

# West Blows Big Lead, Loses To Crestwood

Why do basketball coaches get gray hair early in life? Chris Bahler could supply the answer.

He's the bossman at Garden City West High and in last Friday's game with Crestwood, Bahler saw West pull ahead, 14-13, after one quarter; lead 43-36 at halftime and enter the final period with a 47-39 command.

But when it was all over, Crestwood had rallied for a 62-56 triumph.

Bahler was mystified why a team (meaning West) which had shot so well for three quarters suddenly couldn't locate the hoop in the last eight minutes.

During the closing period, West fired up 15 shots and only four went in.

WEST HAD some other problems -- excessive fouling. This figured prominently including the game, too.

In field goals, West had not scored Crestwood, 24-16. But from the charity mark, Crestwood clicked 30 times in 42 attempts.

West had only 20 free ones and missed 12.

Notwithstanding, West led until around 2 1/2 minutes remained. Crestwood went on top, 52-50, with 2:13 left and in the remaining time out-scored West, 10-6, mostly on free throws.

In the final 14 seconds alone, Crestwood notched four charities.



GARDEN CITY West High's Gary Robinson battles with Crestwood's Joe Guerrero (35) and Bill Byrd (21) during a tense moment in Friday's contest. West rolled to an easy victory.

## Five College Coaches Aid Swim Meet

Five college head coaches will be directly involved with the running of the first annual Michigan High School Invitational swimming meet Saturday, Jan. 20, at Wayne State University.

In addition to meet director John P. Hussey, of WSU, college coaches who have agreed to serve in official capacities are Mike Jones, Eastern Michigan; Jerry Misner, Central Michigan; Don Tross, Northern Michigan; and Fletcher Gilders, Ohio University.

## Tight Defense Wins For Glenn

John Glenn High's basketball team had a battle on its hands for a half against Carlson.

Then with Glenn leading, 33-31, at the intermission, coach Chris Theodore ordered his Glenn charges to tighten up defensively.

"Make them shoot from the outside. Stop giving them those easy shots from close in," Theodore directed.

The Glenn players followed orders.

Carlson no longer found it a snap to slip in for simple shots. The Carlson men had to start pumping from longer ranges.

"They couldn't hit as well from there," said Theodore, "and we pulled away to win fairly easy."

## Forest Service May Raise Sports Fees

Sen. Peter Dominick, R-Colo., is leading a protest against what some senators call a U.S. Forest Service proposal to raise recreational sports fees on national forest lands.

Dominick and 13 other senators from 10 states made the protest in a letter to Forest Service Chief Edward P. Cliff.

They said the change may "well have a disastrous economic impact on the entire ski industry."

His letter was colligated by senators from New Hampshire, Oregon, California, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Wyoming, Utah, Nevada and Montana.

Dominick said the Forest Service plans to charge sharply by progressive rates based on a formula instead of the present flat percentage of gross revenues.

Asking reconsideration, Dominick said the move was proposed without the advice of the skiing industry and general public.

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## Turnovers Are Costly To Sorrows

Ball control is a vital item in any sport.

Our Lady of Sorrows couldn't hang on to the ball against Our Lady of the Lakes Friday and the result was a 78-50 walkaway for the team from Waterford.

"Turnovers hurt us," moaned coach Bob Morris of Sorrows.

"So did the fact we couldn't do much in the way of rebounding. We've come down, take one shot -- and they get it back."

THE LAKERS jumped ahead, 21-13, after the first period; led, 41-28, at halftime and then scored up the game by outscoring Sorrows, 15-6, in the third period.

In that third session, Sorrows was limited to two baskets and two free throws.

Dick Sikma proved the giant killer for the winners. He scored 23 points and also dominated in rebounding.

Nike Hart had 10 points for Sorrows, while Tom Strand and Tom Webster each made nine. Dennis Perry contributed eight.

## Damage Claims Hit Milwaukee

The City of Milwaukee has been hit by more than 225 injury and property damage claims as the result of summer riots and racial disturbances.

City Atty. John J. Fleming said the claims totaled more than \$600,000 with 188 claims turned in by mid-November. He refused to estimate the total damages in the 40 to 50 claims filed in the last two weeks.

Fleming said the claims were referred to his office for investigation. So far he has recommended that the Common Council deny every claim. Assistant Dist. Atty. Thomas E. Hayes has said the city is not liable for alleged failure or inability to provide adequate or general police or fire protection.

Most of the claims are filed by insurance companies seeking payment reimbursement for payments made to their insured.



STARTING GUARD for the Alma College Scots basketball team is Gary Faukes, former Bentley High star of Livonia. He is the son of Mrs. Patricia Ellsworth, 14135 Cardwell, Livonia.

## Safety Plan Benefits Kids

If a worker at Seattle Stevedore Co. had an accident, it would cost his child money for a scholarship fund.

Fred Smith, company president, set up the unusual safety incentive program for employees.

He is putting up \$500 each quarter to a safety scholarship program for children of the members of Longshoremen's Union Local 19.

However, each time there is a lost time accident reported on a company job, \$10 is deducted from the amount.

## Rocks Faculty Battle Clowns

The Harlem Diplomats clowning basketball team will perform against the Plymouth high faculty in a special exhibition game Saturday in the Plymouth high gym at 8 o'clock.

Proceeds of the game will be turned over to the school's varsity club athletic fund.

## Michigan, MSU Drop Openers

The Big Ten basketball season opened on an "off" note for both the University of Michigan and Michigan State.

The Spartans, last year's co-champion, couldn't cope with a zone defense and wound up a 66-56 loser against Illinois.

Michigan, meantime, was nipped in a television thriller, 77-75, at Wisconsin.

State and Illinois engaged in a see-saw game until the final eight minutes when the Illini broke a 48-48 tie to pull away to victory.

At one stage, Michigan State scored for 6 1/2 minutes in the game. Steve Nyman was high for State, now 4-5, on the season, while G-8 Dave Scholz topped the winners with 21.

MICHIGAN AND Wisconsin were tied with a minute to go and Michigan had the ball, trying to stall for a final winning shot.

But Mike Carlin stole the ball for the Badgers, went in for an easy layup and was fouled in the act of shooting. He missed the charity, but Joe Franklin put in the rebound and it was all over in a heartbreaker as far as Michigan was concerned.

Jim Pitts had 21 points to pace Michigan which hosts Michigan State next Saturday in the new University of Michigan fieldhouse.

Meantime, the winning ways of the University of Detroit ended. So did the Titans' long home stand.

The Titans were topped by Duquesne in a battle of teams, each of which went into the game with an 8-2 record.

Detroit started strongly and by half time had built up a 40-28 lead. With 11 minutes to go, the Titans still were in command, 53-48.

Then Duquesne made its big push and from then on it was strictly Duquesne the rest of the way.

THE TITANS who played their first 11 games at home this season, now take off on a three-game road trip which begins Wednesday night at Notre Dame.

Detroit visits Dayton Saturday night and Xavier Monday.

## Schoolcraft Bombed By St. Clair

Schoolcraft College's basketball team is having its problems.

The cagers went down to their fifth loss in six games Friday when bombed by St. Clair Community College, 129-74.

St. Clair ranks among the top ten in the country among community college teams.

Schoolcraft tried to stall, but it didn't help. St. Clair jumped on top, 66-30, by halftime and it was a romp the rest of the way.

Mike McCauley had 19 points for the losers while Steve Moore scored 17, Fred Neil 13 and Carl Guibronsen 10.

This Wednesday night Schoolcraft plays against Henry Ford CC at Northville's Community House, the Schoolcraft home floor.

## Sorrows Heavy Mat Champion

Frank Walsh of Our Lady of Sorrows captured the heavyweight championship in the Oakland County Invitational high school wrestling meet.

Team honoring in the meet went to Pontiac Northern with 87 points, followed by Birmingham and Walled Lake.

Farmington High's Glen Caudron reached the 127-pound finals where he was beaten by Ben Moon of Pontiac Northern.

## Sar In Two Sports

KALAMAZOO -- Western Michigan University basketball players Boice Bowman of River Rouge and Leroy Dixon of Gary, Ind., also compete on the Bronco track team.

Avoid waiting at the slopes.

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Clarencville at Holly	Franklin at North Farmington
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Pontiac Catholic at Our Lady of Sorrows	St. Cecilia at St. Agatha
Belleville at Allen Park	Thurston at John Glenn
Garden City East at Riverview	Garden City West at Schaefer
Tranton at Redford Union	
SATURDAY	
Redford Union at Franklin	
WRESTLING	
THURSDAY	
Clarencville at Stevensville	Allen Park at Bentley
Belleville at Garden City West	
FRIDAY	
Franklin at North Farmington	Redford Union at Tranton
John Glenn at Thurston	
TUESDAY	
Clarencville at Highland Park	
SWIMMING	
THURSDAY	
Clarencville at Inkster	Belleville at Plymouth
Stevensford at Farmington	Allen Park at Bentley
Garden City East at Garden City West	Redford Union at Tranton
FRIDAY	
John Glenn at Thurston	
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Clarencville at Bloomfield Hills	Ypsilanti at Garden City East

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