan their home.

### THE AREA'S BEST

1—Franklin's Bernie Carbo being named No. 1 by the Cincinnati Reds in the first professional baseball draft of amateur baseball players. This honor enabled Carbo to sign a fancy five-figure bonus contract.

2—North Farmington winning nine straight in football to wind up among the first five in the State Class A ratings. Biggest victory of all, of course, came against Denby, the team which capped the Detroit Public School championship.

3—Bentley turning in its first all-winning grid season by taking eight straight.

4—Franklin High copying the Observer's first annual high school baseball tournament.

5—The records set at the Detroit Race Course—both by the runners and the trotters.

Yes, Auld Lang Syne ... and the Happiest of New Years!

## ROAD PAST ST. GREGORY

# East Cagers Get Revenge

Revenge ... revenge ... revenge. This was the cry at Garden City East as the school's cagers moved out to play against St. Gregory.

East had nothing against St. Gregory. The Garden City team was burning over how it lost to Taylor Center four nights earlier when East led by 20 points in the third period.

"Our kids were out to prove a point," said East coach Billy Joe Young.

"We wanted to show that when we played together, we could get the job done. Also the kids wanted to show that when their first-stringers were in action, they were something."

The net result was that East bombed St. Gregory, 90-64, and in no way did Young attempt to pour it on.

He gave everybody a chance to play.

The victory gave East a 23 record for the 1965 portion of the schedule for cagers.

St. Gregory stayed close for one half. It was 35-30 for East at the intermission.

Then in the second half, East rolled in with 55 points to turn the game into a rout.

The East score at the finish set no school mark. Previous East teams have tallied 97 and 96 points in a single outing.

Paul Kightlinger continued his brilliant scoring for the winners. He tossed in 23 points to give him a total of 122 in five games ... a 24.5-point average.

Joe Huber added 21 points and brought his average up to 18.3 points for the season. Carl Glasser finished the night with 20 points.

Norb Podwojski tallied nine, Gary Popper six, Dennis Devlin and Jim Juopperi and Harvey Kightlinger three for East.

In the percentages department, East put up 63 shots from the floor and canned 33. That's better than 52 percent.

The East reserves beat St. Gregory, 57-30, as Bob Kallnowski led with 28 points. In his two previous games, Kallnowski had scored 20 and 35 points.



**BARING TO GO** are these two area gridlers who are with the State University's unbeaten Spartans in Los Angeles preparing for Saturday's Rose Bowl Game against UCLA. That's Boris Dimitroff, former All-Star from Bentley High, and the ball with Quarterback Steve Judy. Dimitroff is the offensive linebacker and Judy is the offensive end.

## Franklin Sets Swim Records

Franklin high swimmers turned in some electrifying efforts as they finished second with 56 points to winning Fitzgerald (68 points) in a triangular meet at Redford Union was third with 41 points.

Tom Bates set two Franklin varsity marks when he won the 200-yard free style, 1:07.6, and placed fourth in the individual medley with a clocking of 2:20.8.

Hal Hultquist's time of 23 seconds in his cupping the 50-yard free constituted another mark as did Ron Barkley's 1:09.6 in placing second in the butterfly.

Judd Kingsbury won the back stroke in 1:40.8, another Franklin record, while the other school mark was set by Franklin's 400-yard free style relay combination.

Here's how Franklin and Redford Union performers placed:

Medley Relay: 1—Franklin (Ericsson, Zelik, Barkley, Henderson), 3—Redford Union (Wren, Barnes, Anthony, Barthome), Time: 1:54.2.

200-yard free style: 3—Kingsbury (F), 4—S. Glazier (RU), 5—Burt (RU).

50-yard free: 1—Hultquist (F), 2—Favor (RU), 3—Ringle (RU), Time: 25 seconds.

200-yard individual medley: 3—Ding (RU), 4—Bates (F), 5—Halt (RU).

100-yard butterfly: 1—Rice (RU), 2—Barkley (F), 4—Favor (RU), Time: 59.3 seconds.

100-yard free style: 2—Arnold (F), 3—Mullin (RU), 5—Wood (RU).

100-yard back stroke: 1—Kingsbury (F), 4—Glazier (RU), 5—Erickson (F), Time: 1:02.8.

400-yard free style: 2—Burt (RU), 3—Haltom (RU), 5—Wren (F).

Time: 4:17.4.

100-yard breast stroke: 1—Bates (F), 2—Zelik (F), 5—Barnes (RU), Time: 1:07.6.

400-yard free style relay: 1—Franklin (Henson, Hultquist, Ferguson, Arnold), 2—Redford Union (Wood, Ringle, Perwinck, Mullen), Time: 3:32.6.



**PAUL MARTINI** is rated as the best freshman basketball player to Adrian in the past few years. From Garden City East High School in Garden City, he is averaging about 14 points per game and is one of Adrian's leading rebounders. The 6'5" freshman is No. 1 substitute at the center and has moved up to the first team.

## Plymouth Junior Cage Standings

Class A (Standings)	Class B (Standings)
Celtics 3 0	76ers 3 0
Royals 2 0	Lakers 3 0
Phones 2 1	Celtics 2 1
Lakers 2 1	Warriors 1 2
Hawks 2 1	Bullets 1 2
Bullets 1 2	Pistons 1 2
Stags 1 2	Hawks 1 2
Warriors 1 2	Knicks 1 2
76ers 0 3	Results
Knicks 0 3	Lakers 18, Hawks 15; Royals 25, Knicks 22, Stags 26, 76ers 14; Pistons 23, Warriors 19; Celtics 26, Bullets 19.
	Class B (Standings)
	76ers 3 0
	Lakers 3 0
	Celtics 2 1
	Warriors 1 2
	Bullets 1 2
	Pistons 1 2
	Phones 1 2
	Hawks 1 2
	Stags 1 2
	Knicks 1 2
	Results
	Royals 12, Knicks 0; 76ers 11, Stags 10; Pistons 13, Warriors 8; Celtics 40, Bullets 11; Lakers 17, Hawks 13.

## Area Obituaries

**ROBERT D. COTTER**, 74, of 4320 11 Mile Rd., Novi, died suddenly on Dec. 27 of a heart attack. A retired farmer, he had lived in Novi for 25 years.

Mr. Cotter is survived by his wife, Betty, and two sons, James and Elizabeth. He is also survived by five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

The Rev. LaVere Webster conducted the funeral services Dec. 28 at the Centerline Funeral Home in Novi.

**GEORGE ARTHUR SHERINIAN**, 59, of 2520 Dardaella, La., died suddenly Dec. 21 of a coronary thrombosis. A native of Utah, he had resided in La. for three years. Mr. Sherinian was a dock keeper for the Grover Co.

Also survived by his wife, Mary Ann, and two children, George and Joseph, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Blanche Evans, and a brother, Joseph.

Services were conducted Dec. 21 at the Manns Ferguson Funeral Home by Rev. Joseph Walker of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery.

**MAUDE G. RUSE**, Services for Mrs. Ruse, 90, of 1906 Central, Redford Township were conducted Dec. 24 by the Rev. Charles G. McNeil at the Manns Ferguson Funeral Home by Rev. Joseph Walker of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery.

**MELVIN EMERSON AULT**, 72, of 2017 Mayfield, Livonia, died Dec. 24, he was an ordained pastor and a member of the Farmington Farmington Masonic Lodge, No. 1644.

He is survived by his wife, Hannah, and five children: Robert M. Hunter of Detroit; Robert G. of Livonia; Mrs. Edwin L. (Fern E.) of Livonia; Mrs. Joseph G. (Lillian) of New London, Ohio; and Mrs. Thomas W. (Helen) of Detroit.

Also surviving are three brothers: Lester E. of Washington, Pa.; Austin D. of Lakeland, Fla.; and George D. of Florida; two sisters, Lora and Mary, both in Florida.

Also surviving are 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. John N. Greenleaf, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Farmington, conducted the funeral services Dec. 28 at the First Baptist Church.

**LIVIA MAY HANSON**, Services for Mrs. Hanson, 82, of 1923 Livonia, Garden City, who died in Highland Park, were held at the Calverly Funeral Home, 2511 Ford Road, Garden City, Mich., July 10, 1965.

Mrs. Hanson was born in Italy City, Mich. She is survived by a son, William G. Williams of Garden City, and a daughter, Ruth C. Williams of Garden City.

**MAUDE O. SPENCER** for Mrs. Spencer, 87, of 5481 Janet, Taylor, died Dec. 27 of a heart attack. Mrs. Spencer was a native of Illinois, she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Garden City, and also a member of the Garden City Memorial Gardens.

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**STEEL COX SR.** Services for Mr. Cox, 70, of 1906 Central, Redford, were conducted Dec. 27 at the Manns Ferguson Funeral Home by Pastor Victor F. Hallock, Jr., of the Grace Lutheran Church. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery.

**MRS. MARGARET GLOVER**, Services for Mrs. Glover, 81, of 1906 Central, Redford, were conducted in the Barrett Funeral Home in Hickman, Mich., with burial there. Arrangements were handled by the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth.

**JOHN ADAMCZYK**, Services for Mr. Adamczyk, 58, of 3485 Schoolcraft, Livonia, were conducted in the Barrett Funeral Home in Hickman, Mich., with burial there. Arrangements were handled by the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth.

**DAVID THOMPSON**, Services for Mr. Thompson, 63, of 1102 Newburg, Rose, were conducted in the prominent in Maconic and Church streets in Livonia. Burial was in the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth.

**CHARGE OF** Rev. Paul Greer with burial in Acacia Park Cemetery in Birmingham.

Mr. Thompson died Dec. 24 at his home following a lengthy illness. He was an officer in the Navy and resided in Livonia. He was a member of the Newburg Methodist Church, Plymouth Hill 12 Club, the White Shrine and was a past president of the state and Plymouth Hill 12 Club.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian Thompson; three sons, Kenneth of Mesa, Arizona, Wesley and Lawrence of Detroit; and a daughter, Mrs. Laurel Barr of Jackson; two brothers, Raymond, Eugene and Wilbert of Plymouth; four sisters, Mrs. Helen Jackson, Mrs. Jean Waisale, Mrs. Edna Silverstein and Mrs. Helen Jackson of Detroit; and nine grandchildren.

**JOSEPHINE HINTON**, Services for Mrs. Hinton, 72, of 2215 Ann Arbor, who died Dec. 22 in Ann Arbor, were held in Cherokee County, Ala., and was held at the Calverly Funeral Home, 2511 Ford Road, Garden City.

Mrs. Hinton was born April 15, 1893, in Garden City for the past year.

Surviving are her husband, Roy Hinton, three children: Max Hinton, who died of cancer; Robert of Warren, and B. Wilcox of Detroit; two brothers, Eugene and Marvin Abernethy, both of Detroit; and nine grandchildren.

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## Garden City Sextets Win 3 Puck Contests

Garden City hockey teams picked up three victories and a tie in the Suburban Hockey League got underway at the City Park rink.

In the Juvenile League, Garden City smashed Plymouth, 7-2. Goals for Garden City were by Donnelly, Back, Saylor, Kameneck, and Carter, with Steve Joseph scoring a pair. Plymouth's goals were by Price and Sholly.

In other games in the Juvenile Division, Dearborn Heights overwhelmed Inker 11-1, Nankin beat Allen Park 4-3, and Livonia defeated Plymouth 5-2.

In the Midget Division, Garden City and Plymouth battled to a 1-1 tie. Scoring for Garden City was Rhoades, with Herter scoring for Plymouth.

In other Midget games, Dearborn Heights defeated Inker, 10-1, and Livonia defeated Plymouth 3-2.

In the Bantam League, Garden City beat Plymouth 3-1 on two goals by Rhoades, and one by Plymouth's lone goal was scored by Cosgrove.

Other scores in the Bantam Division: Dearborn Heights 14, Inker 3.

## Bad Start Costly to Falcons

An atrocious first period doomed Farmington High's basketball team against the Red Wings last Friday night.

Over the eight-minute span, Farmington managed only two points, while the Red Wings scored five.

This totalled up to five points for East Detroit was knocking in 19.

With that kind of a start, East Detroit rolled on to an easy 83-37 victory.

"Our shooting was terrible," said Farmington coach Jack Quigley. "Imagine we hit only one of 24 shots in the first half."

The half break, incidentally, found East Detroit holding a 23-10 lead over Farmington.

The Farmington reserves also lost to Dearborn, 38-20, and scored, despite the fact Al Kikka had a fine night with 20 points, hitting six baskets and eight chances.

## YEAR-IN-REVIEW State Traffic Accidents Expected To Set Record

Michigan's 1965 traffic toll at 8.2 million, one means to help combat the traffic and crime problems was legislative authorization of 200 more troopers to raise the State Police authorized strength to 1,459. Recruiting is now underway.

Two new State Police posts with skeleton staffs were established at Tekonsha in Calhoun County and Iron River in Iron county, bringing to 55 the number in operation.

State Police activities for the year included more than 12 million miles on traffic patrol out of a "total" department mileage of nearly 21 million.

Officers made 196,000 traffic arrests, 20,000 non-traffic arrests, and apprehended 8,000 juvenile traffic offenders and 6,000 delinquent minors.

Troopers arrested 258,000 oral warnings to drivers, and made 181,000 property and 31,500 injury inspections.

Provisional 1965 figures indicated 232 persons died and 235 were injured in 534 water accidents. Compared with the year before, deaths were down 58, injuries increased five and accidents were reduced by 72.

Eight persons, three of their children were killed and 640 persons injured in 575 rural school bus and related type accidents in the state in 1964. Compared with 1963, these were increases of five in deaths, 121 in injured and six in accidents.

Michigan's 88,175 fires in 1964 claimed 232 lives, both totals setting new annual records, and caused an estimated \$55 millions in property damage.

The per capita loss was \$7.04. Compared with 1963, there were nine more deaths which included four firemen, the first such loss since 1961, 197 other adults and 61 children.

Michigan State soph swimmer Bill Scott of Hinsdale, Ill., is son of Leslie Scott, who served as MSU's faculty representative to the Big Ten in 1955-1956.

## Livonia DPR Seeks Volleyball Officials

The Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation is putting out a call for volleyball officials to officiate in the men's leagues beginning in January.

Interested persons are asked to contact Bob Green, Athletic Supervisor, at the Recreation Office, GA 1-2000, Ext. 291, or nights GA 1-2007.

## Aboard Destroyer

Navy Ensign William H. Mott, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Mott, Sr., 29110 Grand Ave., Livonia, is serving aboard the destroyer USS Vesport, operating out of Newport, R.I. Vesport, a general purpose destroyer, serves as flagship for Commander Destroyer Division 232.

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