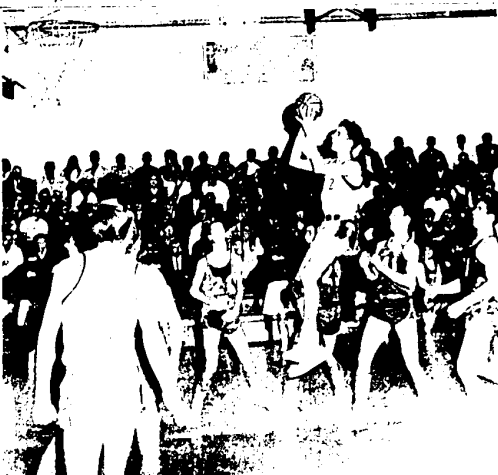


RU Nips Thurston In Overtime



THURSTON HIGH'S Tim Forbes drives in for a short shot during a tense moment in the thrilling overtime duel with Redford Union, which was won by RU, 85-82. In the action are: Chuck Pilar (34), of Thurston; Dale Bjerke (21), Bill Styles (23), Chris Baron (41) and Bill Fahey (31), all of the Panthers.

Followers of Redford Union's cage fortunes received an early Christmas gift Friday when the fast-breaking Panthers tallied three points in the final 45 seconds of an exciting overtime contest to nip cross-town rival Thurston, 85-82, in one of the most thrilling games of the early season.

Bill Fahey accounted for the winning field goal with 45 seconds remaining when the Thurston defense eased up momentarily and he was wide open at midcourt for a long pass and dribbled in for the two points to make the score 84-82.

Bill Styles dropped in a free throw for the insurance point that put the clincher with barely 15 seconds to go.

With the score knotted at 82-82, Dale Bjerke had a one and one situation from the foul line but missed. Then with 30 seconds showing on the clock, Thurston's Urban Rice faced the same situation and he too missed.

That set the stage for the long pass to Fahey and he didn't

hesitate in driving in for the winning point.

IT WAS SECOND victory in four starts for RU and the second straight loss for the Eagles who were beaten, 49-48, earlier in the week by a suspension in another cliff hanger.

RU appeared to have the victory in hand after three minutes of play in the final period when it opened up a 60-57 margin.

But the sharpshooting Eagles came storming back and hit the corner three in two minutes to whittle the lead to 60-63. Dale Joyce hit twice with shots from the corner and Rick Wagner tipped in a rebound for the six points.

Deans Fifield converted on one of two startles to give RU a four point edge. Then Thurston came right back with feeders by Tim Forbes and Wagner to tie the game at 64-64 with four minutes remaining.

FROM THEN ON it was a wild affair with the score tied four times before time ran out with a 78-78 tie.

Wagner made one of two free throws to give Thurston a 68-67 edge. Dave Day hit from a 70-67 margin.

Styles dribbled in on a fast break and RU was only a point back, 70-69.

Wagner hit from the side and Thurston had widened the gap to three points again. Bjerke and Fifield missed free throws after Fifield tallied from underneath and then Wagner dropped in a pair from the foul line to make the score 74-71.

Fifield's free throw whittled the lead to two points again. Bjerke was loose on a fast break and hit from under the basket to tie the score at 74-74 with a minute to play.

Day was fouled and made both and Thurston had a 76-74 lead which he boosted to 78-74 with 55 seconds remaining on a shot from the corner. Fifield was fouled with 24 seconds on the clock and made the first and then Fahey connected on a fast break to tie the score at 78-78 with two seconds remaining.

Forbes was fouled in the

battle for possession of the ball but missed and the game went into overtime.

THE SEENAW ACTION continued in the extra period with Dave Foss putting Thurston ahead after a half-minute. Bill Miras tied it for RU and Styles put his team ahead at 82-80 only to have Rice deadlock the count with 1:15 to play.

Then came the climax which found Fahey scoring a two pointer and Styles adding the insurance free throw.

Thurston led at the end of the first quarter, 15-12; RU was in front at the intermission, 42-37; and the visiting Panthers held a 61-53 margin at the end of the third quarter.

Then came the climatic final period and the overtime that had every person in the crowd of more than 1,000 standing for the final three minutes.

Fifield was the big gunner for the victors with 24 points followed by Bjerke with 20.

Wagner sparked the Eagles with 25 as Forbes contributed 18 and Joyce 13 to the cause.

The Redford Township Jaycees paid tribute to the top performers and awarded trophies to Wagner as the most valuable player for Thurston and to Bjerke as the most outstanding for RU.

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Juniors Pay Off For West

The "All Junior" look is paying off so far for Garden City West High in basketball.

The five eleventh graders, who make up the West starting unit, took off in fancy fashion against Taylor Kennedy and chalked up a 78-82 victory.

This made the West record 2-1 in Tri Rivers League play and 2-2 overall at the close of the 1967 phase of operations.

Dwayne Drewitz was the big man from the floor for the winners.

He socked in 10 of his team's 16 points in the first period when West rolled on top, 10-8.

Then in the second period when West expanded its lead to 40-20, Drewitz drilled in 13 more points to give him 23 for one half.

By George Maskin observing sports

MIAMI BEACH — It took a lot of force (ha!) to persuade us into testing out the Atlantic Ocean and the Florida sunshine (we hope) during this holiday season.

But the Pistons play here Friday night against St. Louis and we'll join Tom Hemingway in the play-by-play telecast going back to the Detroit area on Channel 50, starting at 8:30 p.m.

No, we'll try not to mention the weather down here. As we've said before, nothing grows us more than to be sitting home and receive a post card from someplace else with the words etched out:

"Wish you were here."

If it weren't for the call of "business" here, there's no question that we'd be hopping around in high gear back home.

This happens to be a very congested week for the sports fans up around the Detroit area. There are some classic events on the docket.

Take the dinner they're tossing over at Roma Hall to honor the champs of Redford Township's Free Press and Class A baseball competition.

No community size of the Township has turned out the baseball men like Al Turner and Bob Atkins have during the recent years.

The Free Press team has dominated the Greater Livonia League and state meets for something like five years.

For the past two seasons, the Redford team has won the right to represent outstate Michigan in the All American Boys tournament at Johnstown, Pa.

The "A" team came through with flying colors in 1967. First there was the title parade in the Greater Dearborn League.

Then Dearborn made it to the finals in the state meet and into the finals of the national regional and then clear to the wrap-up of the national meet at Battle Creek.

The big league scouts have plucked merrily at Redford boys, the most noted of whom is Rick

Pro Finals Sunday

Now come the championships of professional football's top leagues.

It'll be Green Bay's defending titlist against Dallas in a repeat of last year's final classic for the National Football League flag.

The'll collide Sunday at Green Bay at 1:30 p.m. with Channel 2 the Detroit area outlet.

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Three hours later, Houston and Oakland square off at Oakland for the American Football League flag. The game will be televised on Channel 4.

Green Bay and Dallas had no problems last week's ending their ways into the finals. The Packers jumped the Los Angeles Rams, 28-7, in what was tabbed as an upset in some quarters.

Dallas, meantime, rolled over the Cleveland Browns, 52-14, in a game which wasn't was close. The Cowboys stormed ahead, 24-0, and coasted the rest of the way.

got going. Los Angeles never threatened.

IT WAS THE second heart-

DON MEREDITH'S passing, Bob Hayes' running and the stout Dallas defense proved too much for Cleveland.

Meredith hit on 10 of 12 passes for 212 yards and two touchdowns. One heave flicked to Hayes on a play that covered 86 yards for a touchdown.

Hayes rared kicks tack 68 and 74 yards, each setting up TD's.

Craig Heynam, a rookie, scored three touchdowns for Dallas.

Woolie Campbell ran for two touchdowns, Pete Hethard passed 48 yards to Goyle Granger for a tally, Granger ran

for scoring in the final two minutes to beat Buffalo, 28-21.

Bart Starr passed for 211 yards while the Green Bay defense rose to the heights as the Packers moved step nearer their third straight NFL flag.

The Rams actually scored first when Roman Gabriel flipped a 29-yard TD pass to Bernie Casey.

Then Travis Williams tied it with a 46-yard run in the second period and Starr passed to Carroll Dale just before halftime to put the Packers ahead to stay.

Chuck Mercein made it 21-7 and then Williams, a brilliant runner all day, went over from the two for the final Pack TD.

The Rams were held to 75 yards rushing and 142 yards passing and once the Packers

Busy Slate Ends Year For Wings

The Detroit Red Wings face three games in four nights as they say farewell to 1967.

They'll host the Philadelphia Flyers at Olympia Thursday night, travel to Pittsburgh Saturday and return home on New Year's Eve (Sunday) to take on the strong Boston Bruins.

The Wings have been beset by injuries and illness in the last week, which has caused them the services of several regulars.

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