

By George Maskin  
**observing sports**

These are exciting days for many of the area's high school seniors—athletes and non-athletes. There's nothing like that last year in school. You're a big shot. Special events are conducted for the seniors . . . and seniors get special privileges. But there is a far more serious aspect to being a senior.

This is the time you have to make that big decision—are you or aren't you going to college? FOR THE ATHLETE of top standing on the field and in the classroom, the decision of where to go isn't easy. That's because he's being "swamped" with a flock of offers like full-ride scholarships, partial scholarships, etc. And, there are those seniors with fancy high school and amateur baseball backgrounds who must tackle the item of whether to go on to college or sign a professional contract.

Then, too, in these days there is the military draft.

But, just stop and think for a moment—if you are a senior, or you're in high school and heading for that senior campaign! What would it be like if you were a dropout and you'd be missing out on the fun that goes with being a 12th grader and the anticipation of going to Michigan State or Eastern Michigan or maybe a community college out in Arizona or Texas?

THE DROPOUT NOT only hurts himself, but hurts his parents and other members of his family.

It happened to us—for a while—when No. 1 son suddenly found himself confused. Then something happened. A year later, he graduated among the top students in his class. He fumbled some more time away, then, but finally picked out a school that struck his fancy. It's not Michigan or MSU. But last week, his marks came.

ALL A's. WE DON'T CITE this story because we're looking for a pat on the back. The No. 1 son doesn't want any salutes, either. He'd rather get them racing his drag car at the Motor City track during the summer months.

What we are driving at is two things: 1—Dropouts don't have to stay dropouts. As long as they have life and desire, they can come back and come back handsomely. 2—Think twice, think 10 times, think a million times, before you tell the world you're through with high school before you've received a diploma.

The sports world is doing its part these days in encouraging students to stay in school. There's so much good that can come out of it.

LOOK WHAT GOING to school has meant to all members of the Lions and Pistons and most of the Tigers. More and more Red Wings, too, are getting extra education before taking a shot at playing-for-pay.



GOING IN for a one-hander in the victory over Stimmel High is Joe Himmelsbach of Farmington High. Dave Mastny moves in to block the shot but can't catch the Farmington scoring ace.

# West Misses By 25 Seconds

Twenty-five seconds too long! That was the story as far as Garden City West's basketball team was concerned against Schafer. Entering the final half minute of action, West clung to a point lead. What's more, West had the ball and just had to run out the clock. But Ken Koval, the big man for Schafer, stole away the ball, and sailed in for a layup that

was to give his team a 65-64 victory. There were 12 seconds left when Koval connected. West still had another chance to score and pull out the game. But it wasn't to be.

WEST HAD led, 19-13 after one quarter and by the same nine-point margin going into the third period. But Schafer threw a 1-3-1 defense at West in the third stanza and outscored the Garden City team, 25-16, to even matters going into the closing quarter. It was nip and tuck right down to the end as each team took turns scoring and getting temporary leads until Koval produced the key basket.

Koval had 22 points for the winners, but the high man in the game was Dwayne Drevitz of West with 24. Frank Stanisz had 14 and Dave Leemgraven 10 in keeping West in contention right down to the game's final shot. Paul Greene and Bill Jung had 12 each for the winners and Bill Love 10.

If the final 25 seconds were too much against Schafer, the last 26 proved the payoff for West last Tuesday in a 70-69 squeaker over Lowrey.

It was 34-23 for Lowrey at halftime and 53-46 going into the final period when Stanisz paced a final surge. Finally with 26 seconds left, Stanisz clicked for a basket that decided the game. It was the only time all evening that West had led—but it was the only time that counted. Drevitz finished with 23 points to top the winners.

**Southfield Stars** KALAMAZOO -- Junior Guard Rick Coleman and Sophomore Guard Ray Schlaff of Western Michigan University were both starters on the Southfield High basketball team that earned runnerup honors in the 1965 Class A high school basketball tournament.

## Chip Shot Wins Meet For Pott.

Johnny Pott's chip shot on the first extra hole enabled him to win the Bing Crosby golf tournament. Pott along with Billy Casper and Bruce Devlin had tied for the regulation lead each with 285. Pott's winning shot came from 20 feet out. Jack Nicklaus, last year's winner, had 289 while Arnie Palmer was far back at 294. The victory was worth \$10,000 to Pott.

## Big Ten Standings

Conference	W.	L.	Pct.	Non-Conf.	W.	L.	Pct.
Northwestern	2	1	.667	Indiana	4	4	.500
Indiana	2	1	.667	Ohio State	3	3	.500
Ohio State	2	1	.667	Michigan	3	3	.500
Michigan	2	1	.667	Purdue	3	3	.500
Purdue	2	1	.667	MICH. ST.	2	2	.500
MICH. ST.	2	1	.667	MINNESOTA	2	2	.500
MINNESOTA	2	1	.667	MICHIGAN ST.	2	2	.500
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## Falcon Defense Nips Stevenson

The emphasis was on defense Friday when Farmington High's basketball team turned in a 68-51 win over Stevenson.

Farmington gave up 20 points in the second half—11 in the third period and nine in the fourth—in stopping the strong team from Livonia.

A change in tactics paid off for the winners. The Falcons went into a full court zone press after the intermission. The move forced Stevenson into hurrying its shots.

The score read 36-31 in Farmington's favor at halftime. But in the third period, Farmington pined in 18 points and extended its command to 11.

MARK LYNOTT and Doug Hamilton supplied the power and the rebounding for Farmington.

Lynott wound up with 18 points getting eight in the third period. Hamilton made six of his 15 points in the third period. Jim Olsen had 15 and Paul Tonemacher 10 for the losers. Farmington shot 43 percent of its attempts, while Stevenson was "off" clicking only 30 percent of its losses.

The victory was only the third of the season for Farmington in 10 starts.

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