

Does Anyone Win If Respect Loses?

I wonder just how many prep coaches sacrifice winning for something less glamorous called "respect."

Win, win, win is the cry of most parents and boosters in high school sports today. The pressure is on everybody.

But some prep coaches today still fight this malevolent cry.

Put Southfield High hockey Coach Art Carinci on the top of the list.

Varsity hockey in Southfield has been experiencing its ups and downs from the school board down to the kids on the skates.

This year, Southfield High and Southfield Lathrup joined the newly formed Suburban Hockey League with the four Livonia schools.

THE MOVE was not backed by everyone in Southfield and was fought to the final week before the season opened in an on-again, off-again situation.

Needless to say, the pressure is on Southfield's Carinci and Lathrup Coach Dave Butler to make the varsity program click in Southfield, and both realize that it is hard to push when losing.

The Lathrup team was hurt by the school board's last-second decision, and winning in Southfield has been put in the hands of Carinci with his Blue Jay pucksters.

SOUTHFIELD HIGH OPENED with a 3-2 defeat by Bentley, crushed Lathrup, 5-1, and had Churchill next on the schedule.

Carinci wants a winner this season more than anything.

But he has made the point that it will not be at the expense of respect.

The Southfield High coach encountered a disciplinary problem the week prior to the Churchill game.

CARINCI SUSPENDED his two goalies for the Churchill game, knowing he cut into his chances of victory. But this was secondary to him.

"We set down rules about attending practice sessions and everyone knows and agrees," said Carinci. "If some kids don't want to put out 100 per cent, we have others sitting in the rear who do."

"I want to win this year but not at the expense of neglecting my responsibility as a coach. If a player doesn't pull his share of the load, he is not going to pull for me."

"I guess it all boils down to a matter of principle in suspending your top players to prove a point."

"I was told that I should let my key players remain in uniform so as to not hurt the team's chances of winning."

"I don't care what anyone else thinks. I run the team and it is hard enough today getting respect from the kids to give in to the idea that to win is all you should go for."

"Maybe I won't win on the ice all the time, but I hope to win the challenge of building character. The kids don't all agree with my motives now, but I think they will later in life."

WITH HIS TWO front line goalies suspended, Carinci called on junior Joe Carroll who had not been practicing with the Blue Jays after being cut.

Carroll turned in a fine performance in the Southfield net, but Churchill won in the end, 6-4. There is a good chance that Carroll will no longer be No. 3 at Southfield.

"I guess there is a certain amount of Ned Harkness in me," said Carinci. "But I'll never sacrifice respect for victory."

Two years ago when hockey in Southfield was getting off the ground, teams like Churchill and Stevenson were crushing Carinci's crew by scores of 13-0 and 15-1.

In the Churchill-Southfield game, a glance at both benches showed the Southfield players all sitting on the bench, unlike Churchill - all hanging over the boards.

Carinci and his Blue Jays are winning.

Observer Top 10

	W	L	PF	PA
1. BENTLEY	3	0	66	49
2. FRANKLIN	4	1	67	65
3. JOHN GLENN	5	1	63	61
4. PLYMOUTH	3	2	70	60
5. REDFORD UNION	3	1	69	64
6. N. FARMINGTON	3	1	58	52
7. SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	3	1	69	61
8. CHURCHILL	3	1	66	58
9. STEVENSON	2	2	61	59
10. GC EAST	2	3	60	60

Cage Picks

Southfield Lathrup over Southfield Benedictine over St. Agatha (Observer Record, 24-11)

Allen Park Thumps RU, 79-63

"We made enough mistakes to lose a ball game, and that's just what we did," said Redford Union basketball Coach Carl Andrews after being routed by Allen Park in a Suburban Eight battle, 79-63.

"We beat ourselves in this one," added Andrews.

It was the first loss for the Suburban Eight defending champions after winning their opening three games. The first five minutes were

even, but the Parkers caged RU near the end of the quarter and spurred ahead to stay, 20-10.

ALLEN PARK outscored RU, 18-13, in the second period to increase its lead to 38-23 at the half.

"We missed nine free throws and shot 29 per cent from the field in the half," commented Andrews. "We just couldn't get in gear."

It was an even second half, with Allen Park scoring 41 to RU's 40.

RU SHOT an overall 35 per cent from the floor on 25 of 72.

"Jim Perry and Mike Flood put out our lights," added Andrews. Perry scored 23 and Flood 20, but Panther Scott Bjerke was high with 25 points.

Allen Park outrebounded RU, 41-30.

"We picked our toughest game to give our poorest showing," said Andrews.

Andrews still sees the Suburban Eight as a "tough race."

"I know Allen Park is going to be beaten," said Andrews. "They caught us and Plymouth on their home court, but we have them coming back."

RU is now in the same situation as it was last year when it captured the Sub-crown.

THE PANTHERS lost to Trenton before the holidays and sported a 2-1 mark going into the new year, then won it all with a 10-2 record.

"Two or three losses will take it all this year," added Andrews.

The Panthers are currently in the Northwest Holiday Tourney and open '73 with Trenton at home on Jan. 5 and host Plymouth on Jan. 9.

REDFORD UNION (63)	
FG	FT
4	22 10
Pamerville	1 1 8 3
Pesch	7 0 1 14
Eland	10 5 9 25
Spivey	2 5 8 9
Fulford	0 0 1 0
Richmond	0 0 1 0
Sander	1 0 0 2
Totals	26 13 29 63
ALLEN PARK (79)	
FG	FT
T. Agardy	3 3 9
Perry	10 3 4 23
Flood	3 1 6 9
Mattlock	7 6 8 20
Kelly	3 2 2 8
Toolay	2 0 0 4
Beyer	1 0 0 2
Brighton	1 0 1 2
T. Agardy	1 0 1 2
Totals	31 17 26 79

LETTERS TO THE SPORTS EDITOR

Tearing Down Churchill?

Editor:

We are writing in regard to the way you handle publicity for Churchill High School.

We feel that you have no basis for your derogative remarks, and they are quite unfair. We are sure that, even among the other schools, we project a much better image than that you have "painted" on us.

The Livonia Observer serves the city of Livonia. Churchill, too, serves the city but in a more positive manner that makes citizens of Livonia proud to have an institution of such high quality in its limits: at present, not all institutions in Livonia are so highly regarded.

In the future, we would appreciate it if you would speak more truthfully, and therefore more highly, of a school that has worked very, very hard for a good reputation and is now having it torn down by the unfair, biased articles of a single man.

SHARON PERKINS
PAMELA L. ADKINS

Hey, Franklin, Top This!

Editor:

In reply to the Franklin student who wrote the letter in the Dec. 6 Observer, sure we can take a joke. As a matter of fact, we're laughing right now. Not at the stunt you pulled, but at the immaturity that those Franklin students displayed.

It looks like they just can't get off their junior high trapezes.

Jokes and pranks are what children do to get attention, which explains why you children did it. Shame, shame, shame. If this is all you students at Franklin can think of to do, you're in bad shape. Why don't you try something constructive, yet competitive?

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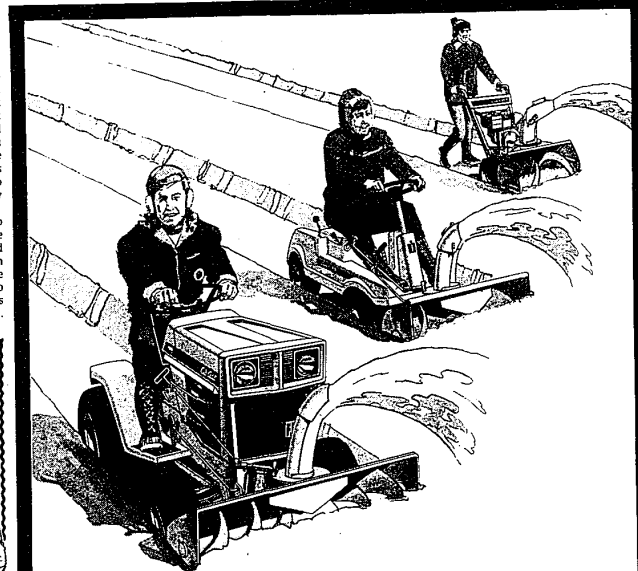
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