

GC East Thumps GC West, 62-41

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When somebody quits, the Panthers roar.

the season, and the Panthers promptly exploded to a 9-0 season. No. 1 in Observerland.

note after slipping to a 2-4 mark before the holiday break.

on the winning track. Coupled with West's poorest shooting for 68, a 21 per cent shooting mark.

hitting eight of eight. Surprisingly enough, West had an edge on the boards, 35-32 — the difference being on the offensive board where the Tigers just couldn't put the ball through the hoop.

West TOOK THE lead, 10-8, early in the second but the Panthers spurred ahead at the half, 28-23.

East went up by nine in the first minute of the third period but Paul Tatro popped in two and Jay Cooch two from the line to keep West within striking distance, 38-33, going into the last eight minutes.

Young and his East cagers enjoy a rare night off this Friday, and jump back into Northwest Suburban action with Oak Park on Jan. 16.

West, on the other hand, travels to Melvindale tomorrow (Friday) in game No. 3 of the Tri-River Conference. Then it's back to back home clashes with Shafer and Southgate.

Cody Knocks Off Trojans, 86-58

"We were just outclassed," was about all Clarenceville basketball Coach Ralph Weddle could say after his Trojans were blown off the court by Detroit City in the holiday finale hosted by Clarenceville, 86-58.

Clarenceville won the opening round of the four-team tourney over St. Agatha in overtime, 63-59, while Cody toyed with Crestwood, 89-63.

ST. AGATHA ROWED again in overtime in the consolation match with Crestwood, 68-65, and Cody went to work on the now 2-5 Clarenceville Trojans.

This was the first holiday tournament held at Clarenceville. Coach Weddle attempted it last year but felt a team short, with St. Agatha picking up the slack this year.

In the opening round, Clarenceville and St. Agatha fought to a 12-all first quarter deadlock with the Trojans spurring ahead at the half, 33-27.

With 55 seconds remaining, Aggie Coach Frank Turk had

victory within grasp, sporting a seven point lead.

But Tim McComman hit for the Trojans and then stole the ball and passed to Greg Saarela for another two. McComman again stole an inbounds pass and hit Saarela for another two pointer.

SAARELA WAS fouled and made good the loss from the line to tie it at 33 all with seven seconds left on the clock.

Both teams missed in the final seconds and Clarenceville had an opportunity to wrap it up with Dave Gweltz at the line on one and one but his first shot went astray and it went into a three-minute overtime.

St. Agatha jumped up by four in the overtime but Trojan Saarela hit for five consecutive points and Clarenceville scored its second triumph in a rebuilding season.

Sifions and Rex shared Gary's honors with 23 points apiece.

It was on to the second round with Crestwood against Clarenceville, 18-8. Mike Rex popped in 10 points and, going into the final eight minutes, St. Agatha led, 45-41.

With 55 seconds remaining, Aggie Coach Frank Turk had

and Crestwood notched it at 51-all at the end of regular play. Crestwood outscored the Aggies in overtime, 7-4.

Walt Luedke and Sam Clay led Crestwood with 16 each. Clay getting all of his in the second half.

St. Agatha was paced by Rex with 17. Jim Olinzock with 16, and Mike Campbell with 15.

Clarenceville's hopes of a holiday championship vanished almost at the opening tipoff against Cody, with the Trojans falling behind at the end of one quarter, 23-3.

THE TROJANS were outclassed, outrebounded, outshot and outscored. They trailed at the half, 44-24, and 68-38 going into the final eight minutes.

Every member of the Cody squad broke into the scoring column and three Trojans managed to hit double figures.

Brian Luka led with 17. Simons had 14 and Saarela 12.

The Trojans jump into the Wayne - Oakland fire, with Kettering on Friday, Jan. 5 and travel to Brighton on Jan. 9 and Clarkson on Jan. 12.

CLARENCEVILLE (63)

	FG	FT	TP
Simons	8	7	12
Gweltz	1	2	3
Rex	9	5	23
Saarela	8	3	19
McComman	4	2	10
Totals	32	19	63

ST. AGATHA (59)

	FG	FT	TP
Thompson	3	0	8
Strahonowski	5	2	12
Brown	5	8	11
Rea	9	5	23
Campbell	0	0	0
Jess	0	0	0
Totals	22	15	52

CLARENCEVILLE (12)

	FG	FT	TP
CLARENCEVILLE	12	15	18
ST. AGATHA	12	15	18

CODY (86)

	FG	FT	TP
J. Tolbert	9	6	23
Todd	3	0	6
Owchich	1	3	6
W. Tolbert	1	0	2
Jordan	4	0	2
Foley	2	4	13
Sherridan	6	0	10
Laymond	1	0	2
Coleman	0	0	2
Masovich	1	3	6
Porter	3	0	6
Bernick	2	0	4
Totals	32	14	66

CLARENCEVILLE (58)

	FG	FT	TP
Simons	7	0	14
Gweltz	1	0	2
Luka	6	2	17
Saarela	6	0	12
Bisculter	3	1	7
Hager	0	0	0
Smith	1	4	6
Totals	25	12	58

CODY (51)

	FG	FT	TP
CODY	25	21	58
CLARENCEVILLE	12	11	19

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GC West Grapplers Take 2nd

Garden City West toppled Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 42-15 for its second wrestling victory against no defeats.

The meet went as follows:

- 88 - GC West forfeit to Frank Gato 105.
- 105 - Tony Zappa (C) pinned John Hudson (GCW) 4:45.
- 112 - Jim Judson (GCW) pinned John Accord (C) 1:35.
- 119 - Bob Horvath (GCW) pinned Curt Hopkins (C) 4:50.
- 126 - Randy Stachow (GCW) dec. Frank Federico (C) 4:2.
- 132 - Pat Guntiff (GCW) dec. Chuck Economou (C) 5:3.
- 138 - Owayne Wozniak (GCW) pinned Tim Economou (C) 5:08.
- 145 - Dan Hunt (GCW) won on default over Rick Standley (C).
- 155 - Brian Nowak (GCW) was dec. by Kevin Clark (C) 6:2.
- 167 - Mike Zenko (GCW) dec. Shawn Clark (C) 9:0.
- 185 - Cliff McElfelin (GCW) dec. Dan Loose (C) 9:0.
- HVV - Rob Shetty (GCW) pinned Rick Papp (C) 3:21.

Bulldogs Splash Past Pontiac

Livonia Bentley evened its dual swim record at 1-1 with a 68-25 triumph over Pontiac Northern. The Bulldogs sported a double winner in Tom Duprey with firsts in the 200 yard individual medley and 400 freestyle.

Results:

- 200 medley relay: 1 - Pontiac Lavin; 2 - Swards, Taylor, Kniffin; Time 1:54.5 P.N. 2 - Bentley Mayes, Vanderhant, Collings, Coyne.
- 200 freestyle: 1 - Lavinier (P); 2 - Bob Trux (B); 3 - Ron Othhouse (B); Time 2:04.0.
- 200 individual medley: 1 - Tom Duprey (B); 2 - Jerry Lacy (B); 3 - Kniffin (P); Time 2:14.0.
- 400 freestyle: 1 - Jim Coyle (B); 2 - Swards, Dave (P); 3 - Swards, Dale (P); Time 2:58.0.
- 400 individual medley: 1 - Dennis Olmstead (B); 2 - Mike Wvett (B); 3 - Jeffery (P); Points 60-16.
- 100 butterfly: 1 - John Vanderhant (B); 2 - Chris McFee (B); 3 - Taylor (P); Time 1:02.8.
- 100 freestyle: 1 - Jerry Lacy (B); 2 - Bob Christie (B); 3 - Taylor (P); Time: 54.8.
- 400 freestyle: 1 - Tom Duprey (B); 2 - Bob Trux (B); 3 - Kline (P); Time 4:33.0.
- 100 backstroke: 1 - Lavinier (P); 2 - Jim Coyle (B); 3 - Mike Mayes (B); Time 1:01.2.
- 100 breaststroke: 1 - Kurt Collins (B); 2 - Doug Oliver (B); 3 - Porritt (P); Time 1:11.8.
- 400 free style relay: 1 - John Vanderhant, Bob Trux, Jerry Lacy, Tom Duprey; Time 4:49.3 (L.B.); 2 - Nelson, Marsh, Kline, David (P); N.Y.

DRIVING BOBBLE -- Clarenceville's Paul Simons (12) found the going a little rough in the Holiday cage finale, with Detroit Cody's Willie Tolbert (21) ready to pounce on this loose ball. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)