

Redford Union Wins 1st Cage Tournery Crown

Panthers Roar By WL Central, 71-60

By TOM DONOGHUE
Sports Editor

"I couldn't think of a better way to start the Christmas vacation," said Redford Union Coach Carl Andrews after his Panther cagers roared past Walled Lake Central in the Northwest Holiday Tournery finale, 71-60.

"Old defense won it for us," explained Andrews.

RU crushed Walled Lake Western in the opening round in a record setting performance, 102-65, and zipped past North Farmington, 66-54. This brought up Walled Lake Central, which had upended Bentley in its first round and smothered Detroit Redford to throw its way into the finals. The Northwest Suburban Holiday crown—a first for Redford Union.

"After 16 long years, we finally won it," said Redford Union Athletic Director Howard Kraft.

THE SUBURBAN EIGHT Panthers now stand 6-1 for the season with the Allen Park contest the lone scar. RU opens the new year with two home games with Trenton and Plymouth and it's then on to Dearborn, Edsel Ford and Bentley.

"I knew we could win this tournament," said Andrews, whose Panthers were dumped by Walled Lake Central in the opening clash last year. "This

year Central dumped Bentley first and matched talents with us instead of the opposite."

Central thumped Bentley in the championship last year, 63-55.

"We don't anticipate losing any more games," commented Andrews. "If anyone beat us from here on out, I'll consider it an upset!"

RU AND CENTRAL played to an 11-11 tie in the opening quarter and it appeared that Walled Lake would take a 30-26 lead into the locker room at the half.

But with five seconds remaining and down by four, RU's Jerry Petch hit a two-pointer and Central accepted to throw the ball out of bounds, giving the ball back to RU with two seconds showing.

Rick Pomaville took the pass inbounds and connected on a 30-footer at the buzzer making it 30-26 at the half.

THE PANTHERS came out pressing in the second half and jumped to a 40-22 lead going into the final eight minutes.

A minute into the fourth period, RU pushed the margin to 56-44 and the closest Central could get was at the buzzer with the Panthers capturing their first holiday trophy. It was a complete team effort for RU with the starting five all scoring in double figures, paced by Jerry Petch with 19 and Pomaville

with 16. Bob Eland followed with 14, Gary Fuks with 12, and Scott Björke with 10.

Central's Randy McLean led all scorers with 31 points.

RU SHOT 44 per cent from the floor on 28 of 64 with the real difference in the rebounding game.

"We really hurt Central on the boards," said Andrews.

"Pomaville did great job on McLean with Petch taking control on the strong side."

RU outrebounded Walled Lake, 46-28, with 6-3 Petch hauling in 18 and 6-4 Pomaville 11.

McLEAN AT 6-7 did all of Central's rebounding in the second half, five in the third quarter and seven in the fourth for a game total of 22, all but six of his team's rebounds.

WL CENTRAL (60)

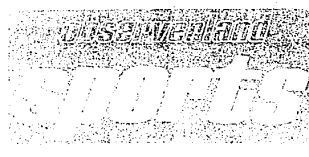
	FG	FT	TP
Imhoff	4	5	13
Long	4	2	10
McLean	13	5	31
Ashby	2	2	6
Papa	0	0	0
Foster	0	0	0
Totals	23	14	60

REDFORD UNION (71)

	FG	FT	TP
Pomaville	7	2	16
Petch	9	1	19
Eland	4	6	14
Björke	6	4	10
Fuks	6	0	12
Totals	28	15	71

WL CENTRAL: 11 19 20 21 71

RU: 11 19 20 21 71



N. F'ton 76 Henry Ford 70

The Raiders from North Farmington were fresh from a Northwest Suburban win over Oak Park and Coach Den Kean and company had visions of taking all in the tournery. North jumped to a 22-16 first quarter lead and was on top at the half, 41-34.

The Raider machine broke down in the third period but North managed to regain a slim 51-50 margin, and put it back together for a six point victory. Dave Ellsworth was high scorer with 24 points, Kim Parker next at 17 and Kim Gasior added 11.

Henry Ford was paced by Darrel Roozer with 14, Jesse Williams with 12, Mike Rogar with 11, and Dave Schrandt with 10.

Redford 52

Farmington 49

After three opening losses, Farmington's new Coach Bruce Brown had finally struck gold over Waterford, but the strike was short-lived and the Falcons dropped their fourth and tournery opener to Detroit Redford, 52-49.

Redford jumped to a 23-18 halftime lead and never faltered.

Mark Bidigare was high for the winners with 26 points and Joe Montgomery tops for Farmington with 14.

WL Central 66

Bentley 60

Bentley Coach John Farrar was sporting the best record of all eight teams in the Northwest tournery, at 3-0, and it appeared that this three-game series could be a stepping stone to the Suburban Eight title.

Apparently Walled Lake didn't hear of this and ripped the Bulldogs 66-60, with 6-7 center Randy McLean popping in 30 points.

The Bulldogs were caught in the ice-box in the first quarter, hitting only three of 14 from the floor with Central bursting to a 29-8 lead. The half had Central up, 42-27, but Bentley wasn't out of it yet.

Bentley outscored Walled Lake, 33-24, in the second half, and at one time closed the gap to three points before absorbing its first loss of the '72-'73 campaign.

High scorers for Bentley were Tim Bollin with 28, Paul Veatch with 13, and Brent Boegler with 10.

RU 102

WL Western 65

The first step for Coach Carl Andrews and his Panther cagers was a history making one—a school record of 102 points, 64 of those scored in the second half.

RU was in front at the half, 38-36, and outscored Western in

the third period 34-10 and then 30-19 in the final eight minutes.

It was the rebound game that paid off for RU with four Panthers scoring in double figures. Rick Pomaville totaled 20, Scott Björke 17, Gary Fuks 16, and Bob Eland 11.

Don Spanger was high for Western with 18, Rick Stern added 13, and Tony Howell collected 10.

Farmington 62

Bentley 61

A scrambling Farmington squad caught the disheartened Bulldogs flat-footed and squeaked out its second win in six outings.

Bentley led at the half, 36-31, but lost momentum and the game in the closing seconds.

Farmington's Jeff Herman popped in two free throws with four seconds remaining to give the Falcons a narrow one point upset. Dennis Hagen was tops for Farmington with 15 points.

High for Bentley was Brent Boegler with 20 points. Tim Bollin scored 13 and sat out more than half the game because of foul trouble.

WL Central 60

Redford 50

Walled Lake Central took No. 2 step in tournery championship direction with an easy 10 point over Redford, leading at the half, 28-16.

Randy McLean was high for Central with 26 points followed by Mick Imhoff with 19.

Delphis Stokes and Mark Bidigare totaled 15, apiece for the losers.

RU 66

N. F'ton 54

The Raider machine just ran out of gas and gave in to the oncoming Panther cagers.

North jumped ahead 14-4 but lost momentum and had to settle for a 14-10 first quarter lead and shipped behind at the half, 30-26. The rest was all down hill for North, trailing 46-35 going into the final eight minutes.

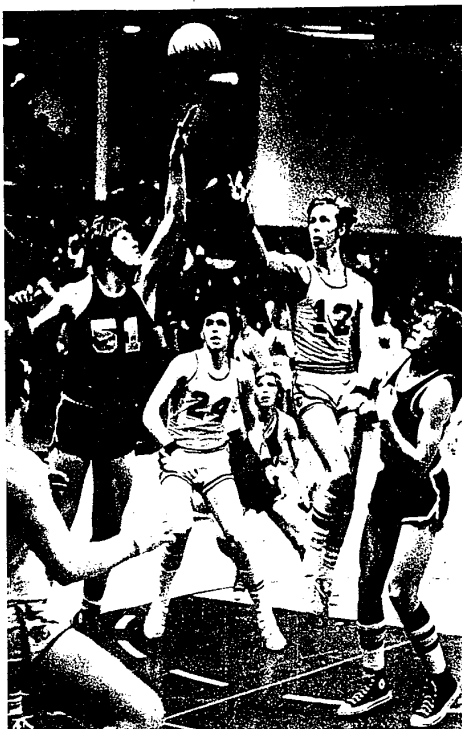
RU was headed by Gary Fuks with 21, Bob Eland with 20 and Scott Björke with 12. The Raider scoring attack featured Kim Parker with 15, Kim Gasior with 12 and Chuck Foster and Dave Ellsworth with 10 apiece.

Henry Ford 73

WL Western 49

A second round game between two losers saw one getting clobbered again.

Western had fallen the night before to Redford Union, 102-65, and this time it was by 24 points to Henry Ford.



LAYING IT UP for two points is Redford Union's Scott Björke (12) in the Northwest Tournery finale which RU won, 71-60. Attempting the block is WL Central's Bill Ashby (51) with RU's Rick Pomaville (24) looking on. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

N. F'ton 62

Redford 34

North Farmington regrouped its forces after the loss to Redford Union and led all the way against Detroit Redford.

Jim Fredericks was high scorer with 22 points. The Raiders were up, 13-10, after one quarter, 31-18 at the half, and 49-24 going into the fourth stanza.

Mark Bidigare was tops for Redford with 14 points in a game that saw the losers 0-2 for five from the charity line.

Cage Coach

Wayne State University third-year assistant basketball coach Tip Smathers is the son of Dr. Homer M. Smathers, president of the Wayne-Mich. County Medical Society.

Henry Ford 76

Farmington 62

Henry Ford captured the consolation round over the sputtering Falcons for a 2-1 mark.

The first quarter saw Ford up, 30-14, and it was 34-31 at the half.

Farmington dropped out of reach after three quarters, 60-47.

Top scorers for the Falcons were Dennis Hagen with 22 and Joe Montgomery with 16.



IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

When honors for the year now drawing to a close are passed out, a nice leather medal should go to a lad named Johnny Wilcox of Williamsport, Pa.

He is entitled to the "hard luck" prize of the year, for only two 6-10 splits kept him from bettering the all time record of 888 now held by Alie Brandt, of Lockport, N.Y.

The story, received this week from the American Bowling Congress, tells that he cut the No. 6 off the No. 10 in his first game. Then, after 11 strikes, he left the 6-10 on his final delivery.

As a result he had to settle for an 888 and second place in the record books. He will have to be satisfied with the knowledge that he rolled the highest series ever credited to a left hander.

Speaking of Alie Brandt's 888, the little New Yorker has been most fortunate this year. The ABC ruled out an 890 rolled by Ray Orf several months ago and now Wilcox encountered two splits to save him again. Alie rolled his record series in 1939. It is one of the oldest records in the books.

JACK BROWN, one of the leading sharpshooters in Farmington, is off on another scoring spree.

After registering a 709 in the Classic at Bel-Aire Lanes, he came right back with a 701 in Our Lady of Sorrows circuit.

In the Classic he linked games of 238, 235 and 216 and in the Sorrows circuit he had counts of 247, 228 and 226.

Despite his high scores, Jack had to trail Fred Bickie in the Classic who posted a count of 719 on games of 238, 237 and 204.

Other high scores included Ted Smith's 683 and Jerry Hay's 684. Lee Putti had high single with a 277.

FOR THE SECOND time in

two weeks Phil Horowitz broke the 700 barrier in the Garden Lanes Classic.

Last week he set the pace with a 701 and this week he came right back with a 706. In his wake he left Al Massacre with 691, Al Mann with 681 and Dick Preston with 668.

The Garden Lanes women also went on a scoring binge. Pat Pattison set the pace in the Senior House League with a finishing game of 236 for her first 600 series. Other high counts included Marge Van Ness with 596, Judy Andersen with 566 and Rose Ligner with 552.

THERE SEEMS to be no stopping the veteran Dick Preston.

After posting a 668 at Garden Lanes he moved over to Wonderland Tuesday night and put together games of 239, 224 and 257 for 740 to pace the Classic. Right on his heels came Danny Campbell with a 717 on games of 257, 228 and 222.

Meanwhile Ron Sharple's Palace team rolled a 3256 with one member failing below double century figures.

DAVE DIOMENDRIE showed the way to all Classic rivals at Westland with a 674 that included a middle game of 238. Pat Coshatt landed the runner-up spot with 669 and Bob Garrett followed with a 661.

The star of the women's league was Barbara Krzyzowski who fashioned a 214 in 600.

Meanwhile Tina Gorsorge had a 238 in 586 and Peg Davey had a 234 in 562.

THE WOMEN at Mayflower continue to do the unexpected. This week Terry Kowal converted the "big four"—the 4-6-7-10. It was the fourth time this year that the women have turned this trick.

THE HIGHEST scoring of the season marked competition in the Ladies Classic at Livonia Lanes where Ellie Wilkins first an actual 580 that included a 214. Gerry Wilson landed the runner-up honors with a 565 and Dolores Dowhan paced the handicap division with a 540-135-675. She had one game of 232 by actual count.

RAY SMITH showed the way in the Teen Classic at Farmington Lanes with a 572 on games of 202, 202 and 168. Al Currie was next with 497 and Reddy Nance had a 211 in 191.

Pam Terry paced the girls section with a 199 in 151.

BOB ROWES was the man of the hour at Merri-Bowl. Carrying a 178 over the hill, he came through a 247 in 637. Denise Adams went 117 pins over his average with a 471 and John Pate a 174 average man, fired a 265 in 645.

THE BIGGEST Elk of them all this week at Country Lanes was John D. Eorchak. Bowling in the Elks mixed league he put together games of 276, 206 and 191 for 667.

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