

Rock Swimmers Capture Opener for New Mentor

"It was a successful debut for Dick Gretzinger, former Plymouth High School all-state swimming star, when he guided the Rocks to a one-sided 68-37 victory over Wyandotte in his first meet as the varsity swimming coach. Gretzinger moved to the head spot when John McFall, veteran swimming and football coach, resigned three weeks ago to take over the operation of a motel in northern Michigan. Gretzinger was one of the stars of the Michigan State University varsity last year and received his bachelor's degree in the June commencement exercises. He returned to the alma mater as assistant coach and then before the season opened, he had moved to the head post. The Rocks made a sweep of every first place in the opening triumph which was featured by standout performances by Butch Leonard and Andy McCord. The latter was clocked at 1:59.3 in winning the 100-yard butterfly. The Plymouth performances: 200-yard medley relay, Foust, Leonard, Wolf and Norman, won in 1:53; 200-yard freestyle, McCord won, Gould second, time 2:07.4; 50-yard freestyle, Porter won, Gilbert third, time 1:24.3; 200-yard individual medley, won by Reinas, Norman third in 2:22; diving, Larson won and Lyttle, fourth; 100-yard butterfly, won by McCord with Wolf third in 2:04.3; 100-yard freestyle, won by Porter with Whitaker third in 1:55.2; 100-yard backstroke, won by Foust with Gorietz second in 1:09.4; 400-yard freestyle, won by Reinas with Malloof second in 4:45; 100-yard breaststroke, won by Leonard with Sha's second in 1:09; 200-yard freestyle, won by Pigeley, Gilbert, Gould and Kenney in 3:57.

STARS STILL HURT:

Collegians Split In Cage Action

Without big men who rebound, a basketball team has its problems. College managed to break Ontario, 75-58, before falling to powerful Concordia, 93-66. The Schoolcraft team still was without center Cliff Peach and forward Steve Moore, its two best scorers and rebounders. Nor is it known by coach Bob Leggat when Pasch, who suffered a broken foot, and Moore, who is bothered by a knee injury, will get back into action. Al Jose from Franklin high and Fred Neal from Clarenceville combined to pace Schoolcraft to its win over West Ontario. Schoolcraft took a 38-23 halftime edge and romped through its foe as Jose finished with 19 points and Neal with 15. The winners hit on 42 per cent of their shots.

Irish Star To Headline Jaycee Program

Jim Seymour, Notre Dame's record-breaking pass receiver from Berkeley, Mich., will be the featured speaker at a luncheon in Detroit during the week before Christmas. The occasion will be the Face-off Luncheon for the Great Lakes Invitational Collegiate hockey tournament. The luncheon is set for the ballroom of the Cobo Hall Wednesday noon, Dec. 21. Seymour made a name for himself at Shrine High School in Royal Oak before bursting on the national football scene at Notre Dame. In his first varsity game, he set a Notre Dame record with 13 pass receptions against Purdue, and finished the season against Southern California with 11 catches and two touchdowns. At the Face-off Luncheon, he will address hockey teams from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Michigan Technological University and the University of Western Ontario.

Globetrotters Coming Back To Olympia

The Harlem Globetrotters, the clown princes of the basketball court, will be back at the Olympia Stadium Friday, Dec. 30, to meet the New York Nationals. They are coming back by popular demand, less than two months after their first appearance of the 1966-67 cage season. They played two games at the Olympia last winter, drawing over 11,000 patrons in November and pulling in a complete sellout throng of 15,142 in April. In their return on Nov. 5, more than 12,000 spectators applauded and laughed with them.

Prep Cage Schedule

- FRIDAY'S GAMES: Thurston at Franklin; Bentley at Redford Union; Garden City East at Taylor Center; Pontiac Northern at Farmington; St. Gregory at St. Agatha; St. James at Cherry Hill at Garden City West; Glenn at Groves; Plymouth at Allen Park; Oak Park at North Farmington.

The 1965 and 1966 Michigan-State football teams both scored "firsts" in Ohio State's Woody Hayes' career. The Spartans held the Buckeyes to a minus rushing yardage in 1965 and handed them their third straight defeat in 1966.

Thurston High Natators Rip Redford Union

Thurston High wrestlers opened the season with a 37-11 victory over Redford Union. The matmen participated in a quadrangular meet at Eerkeley High on Saturday and are preparing for a duel meet against Southfield Thursday at home. On Dec. 9 and 10, the annual tournament will be held at Garden City East. In the Redford Union match, Thurston wrestlers recorded the following wins by falls: 85-pounds, Glen Schoeneman (T); 103-pounds, John Zark (T); 129-pounds, Tim Hichman (RU); 127-pounds, Dean Wheeler (T); 180-pounds, Larry Wade (T); and heavyweight, Dan Harris (T); wins by decisions: 112-pounds, Lou Ploussard (T); 133-pounds, Doug Secord (T); 138-pounds, Dave Pike (RU); 145-pounds, Bruno Ruspi (T); 154-pounds, Randy Aull (T); and 165-pounds, Terry Hyvari (RU). In the quad meet, Thurston results were: Heavyweight Dan Harris, first; Glen Schoeneman, John Zark and Lou Ploussard, seconds; Doug Secord, Dean Wheeler, Tony Scappaticci, Dave Mincau and Larry Wade, thirds; Jerry Shek, John Clinak and Barry Papazian, fourths.

By Sports Editor George Maskin Observing Sports in Observant Manner

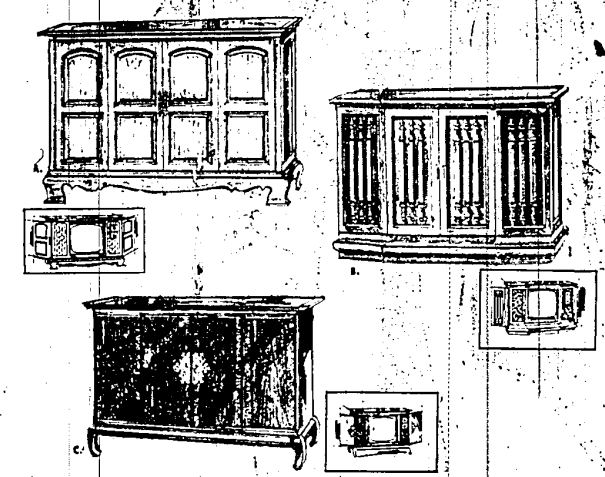
(Continued from Page 2B) Michigan State or Schoolcraft College, the men of West Point and Annapolis truly are the "cream of the crop." Just nobody makes it into either institution. The courses they offer at the academies would make the ordinary student. What's more, when a boy enters West Point and Annapolis he knows what he wants to be—an officer in our Army or Navy, and as such a servant of our country under some of the most trying and crucial conditions. After all, many of the men who walked past us are headed for Vietnam within the next year—to lead our men in that conflict which seems kind of senseless. Back in Detroit, the phone rings. The caller identifies himself as being from Plymouth and the area commissioner for fast pitch. He wonders if we ever remember fast pitch. "It's been kind of dead now in these parts for several years," he adds. We agree. "Well," he continues, "we're getting ready to sponsor a big league and revive fast pitch next spring and summer around here. We'll have teams in Livonia, Farmington and Redford Township, along with Southfield and other nearby communities." The get admits that the group has some problems, but he talks with confidence. Fast pitch is an interesting sport. It gave way when slo-pitch came into existence with a thud. In slo-pitch, it makes no difference what shape a player's in. Anybody can hit the ball. There's a lot of running

and scoring. Fast pitch, on the other hand, boils down to a battle of pitchers, fielding and good base running. So, good luck, gentlemen! Another phone call: This time it's Livonia's Denny McLain, the great Tiger pitcher who was acclaimed the most exciting Tiger of the 1966 season by the Detroit baseball writers. Denny is quite a sportsman. You'll see him around watching the Pistons, Red Wings and Lions ... when he's not making music on the organ. You're in Boston ... Arnold (Red) Auerbach sits quietly at the scorer's table. It's a far cry from the other times you've seen Auerbach, screaming at referees and directing the Boston Celtics to nine world championships in ten years. Red, one of the greatest basketball coaches of all time—professional, college or otherwise—looks more relaxed now ... as the Celtics general manager. Here's a little tip to you youngsters! Want an official Pistons basketball? You can get one FREE by attending the Pistons-Baltimore game a week from Friday at Cobo Arena. As long as you're 16 and under and purchase a \$3 reserved seat ticket, you can pick up one of the basketballs at the game. We might add that they are dandy basketballs made by Wilson, one of the big names in sports goods manufacturing. The balls will hold up indoors or outdoors. Our skating enthusiasts can't complain this year what with the early arrival of cold weather to make possible natural ice.

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