LOW-DRIBBLE: Rick Clark (24) of Garden City East shows the proper way to dribble—keep the ball low—as he goes around a Taylor Center defender. The Taylor team, however, won the game.

Shots Off Line; East Swamped

When your team commits 11 fewer turnovers, makes 17 more rebounds, takes 16 more shots and holds a four-shot free throw edge, it should win.

That's what Garden City East accomplished against Taylor, but it was Taylor an 83-71 winner in what proved a decisive game for East in Mid-Wayne League action.

The setback killed the East's hopes for the flag, despite the fact the team rebounded to crush Lutheran West with a record-99-51 score on Friday.

East now stands 5-3 in the league, 10-3 overall with less than two weeks remaining in the regular season.

Against Taylor, it was simply a case of East not being able to hit from the field.

"Imagine a team striking on only 32 percent of its shots," declared Coach Billy Jo Young.

Joe Huber tossed in 25 points on eight baskets and nine charities for the winners while Mike Maciasz was next in line with 11.

Prior to the 99-point bombardment against Lutheran West, East's school high in basketball had stood at 96.

East ran up 56 points in the first half and "fell off" to just 43 in the final two periods. The uprising included 30 points in the second period, and 26 each in the first and fourth.

Five East players finished in double figures as Rick Clark led the way with 18 points. Harvey Kightlinger tallied 16 points, Huber 14, Maciasz 10 and Bob Kalinowski 10.

Coach Young didn't make any attempts to rub it in on West. He used his regulars only 19 minutes.

All 11 of the East players made at least one point.

GC Boys to Sign For Baseball

Boys planning to participate in the Garden City Youth Athletic Association junior baseball program next summer, must register for the leagues on the next two Saturdays, Feb. 18 and 25.

Registrations and physical examinations will be available at Cambridge Junior High, 28901 Cambridge in Garden City.

All boys between the ages of 9 and 12 years must register on one of the two dates. Registrations will be accepted between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. each Saturday.

Livonian Is Star With St. Cecilia Five

Dennis Hyland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Hyland, 9109 Beatrice, Livonia, is co-captain and guard for the St. Cecilia High School basketball team which battles St. Gregory in the finals of the Second Division in the Catholic League in Detroit.

Denny, a 5'8" senior, is finishing his third year as a regular for the Irish.

He is one of five brothers, has been a resident of Livonia for two years and has attended St. Cecilia since first grade.

Thurston Beaten by Charities

The field goals stood at 29-23 in favor of Thurston high's basketball team against front running Groves in the Northwest Suburban League.

But no upset was forthcoming.

That's because Groves enjoyed a field day—at night, that is—at the free throw line with 30 successes in 36 tries while Thurston negotiated just 12 out of 23 free ones.

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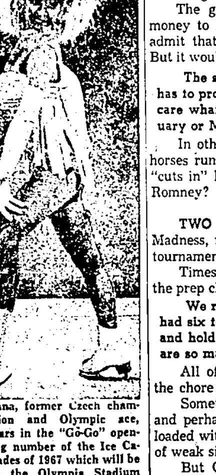
Almost every time one looked, Groves' star Mike Rafferty was stepping to the charity marker.

He got 21 opportunities to hit free tosses . . . and he responded with a brilliant 19. Add three baskets and Rafferty took individual honors in the game with 25 points.

Groves rushed in front, 19-13, after one quarter; led 44-33 at the half and 61-47 at three-quarters. Thurston cut the gap to nine in the fourth period, but that's as close as the Townshippers could get.

Bob Wardrop fired in 21 points with 10 baskets and one free toss to top Thurston. Roger Steffan added 18 points, Gary Schulte 13, Reg Barringer nine and Don Block nine.

Dave Day fashioned 26 points in pacing Thurston's reserves to a 58-54 upset over Groves.



Jana, former Czech champion and Olympic ace, stars in the "Go-Go" opening number of the Ice Capades of 1967 which will be at the Olympia Stadium Feb. 28 through March 12.

Juniors Swell Hopes for North Farmington

The basketball future at North Farmington high has taken on a bright look.

That's because coach Dick Wilson has found a contingent of juniors who have molded together in a fine unit.

Wilson started four eleventh graders, plus a senior, last Friday night and the dividends ran high for North Farmington—a 69-60 victory over John Glenn.

What had to please Wilson the most was the work of junior center John Mann, who stands 6-2.

Mann turned in his best effort on the varsity with 26 points and 20 rebounds. He hit on 11 baskets and four charities.

The Raiders got off to a fast start against Glenn, notching 22 points in the first period to Glenn's 15. Ron Flutur and Mike McCoy each made six points and Mann five in the first eight minutes.

In the second period, the Raiders outscored Glenn, 16-12, as McCoy picked up the remaining 13 points he made in the game.

Mike Mahakian had 16 points and Jerry Wright 14 for the losers. Mike McMaster also hit in double figures for Glenn with 11 points.

North Farmington struck back on Saturday night to blast Clarenceville, 82-48, in a non-leaguer as McCoy led the way with 24 points.

John Thompson meshed 22 in a losing cause for Clarenceville.

The North Farmington-Glenn box score:

N. Farmington	B	F	P	Glenn	B	F	P
Flutur	5	0	10	Mahk'n	6	4	16
Knock	3	0	6	Jackson	1	2	4
Mann	11	4	26	Wright	6	2	14
Rulop'gh	2	5	9	K.Decker	3	1	7
McCoy	5	3	13	McMastr	5	1	11
Copp	0	1	1	S.Decker	1	0	2
Benya	0	2	2	Walker	0	2	2
Paterson	9	2	2	Webb	2	0	4
Totals	26	17	69	Totals	24	12	60

N. Farmington	22	16	14	17—69
Glenn	15	12	11	22—60

The North Farmington-Clarenceville box score.

N. Farmington	B	F	P	Clarenceville	B	F	P
McCoy	10	4	24	Watkins	2	2	6
Mann	[illegible]	2	10	Dvendrf	0	2	2
Knock	4	3	11	Thmpsn	8	6	22
Flutur	4	3	11	Nye	1	2	4
Semack	3	4	10	Roy	4	4	12
Rulop'gh	0	1	1	Burt	1	0	2
Copp	2	1	5	Totals	16	16	48
Schultz	0	6	6				
Lichtman	1	2	4				
Totals	28	26	82				

Clarenceville	8	14	9	17—48
N. Farmington	8	19	23	22—82

Strategical Move Aid To Trojans

Who says basketball is just a run and shoot ganme? Coach Gene Scholes, of Clarenceville, proved that strategy can play a vital role in the sport last Friday night when his chargers upset Bloomfield Hills, 40-35.

Faced with the chore of playing a bigger team, Scholes decided to utilize a 2-3 zone defense in order to bottle up Hills' 6-6 center, Bruce Hall.

The tactics worked to perfection. Hall was held to 14 points.

Meantime, Clarenceville worked for and took only the good shots. The Trojans fired up just 41 attempts from the field compared to an average 60-70 in a game.

The scoring resembled a football game, rather than a basketball tilt.

Clarenceville tallied nine points in the first period to the Hills' seven. In the second quarter it was 13-11 for Clarenceville.

The third stanza showed Clarenceville with a 9-5 margin while the Hills finally got the edge in the last eight minutes with 12 points to Clarenceville's nine.

The victory gave Clarenceville a 4-6 record in Wayne-Oakland League play. Chuck Watkins had 12 points, John Thompson 11, Mark Dievendorf eight, John McClory five and Larry Novell four.

St. Agatha Drops Pair; One to Go

One game with Ann Arbor St. Thomas remains next Tuesday night for St. Agatha's basketball team before it plunges into the state tournament district competition at Visitation.

The Township cagers lost twice last week, falling to St. Francis de Sales, 71-67, and then to Ferndale St. James, 75-57, in non-league action.

St. Agatha held a four-point lead against St. Francis in the third period before a late burst overcame the Township team.

Dennis McKenna had 25 points and Jerry Myron 15.

It was McKenna with 24 points and Myron with 14 against St. James which built up a 39-25 halftime lead and never was seriously threatened the rest of the way.

Ace Swims To Two Records

Dennis Rogissart, of Bentley High, continued his brilliant swimming last Thursday as he led his team to a 61-44 victory over Plymouth.

Rogissart shattered his own school and pool record with a timing of 4:05.2, well under the marks he held at 4:09.

"Dennis' time has to be one of the three best in the state," said his coach, Larry Joiner.

Rogissart also anchored Bentley's winning free style relay to climax the school's ninth victory of the season against two defeats.

Ray Porter of Plymouth turned in a double victory by hitting the finish first in both the 50 and 100-yard free style.

The results:

Medley relay: 1—Bentley (Donaldson, Stewart, Jepson, Mehol). 2—Plymouth (Foust, Smith, Malboeuf, Norman).
200-yard free style: 1—Don Schreiber (B), 2—Pugsley (P), 3—Wolf (P).
50-yard free: 1—Porter (P), 2—J. Schreiber (B), 3—Larson (P).
Individual medley: 1—Kee (B), 2—Trembath (B), 3—Renas (P).
Diving: 1—Lyttle (P), 2—Larson (P), 3—Gavey (B).
Butterfly: 1—McCord (P), 2—Jepson (B), 3—Malboeuf (P).
100-yard free: 1—Porter (P), 2—Guthrie (B), 3—Mehol (B).
Backstroke: 1—Donaldson (B), 2—McCord (P), 3—Andes (P).
400-yard free: 1—Rogissart (B), 2—Kee (B), 3—Beglinger (P).
Breast stroke: 1—Trembath (B), 2—Stewart (B), 3—Renas (P).
Free style relay: 1—Bentley (D. Schreiber, Bors, Guthrie, Rogissart). 2—Plymouth (Whitaker, Wolfe, Norman, Pugsley).

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R.U. Star Wins

Jerry Haltom produced victories in the 200-yard and 400-yard free style races as Redford Union's swimming team downed Belleville, 54-41.

Other victors for RU:
Diving: Paul Clancy.
Butterfly: Mark Favor.
Back stroke: Gary Meyers.
Breast stroke: Rod Charles.

The combination of Myers, Charles, Favor and Masterson also won for RU in the medley relay. Ray Woods of RU picked up seconds in both the 50 and 100-yard free style sprints.

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Marks for Franklin

Franklin high swimmers smashed four pool records at Garden City West in scoring a 61-40 victory.

Hal Hultquist with a 24.4 seconds clocking in the 50-yard free style, Craig Anderson with a 2:24.3 in the individual medley, Bill Weier with a 1:02.1 in the butterfly and Tom Bates with a 1:06.1 in the breast stroke set the marks.

Anderson also won the 400-yard free style while Bates in winning the breast stroke nipped his younger brother Brian.

Other winners:
Medley relay—West (Teague, Lewis, Norwood, Gronke).
200-yard free style: Hager (West).
Diving: Chaney (F).
100-yard free style: Hager (West).
Backstroke: Teague (West).
Free style relay: Franklin (Toung, Jroes, Hultquist, Doherty).

Observing Sports

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three—Joe Medwick, Red Ruffing and Lou Boudreau.

The results will be announced within a week.

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SHORT PANTS: Looking for a pleasant night out? You won't want to miss the Ice Capades of 1967 which starts a 17-performance run at Olympia on Feb. 28 and runs through March 12.

Next Sunday's the day the Pistons give away free T-shirts to all youngsters, 16 and under, who purchase reserved seats. You no doubt have seen yours truly "model" the T-shirts on Pistons telecasts. The shorts are worth adding to a youngster's wardrobe.

Spring can't be far away . . . not with the first contingent of Tigers heading for spring training this week. One of the early departees will be Livonia's Denny McLain who looks forward to another season of winning at least 20 starts.

Maybe it's none of our business . . . but since our pocketbook stands to suffer . . . we wonder why Gov. Romney doesn't do something to get his racing commissioner to extend the running and trotting seasons in Michigan.

The governor says Michigan must raise more money to keep the state government ticking. We'll admit that more racing won't supply all the cash. But it would help.

The success of the winter meeting in Windsor has to prove that those who patronize racing don't care what the calendar says . . . whether it's January or May or September.

In other states, like New York and Illinois, the horses run pretty much the year around. The state "cuts in" handsomely. So why not in Michigan, Mr. Romney?

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TWO MORE WEEKS . . . and the annual March Madness, meaning the State high school basketball tournament will be with us.

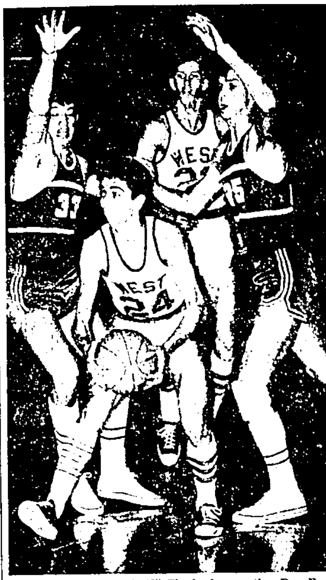
Times certainly have changed when it comes to the prep classic.

We remember when most district tournaments had six to eight teams. Now they put fewer teams and hold more districts . . . simply because there are so many more fine gyms available.

All of the fields are set. A committee handled the chore several weeks ago.

Sometimes, we think the committee should wait and perhaps try to arrange districts so that one is loaded with top teams while another boasts a bunch of weak sisters.

But Charlie Forsythe, the state director, says this can't be done. Who's to disagree with Charlie?



"WHAT DO I DO NOW?" That's the question Dan Bazzarelli of Garden City West must be asking as he finds himself surrounded by a pair of taller Lowrey players. Bob Gamache (22) of West stands in the background.

West Handed Double Beating

The week that was . . . an unhappy one for Garden City West's basketball team.

Two games — two defeats.

In each the story followed along similar lines. Free throws hurt badly.

First it was Schafer by a 77-69 score over West, then Lowrey won from West, 68-57.

Against Schafer, now 8-3 in the Tri River League to West's 6-6 standing, West notched 27 baskets to match Schafer's output from the field.

But at the charity marker, it was Schafer 23 out of 33, while West had to settle for 15 successes in 25 attempts.

The loss of two guards and a forward on personal fouls in the fourth period didn't help the West cause against Schafer.

Gary Robinson had 18 points to top the losers, who fell behind, 42-29, at halftime. Bob Gamache followed with 12, Dan Bazzarelli 11 and Jack Mellinger ten.

In the Lowrey game, a collapse in the final period ruined West. Going into the closing eight minutes, West held a 47-42 edge. But Lowrey broke loose with 28 points while stopping West with 10 to turn the game into a romp.

The free throw story in this one read as follows: Lowrey 22 out of 30, West 12 out of 30.

Bazzarelli roared in 27 points to no avail, while Gamache had 14.

Belleville In Thriller With RU

Some basketball games are marred by too many fouls.

The general feeling was that in Belleville's 80-79 triumph over Redford Union last Friday night not enough fouls were called—on either team.

For example, there were only three personals whistled in the first half—two on RU.

In the second half, RU was guilty eight times, Belleville four.

That added up to only 16 personals in the entire game.

In the free throw department, RU caged five out of seven. Belleville six out of 17. So that the difference in charities may have decided the game.

"Both teams took a physical beating," declared Dave Nattingly, the RU coach. "One can't say, however, the officials favored either team. I just thought they could have stopped some of the crashing and charging."

Belleville built up a 48-37 halftime lead, and RU won the battle of the second half, 42-34. But the Townshippers never could manage the lead. They'd get down to one point and no closer.

With ten seconds left, RU passed wildly to kill its last chance for a winning basket.

Once more, Leland Bjerke emerged as the RU scoring star as he drilled in 17 baskets and three charities for a season's high of 37 points.

Brother Dale Bjerke was next with 12, followed by Tom Kimble with 11, Dennis Fifield nine and Bill Fahey eight.

Stevenson No Match In Swim

Stevenson high's swimming team was no match for Southfield in a dual meet, losing, 72-33.

The medley relay taem of Mark Huelet, Don Day, Don Figurski and Pat Flaherty accounted for one of the two wins fashioned by Stevenson. Day, a ninth grader, then came back to win the breast stroke.

Stan Switaski in fine efforts, placing second in both the 200-yard individual medley and butterfly. He's a tenth grader. Mark Roberts was second in the 100-yard free style.

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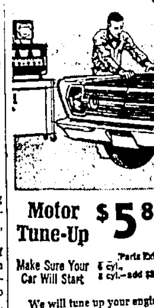

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