

# Schedules

BASKETBALL	SWIMMING
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>
Garden City West at Riverside	Clarencville at Garden
Garden City East at Inkster	City West
Clarencville at Brighton	Redford Union at Plymouth
Thurston at North Farmington	Tranton at Bentley
Ann Arbor St. Thomas at St. Agathe	Robichaud at Garden City East
Royal Oak St. Mary at Our Lady of Sorrows	<b>SATURDAY</b>
Tranton at Bentley	Redford Union Invitational
Plymouth at Redford Union	<b>MONDAY</b>
Stevenson at Walled Lake	Garden City East at Garden City West
Oak Park at John Glenn	<b>TUESDAY</b>
Farmington at Pontiac North	John Glenn at Inkster
(Varsity games at 8 p.m.)	Crestwood at Stevenson
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>WRESTLING</b>
North Farmington at Farmington	<b>FRIDAY-SATURDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Garden City Invitational
Garden City West at Garden City East	Farmington at North Farmington
St. Andrew at St. Agathe	Northville at Redford Union
St. James at Our Lady of Sorrows	
Robichaud at Stevenson	

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# By George Maskin observing sports

The phone buzzed. Morris Moorawick, the best statistician in these United States and one of the few men who's really happy with his work, couldn't wait to shout: "Dennis Ribant is with the Tigers."

How Ribant came to the Tigers wasn't important, as far as Moorawick was concerned. Later we learned that the Tigers gave up Dave Wickersham to obtain Ribant, a one-time product of the Detroit sandlots.

Moorawick knew that we remembered Ribant... from the old days in the late 50's when we umpired many of the games in which he pitched and "doubled up" by writing about his exploits in the now defunct Detroit Times.

IN THOSE DAYS the Times, working with other Hearst papers nationwide, helped to sponsor an annual All-Star baseball game played in New York City. The scene would alternate between Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds, which, like the Times, is no more.

The Times would pick two boys to head east each August to perform on the U.S. Stars against a team comprised of New York-area greats.

But in '59, the Times was asked to send three delegates—two from Detroit proper and the third from outstate.

Who went was left to experts—baseball managers, coaches and scouts.

In '59, there should have been four picks granted to the Times. The local contingent was that great.

After the votes were in, first choice by a wide margin went to a 19-year-old by the name of Bill Freehan.

Next, the selectors picked on Matt Snorton, a hulking sort of a man from Detroit's Northwestern High.

Third in the Detroit voting came Dennis Ribant.

The outstate choice that year was unanimous—Mike Marshall of Adrian.

An effort was made to add Ribant to the traveling party. But, those who paid the bills said "no."

So, off we went to New York with Freehan, Snorton and Marshall.

FREEHAN COULD HAVE signed right then and there for around \$75,000. Instead he waited for a year or so, first going to the University of Michigan for a couple of seasons of football and baseball.

Snorton likewise was offered big money—around \$40,000. But Matt preferred entering Michigan State. He wanted to play football and baseball.

What he didn't know was that a knee injury was to cut short a brilliant athletic career.

Marshall was offered around \$25,000, but he, too, wanted some college education first. So he joined Snorton up at Michigan State.

Ribant went his merry way into professional sports. He had to make a decision between baseball and hockey. The Red Wings considered him a prime prospect, too.

Ribant signed first with the old Milwaukee Braves. His first boss was John McHale, a former Tiger, one-time Braves general manager and now the No. 2 man to the baseball commissioner.

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# East Off To Flying Start

The cry went out early: "Watch Garden City East in basketball."

After the first week of the 1967-68 season, the cry was correct.

East must be watched. The all-veteran East team started the campaign by romping over Ecorse, 70-53. Then East ignited to bury Dearborn Lowrey, 92-59.

That's an average of 81 points per game or just under three points per minute.

The big man in both runways was Mike Maciasz. He drilled in 31 points in the Ecorse

game and then followed with 30 more against Lowrey.

Thus he scored at better than a point-a-minute-clip considering he was on the bench part of the time in each game.

It took the better part of three quarters before East could put the final bomb under Ecorse.

East clung to a 44-40 lead at the three-quarter mark when Maciasz took off on a one-man barrage to put the game out of reach. He personally scored 14 points in the fourth period, one more than the entire Ecorse team in the closing eight minutes of action.

ACTUALLY IT WAS Harvey Kightlinger with two baskets just as the third period ended and two more hoops to begin the fourth period, who started the Ecorse "break-it-open" party.

While Maciasz had 31 points, 13 from the free-throw line, Rick Clark was next in scoring for the winners with 15.

East took a 17-14 lead against Lowrey into the second period, then outscored its foe, 26-13, in the second period, 22-15 in the third and 27-17 in the final.

In the second quarter, East pulled off several steals and also fired in 10 of their 16 shots from the field as Charles Sakmar and Maciasz each scored eight points. Maciasz came up with nine points in the third quarter.

How East scored in the two games:

VS. ECORSE			G	F	P
Maciasz	9	13	31		
Clark	7	1	16		
Kightlinger	3	3	9		
Sakmar	1	4	6		
Slade	2	3	7		
Roth	1	0	2		
Totals	23	24	70		
East	17	16	26-70		
Ecorse	17	6	17-53		
VS. LOWREY			G	F	P
Dettler	8	0	16		
Tonnemacher	3	1	7		
Maciasz	12	6	30		
Sakmar	6	2	14		
Slade	5	2	10		
Piotz	5	0	12		
Kightlinger	2	1	6		
Crowell	1	0	2		
Young	1	2	4		
Swabon	1	1	3		
Chute	1	2	4		
Kalinowski	1	0	2		
Anleitner	1	1	3		
Brenemour	1	1	3		
Totals	37	18	92		
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# Rocks Stun Stevenson After Walled Lake Loss

The fortunes of battle reversed themselves over the weekend for Plymouth High's basketball team.

On Friday the Rocks lost a heartbreaker to Walled Lake, 55-53, when the Lakers rallied in the closing moments.

The next night, Plymouth turned the same kind of a rally into a 77-75 victory over highly touted Stevenson.

Plymouth had trailed Stevenson, 20-15, after one quarter and stood on the short end of a 44-37 halftime count as Bud Daniels and Jim Olsen combined to spark Stevenson.

At one stage in the third period, Stevenson had extended its lead to 10 points before the Rocks began the move which was to pay off with four points in the final 36 points and victory.

Mike Kubik notched seven points and Greg Corrigan five in the third period as the Rocks pulled within a point of a tie.

It was Corrigan and Harry Latham with six points each in the payoff final period.

Corrigan won the game with a basket with 36 seconds to go. Then the Rocks promptly regained the ball and Latham canned two circling charities with 12 seconds showing on the clock.

Kubik had 20 points, Corrigan 18 and Stakias 16 for the winners while Olsen popped in 23 points, Daniels 18 and Jerry Dettler 16 for the losers.

Plymouth went ahead, 14-12, against Walled Lake in the first period and by the end of the third period had a six-point bulge.

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