

	W	L	PF	PA	Avg.
1. REDFORD UNION	6	1	73	62	
2. FRANKLIN	5	1	67	64	
3. PLYMOUTH	5	2	66	57	
4. JOHN GLENN	6	2	64	63	
5. N. FARMINGTON	6	2	60	54	
6. BENTLEY	4	2	65	53	
7. LATHRUP	4	1	70	62	
8. CHURCHILL	4	2	64	58	
9. STEVENSON	3	3	59	57	
10. HARRISON	2	3	57	56	

## OBSERVERLAND CAGE PICKS

St. Florian over St. Agatha  
Bentley over Belleville  
Borgess over St. Mary Redford  
Franklin over Churchill  
Kettering over Clarenceville  
Ferndale over Farmington  
GC West over Melvindale  
John Glenn over Brighton  
Redford Union over Trenton  
Lathrup over Rochester  
Pontiac N. over N. Farmington  
Plymouth over Harrison  
Flint Central over Bentley

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## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Memorial services were held for Orlow G. Owen Sunday afternoon in the Northville Methodist Church and thus ended the career of an individual who had more to do with the growth of harness racing in Michigan during the past quarter century than any other single person.

Orlow left this world Friday morning after suffering a series of damaging strokes. He retired as vice president and general manager of Wolverine Harness Raceway in 1969 due to illness, but never lost interest in pacers and trotters.

It was that enthusiasm and desire to make the sport grow to major proportions that gained him the title of "Mr. Harness Racing" of Michigan.

For years, Orlow was a lobbyist for the metropolitan Detroit harness racing tracks, doing everything possible to better conditions in the area as well as county fair tracks throughout the state.

It was through his efforts the Legislature passed a bill providing that the state add \$3 for every \$1 put up by county fair associations as purses for harness racing programs. This boosted purses to the point where the Michigan fairer rank near the top in the nation in dollars for racing.

BECAUSE of his efforts, the harness racing industry has become a big thing in Michigan. Where there were few, if any, breeding farms back in 1944 when Orlow first became interested in the sport, now there are 100 or more spread across the state.

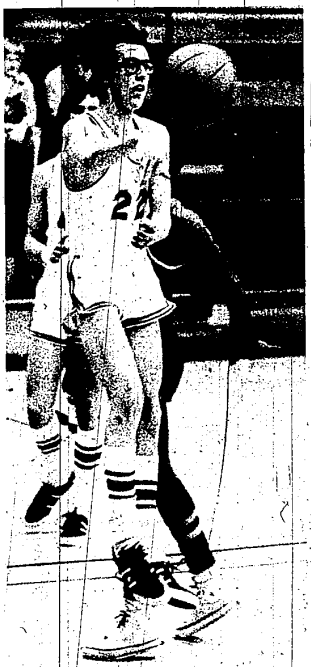


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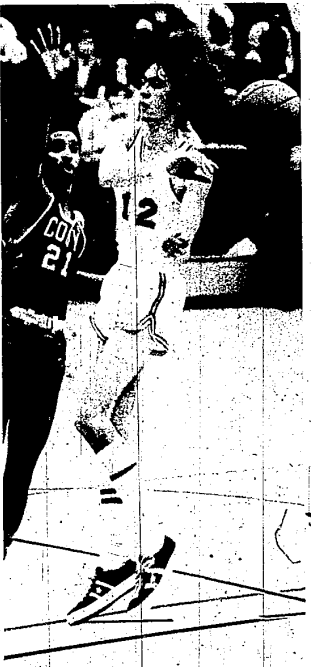
Contrast that to the situation now where the track operators have to turn down hundreds of applications for each meeting and very carefully screen all stallions to get the best possible horses. That big change can be attributed to the efforts of Orlow in promoting and building harness racing.

We first met him in the spring of 1945 when he was the race caller at Northville Downs and also assistant to the general manager Sam Wedrick. Orlow had helped Wedrick and his five partners from Buffalo, N.Y., get the ingredients necessary for night racing. It meant securing lamp posts and lights for the track at a time when such things were not available due to World War II.

Prior to getting into harness racing, Orlow, a graduate of Michigan Normal College, now Eastern Michigan University, had been involved in several different types of employment... all in the Northville area. He had been a coach and counselor at Northville High, operated a men's clothing store, worked for an automobile agency and even a restaurant.



HOLIDAY JITTERS -- Clarenceville had its troubles holding onto the ball in its Christmas cage finale with Coby and fell to the Detroit squad, 86-58. Dave Gwilt (22) in the left picture



loses control under his basket and Paul Simons (12), right photo, let this pass slip away with Coby's Willie Tolbert guarding. (Photos by Tom Donoghue)

## Matmen Capture 2nd

Farmington High captured second place in the 34-team Oakland County holiday wrestling tournament at Oakland University.

The Falcon grapplers scored 72 points, second to tourney winner Warren Lincoln whose 98 points broke the meet record of 99 set by Pontiac Northern in 1970.

FAIRMINGTON SPORTED two individual champions in Dan Longtime in the 98 pound class and sophomore Mark Churella in the 138 pound class.

Meet results:  
98 pounds -- Dan Longtime, Farmington; Jeff Garner, Mt. Sterling; Bob Sade, Clawson; Dan Fournier, Warren Lincoln.

105 pounds -- Todd Schneider, Mt. Sterling; John Gantowski, Farmington; Larry King, Warren Lincoln; Brian Canara, Rochester.

112 pounds -- Mike Amato, Madison; Herman Combs, Pontiac Catholic; Ray Arthur, Royal Oak Dendron; Curt Bakke, Warren Lincoln.

119 pounds -- Paul Canal, Rochester; Adam; Paul Ameli, Royal Oak Kimball; Bob Ball, Clawson; Tom Fultz, Westford Kettering.

126 pounds -- Dave Bonadelli, Warren Fitzgerald; Mike Palmer, Pontiac Catholic; John Schipacasse, Rochester; Adams; Steve Haller, North Farmington.

132 pounds -- Ricky Detwiler, Clawson; Jeff Bell, Westford Mt. Berry.

Frisell, Warren Lincoln; Eric Harris, Lincoln; Buell Williamson, Warr Fitzgerald; John Allen, Rochester; Bill Lough, North Farmington.

138 pounds -- Mark Churella, Farmington; Tom Bauman, Catholic Central; Bob Chapman, Hazel Park; Kevin Goye, Rochester Adams.

145 pounds -- John Emerson, Warren Lincoln; John Garcia, Ferndale; Joe Ryan, Catholic Central; Nevada Cook, Madison Heights Lathrup.

155 pounds -- Bill Bolyard, Royal Oak; 2-Farmington; 3-Warren Fitzgerald; 4-W. Central; 5-Rochester Adams; 6-Catholic Central; 7-Madison; 8-Hazel Park; 9-Pontiac Catholic; 10-RD Dendron.

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### Prep Schedule

**BASKETBALL**

**FRIDAY**  
St. Florian at St. Agatha  
Bentley at Belleville  
St. Mary Redford at Borgess  
Franklin at Churchill  
Kettering at Clarenceville  
Farmington at Ferndale  
GC West at Melvindale  
John Glenn at Brighton  
Trenton at Redford Union  
Rochester at Lathrup  
NF vs. PN at Harrison, 9 p.m.  
Plymouth at Harrison, 9 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Bentley at Flint Central  
St. Agatha at AA St. Thomas  
Churchill at Southfield  
Clarenceville at Brighton  
Plymouth at Redford Union  
Lathrup at Oak Park  
Stevenson at Dearborn  
Trenton at Thorton

**HOCKEY**

**THURSDAY**  
Bentley at Southfield, 3 p.m.  
Lathrup vs. Franklin (Ford), 7 p.m.  
Churhill vs. Stevenson (Ford), 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Lathrup vs. Stevenson (Ford), 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY**  
Franklin at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.  
Glenn at Crestwood, 4 p.m.  
Southfield at Oak Park, 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Ferndale at Stevenson, 7 p.m.  
Rochester at N. Farmington, 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY**  
Redford Union at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.  
Northville at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.  
Crestwood at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
Lathrup at Beahm, 7:30 p.m.  
Ann Arbor at GC West, 4 p.m.  
Thorton, Farm: at East Ford, 7:30 p.m.

**WRESTLING**

**THURSDAY**  
Ferndale at Southfield  
W. Bloomfield at Churchill, 4 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
RO Kimball at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.  
Stevenson at Kettering, 6:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY**  
Wayne Invitational, 11 a.m.  
Trenton Tournament, 10 a.m.

**TUESDAY**  
GC West at Ann Arbor, 6:30 p.m.  
Franklin at N. Farmington, 6:30 p.m.  
Pomona at Farmington, 6:30 p.m.  
Crestwood at GC East, 6:30 p.m.  
Ferndale at Southfield, 6:30 p.m.  
Crestwood at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

**THURSDAY**  
Rochester at Borgess, 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Southgate at Bentley, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**

**MONDAY**  
N. Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

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