N. Farmington, Bentley Sweep to 'A' District Titles

Raiders Bounce Back for First Flag You can't keep a good team down. Throughout the recent, regular high school basketball sea. The haiders same out on top and moved on against listed disprointment. The haiders sume out on top and moved on against listed with the district school for horizonth primary and the haiders sumbled through game after game. The haiders sume out on top and moved on against listed with the listed state the district school four years ago, the Raiders scored a first count witers so was a Class C school four years ago, the Raiders scored a first lown of the district school follows have a first with given the primary and the district school four years ago, the Raiders scored a first lown of the district school four years ago, the Raiders scored a first lown of the district school four years ago, the Raiders scored a first lown of the district school four years ago, the Raiders school fo

disappointment.

Picked as a threat to Birmingham Groves for the Northwest Suburban League laurels, the Raiders stumbled through game after game.

13 defeats.
But the second part of the 1095-50 season began last week with the district Class A tour-nament. . . at North Farmington.
"Forget what's happened so far," coach Dick Wilson told his North Farmington charges.
"You're a much better team." Wilson was right.

Milford, 62-59.

Next came another showdown with city rival Farmington. Twice before in the districts, Farmington had belted out North Farmington in the first round.

And in the regular season

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Stevenson's Rally Just Falls Short

roster.

The game against Crestwood at Clarenceville in the Class B districts shaped up as a slaught-

districts shaped up as a saughterr or a half and a few minutes
of the third period—that's what
it was—a shapiter.
Crestwood led, 13-11, after
one period, 23-20, at half time
and ultimately by a 40-20 score
in the third session.
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CONVERTIBLE TOPS

This was Stevenson high school's first crack at a state title.

There were only tenth grad-forson the me kivonia school's roster.

The game against Crestwood iner.

"We sure had to be proud of our boys," said Don Iott, the Stevenson coach. "They never quit. That's some-thing."

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It was encouraging to lott
that next season he'll be able to
field a veteran team.

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by Stevenson against Crest-wood.

He scored 14 of his 20 points in the last quarter when Stevenson outscored Crestwood, 21-10. Olson hit on five baskets and 10 free throws. Paul Pender also notched five baskets and so the control of the part of the paul one charify to give him a part of the pa

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TODAY'S BRILLIANT CHOICE IN WHISKEY!

MILFORD 59
Faller, up from the reserves,
and Bill Bowles shared acoring
honors in this battle which want
right down to the final barrier.
With a minute to play the
score was tied at 59-59. Then
Bowles clicked on a basket and
Jim Rulapaugh on a free throw
to provide the Raiders with
their three-point, winning margin.

gin.

The Raiders hit on 25 baskets and 12 freethrows in the game. Bowles made seven hoops, Faller five from the floor and four charities. The North Farmington

scoring:
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Herb Cobb J 1
Kurt Schumacher 0 2
Bill Oldershaw 1 2
Bill Bowles 7 8
Rick Lorenz 5 1
Jim Rulapaugh 4
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Totals 20 17 7 11 17-32 N. Farmington 12 10 26 16-36

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N. FARMINGTON 82.
The game bardly had started, when Gary Schumacher tipped one in for North Farmington.
This was just the beginning for the Raiders. With Loren hitting 13 points before the first period ended, North Farmington piled up a 22-10 advantage.

Merall Thurston posted 18 in injustion piled up a 22-10 advantage.

For MA half time, North Farmington led, 39-23. The edge was increased by three more points after the third period. Lorent was the acoring hore for the victors. He tossed in 12 pentage and Schumacher 13. dealier, as it nutsilly is, North Farmington probe 30 to only 35 for the Lakers.

The closest Walled Lake (Cont. on Next Sports Page) was hurt and couldn't compete.



Top Year With Bust

The district phase of opera-tions proved a big disappoint-ment to Coach Mike Pasternak and his Thurston high basket ball team.

Thurston Wrestlers Place High

Thurston high school's wrest-lers turned in a fine showing last Saturday in the state Class A meet at Michigan State.

Randy Ault, a 145-pounder, reached the semifinals where he lost. The same held true for Jim Blazo, a 154-pounder.

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Heavweight Dan Harris placed third in his division. Its location to the location of the

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OBSERVING SPORTS

Items penned on our shirt cuffs:
Over at Middlebelt and Schoolcraft roads, the
Detroit Race Course stands idle these days. It hasn't
operated since late in October.
The same holds true across town at Hazel Park.
The doors and gates there have been clamped shut,
too, for many months.

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Meantime, across the river in Windsor, the new totling oval is doing a big business. Folks are betting over two million bucks a week.

All of which is very nice . . . to let our Canadian cousins prosper.

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But, why at our expense?

The Windsor Raceway folks admit that 70 percent of those who come to their establishment each night are Americans.

This means more than a million and a half bucks a week are being taken out of Michigan, out of the United States, for betting purposes.

Multiply that figure by 16 weeks, the length of the Windsor season, and the amount becomes staggering, especially when you stop to remember that Michigan takes something like an eight percent cut out of every buck wagered at the DRC, Hazel Park, North-Ville and Jackson.

Ironically, while the state is screaming for new wax money, its racing commissioner—one Barry Beamon—keeps saying he thinks our present racing schedule is long enough in Michigan.

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On top of that, the careers of three of the league's greatest players are coming to an end. Jack Twyman of Cincinnati, Tom Gola of New York and Cliff Hagan of St. Louis, all will bow out when the current campaigning ends is the last year for Red Auerbach as coast of the Boston Celites. Red won't leave baskethalt or the Celies. He stays on as general manager things.

It may sound trite to use the same expression for lour: "Nicer gusy you won't find."

But, what better expression beflits them? You could get mad at Auerbach as he wrangled with the referees, but you had to admire his way of coaching and his success story.

Gola and Twyman and Hagan killed our Pistons many a time. But that was in the line of duity. When the game was over, they'd help in any way you might ask to put across the game and sport which has meant so much to them.

The Pistons, incidentally, will hold a "Salute to Auerbach" night next Thursday (March 17) when he coaches the Celitics for the last time at Cobo Arena.

One had to get excited by what North Farmington.

One had to get excited by what North Farmington accomplished in winning the state district tournament at its own court.

The Raiders weren't supposed to get very far in the meet. They had some lilness and some injuries. But the kids arose when they had to.

And yet there are those who knock our young men and girls.

Don't write here for tickets for the state high school basketball finals.
So far, we haven't got one for ourselves.
The semifinals and finals will be on TV, however.
Channel 50 will carry all the excitement, if you can't get up to East Lansing.

When are we going to learn to keep our mouth

shut?
A couple of weeks ago, we wrote that the landing of Leo Boivin and Dean Prentice by the Red Wings would assure the Wings the league title for the second straight year.
So, what happens?
The Wings go into a tailspin.

More of the weather we had last week should make all the area's baseball teams happy. Ditto for the gollers and trackmen.

Looking for some special treats in the way of entertainment this weekend! We'd like to suggest a

couple:

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1— The Ice Show at Olympia, which they ten as is a "honey."

2— The NCAA track meet at Cobo Arena Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. The greatest in the U.S. will perform at Cobo.

East Easy For Livonia Ouintet

The form sheet held up. It was Bentley over the field, as most expected, in the Class A district basketball tourna-ment at Franklin.

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Thus, after missing out a year ago, the Livoulans regalied the top and added another district trophy to their already illustrious array by kayoing Garden Citiy East, 66-50, in the championship game Saturday night.

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Now Bentley has returned to Franklin for the regional where the field was to include North Parmington. U. The regional final is booked for Friday night with the winer advancing into next Wednesday nights quarter finals. "Credit our bench for his victory." happy George Felfes, the Bentley coach, esphained the company of the particular of the coach period and belied put for the set of the set

Beniley.

The absence of Joe Hueber out with a fractured elbow, undoubtedly hurt East, which had four players finishing in double figures against Beniley. Paul Kightlinger had 19, Norb Podwoiski 12, Carl Glassian.

Norb Podwoiski 12, Carl Gisser 11 and Harvey Kight-linger, Paul's brother 10. The Bentley scoring was well spread, The Livonians also had four in double figures with Me-tevia getting 12, Bob Eisner and McCauley 11 each and Grimm 10.

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Here's the story of what happened earlier in the Franklin
district:

GARDEN CITY EAST 68,
FRANKLIN 60
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Paul and Harvey, shared honors
with Norb Podwolski in leading.
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