

Preps Awaiting Tourney Draws

This is the week that wraps up the regular season basketball activities for the state high school teams.

After next Friday night's action, the preps will plunge into the state tournament which opens with district competition and then leads on to the regionals, the state quarters, the state semifinals and then the finals.

Who plays whom in the districts will be determined at draws to take place Tuesday morning.

The Observerland area spotlight will shine on district Class A tournaments to be held at North Farmington and Franklin, Bentley, the Suburban Six League champ, and Garden City East, winner of the Mid-Wayne loop flag, find themselves in the district at Franklin along with Stevenson, Franklin and Garden City West.

Plymouth, North Farmington, Farmington, Walled Lake, Redford Union and Thurston have been assigned to the district at Franklin.

Pistons Eye No. 200,000 On Sunday

The Detroit Pistons expect to achieve a pair of notable accomplishments Sunday when they entertain the New York Knicks at Cobo Arena at 7 p.m.

The Pistons need fewer than 150 fans to set a record for most fans in one season in Detroit. The current mark of 193,782 was set last season.

At the same time the Pistons are shooting for their first 200,000 fan season since coming to the Motor City.

To mark the occasion, the Pistons will honor Fan No. 200,000 with special gifts, which include "A weekend on the town."

"We should hit 200,000 Sunday," said general manager Ed Oila. "If we don't, then we'll put off the festivities until next Friday when St. Louis comes to Cobo Arena."

The Pistons hold a 4-2 edge over the Knicks who have been booming along in recent weeks to seize third place in the Eastern Division standings.

Meantime, the Pistons have had their problems -- problems which were climaxed Wednesday when center Joe Strader was indefinitely suspended after missing practices and plating flights.

Area fans will get a chance to see the Pistons on television Saturday night against the Baltimore Bullets on Channel 50 at 8 p.m.

Cage, Puck Tilts Head TV Action

Basketball will share the spotlight with hockey on the weekend's television sports schedule.

Area fans can see no less than four cage encounters, including battles featuring the Detroit Pistons against Baltimore and the University of Detroit against DePaul.

In hockey, the sagging Toronto Maple Leafs will be seen against Boston Saturday night and against New York Sunday.

The Sunday slate includes a head-on basketball duel between Philadelphia and St. Louis, the two divisional leaders in the National Basketball Association.

The weekend TV schedule: Saturday BASKETBALL—DePaul vs. U. of Detroit, Channel 7, 1:30 p.m.; Miami U. vs. Toledo, Channel 13, 1:30 p.m.; Ohio State vs. Purdue, Channel 4, 2 p.m.; Pistons vs. Baltimore, Channel 50, 8 p.m.

HOCKEY—Toronto vs. Boston, Channel 9, 8:30 p.m. BOWLING—North Tampa Open, Channel 7, 3:30 p.m., Channel 7, 3:30 p.m.

Sunday HOCKEY—Toronto vs. New York, Channel 2, 2 p.m. BASKETBALL—Philadelphia vs. St. Louis, Channel 7, 2 p.m.; Goodyear vs. Zips, Channel 50, 4 p.m.

Longest punt ever recorded by a Wayne State University football player is the 80-yarder booted by George Gemblis vs. Akron in 1957.



COURAGEOUS CAGER is the description of Pat Devenny (right), of Livonia Bentley High. Although his left leg is withered from a childhood ailment, he has won a spot on the varsity squad and is shown stealing the ball from Allen Park's Mike Ferguson. Devenny is an excellent shot and doesn't allow the gimpy leg to bother him at all.

Better Year For U.S.

GRENOBLE, France—Norway the new king. An improvement for the United States. Arguments. . . . These were the highlights of the 1968 Winter Olympics which ended here Sunday.

Norway dislodged Russia as No. 1 in the medal department by winning six gold, six silver and two bronze. The Russians, leaders four years ago, wound up second with 5-5-3.

The Americans improved on 1964, with one gold winner in Nancy Ann Fleming in figure skating, five silver and one bronze victors. Four years ago the Americans totaled only six medalists.

Of the five silver winners representing the U.S., two were Michiganans—Tim Woods of Bloomfield Hills in the figure skating and Terry McDermott of Birmingham in the 500-meter freeskating.

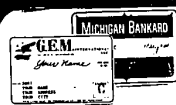
THERE WERE the usual arguments, among them the beef by Austrian Karl Schranz who said he shouldn't have been disqualified in the special slalom, thus making it possible for France's Jean-Claude Killy to become the only winner of three gold medals in the competition.

NBA Standings

EASTERN DIVISION			
Philadelphia	48	17	GB
Boston	44	21	4 1/2
New York	31	33	13 1/2
Cincinnati	29	35	15 1/2
Detroit	29	35	15 1/2
Baltimore	29	35	15 1/2
WESTERN DIVISION			
St. Louis	41	22	—
Los Angeles	38	27	3 1/2
San Francisco	37	28	4 1/2
Chicago	24	42	22 1/2
Seattle	19	47	28 1/2
San Diego	19	47	28 1/2
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS			
Chicago 102, Seattle 104			
Baltimore 124, San Francisco 117			
Los Angeles 122, Boston 117			
St. Louis 131, Detroit 118			
Baltimore 112, Cincinnati 99			
SUNDAY'S GAMES			
New York at Detroit, 5 p.m.			
Los Angeles at San Diego			
Philadelphia at St. Louis			

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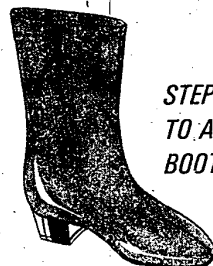
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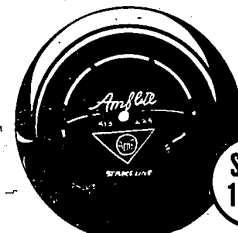
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