

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL

TUESDAY

Bentley at Edsel Ford
Shrine at Bishop Borgosa
Southfield at Farmington
Northville at Franklin
GC East at Fordson
N. Farmington at Farmdale
Plymouth at Ballville
Allen Park at Redford Union
Lathrup at Hazel Park

FRIDAY

Bellefonte at Bentley
W. Central at Churchill
Clarkston at Clarendonville
Stevenson at Farmington
Northville at Harrison
N. Farmington at Franklin
Oak Park at GC East
GC West at Schaefer
Thurston at John Glenn
Edsel Ford at Plymouth
Redford Union at Treston
Southfield at Kimball
Uice at Southfield Lathrup

WEDNESDAY

Vyandotte vs. Franklin
(Ford), 8 p.m.

THURSDAY

Stevenson at Southfield,
3 p.m.

FRIDAY

Lathrup vs. Bentley (Ford),
7 p.m.

Churchill vs. Franklin
(Ford), 9 p.m.

SWIMMING

SATURDAY

GC East Invitational

TUESDAY

Churchill at Lincoln,
4 p.m.

Cville at W.L. Western,
4 p.m.

Riverside at John Glenn,
7 p.m.

Hazel Park at Lathrup,
7:30 p.m.

Andover at Farmington,
7:30 p.m.

Pontiac Central at N. Farm,
7:30 p.m.

Harrison at Thurston, 7:30 p.m.

GC West at Schaefer, 4 p.m.

THURSDAY

Bentley at Redford Union,
7 p.m.

Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Harrison, 7:30 p.m.

John Glenn at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.

Treston at Plymouth,
7:30 p.m.

Lathrup at Uice, 7:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at GC East,
4 p.m.

Oak Park at Thurston,
7:30 p.m.

GC West at Southgate, 4 p.m.

Kimball at Southfield,
7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

SATURDAY

Farmington Harrison Quad, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY

GC West at John Glenn,
6:30 p.m.

Thurston at Wayne, 8:30 p.m.

Taylor Center at GC East,
8:30 p.m.

Southfield at Country Day,
8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

N. Farmington at Stevenson,
8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Bentley at Redford Union,
6:30 p.m.

Trenton at Plymouth,
7:30 p.m.

Max League Meet at Dundee

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

SUNDAY

St. Mary RO at St. Agatha,
3:45 p.m.

Bishop Borgosa at Rosary,
1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Southfield Lathrup at Lathrup,
3:45 p.m.

Plymouth at Waterford West
GC East at Churchill,
6:30 p.m.

BOYS' GYMNASICS

WEDNESDAY

Clarendonville at Farmington,
7:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at Harrison,
7:30 p.m.

GIRLS' GYMNASICS

WEDNESDAY

Taylor Center at N. Farmington,
7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY

Farmington at Harrison,
7:30 p.m.



OFF THE FINGER-TIPS-Churchill's Mark Reed (44) outpumps Bruce Taylor (44) of Garden City for two easy points. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Spartans Tip W. Bloomfield

Livonia Stevenson outscored West Bloomfield, 35-15, in the second half to chalk up its eighth basketball win against six losses, 59-35.

It was the first meeting ever between the two clubs, with the Spartans leading the entire 32 minutes.

Stevenson senior Greg Eardley turned in one of his finest prep nights, scoring 11 points and hauling in 24 rebounds, one short of the school record.

Eardley did establish an offensive rebound record with 16, breaking the old mark of 15.

THE SPARTANS spurred to a 13-10 first quarter edge and maintained their margin at the half 23-20.

West Bloomfield scored only 10 in the third and five in the fourth while the Spartans racked up 17 and 18 points respectively.

Stevenson finished 23 of 75 from the floor for 31 per cent

Franklin Falls Again, 57-51

"We just can't seem to put the ball in the hoop," said Franklin basketball Coach Bob Visser after his Patriots dropped their fourth in the last five games.

Dearborn, of the Suburban Eight conference, defeated the Northwest Suburban defending champions, 57-51.

"We are just not shooting well," said Visser. "We have run into some tough luck and things are going to change. We are too good a ball club not to."

For Dearborn it was its third win against 11 losses. FRANKLIN stands 7-6 overall.

Dearborn slipped ahead after one quarter, 15-12, and

increased the margin to 32-23 at the half. The widest margin came at the end of three quarters with Dearborn up by 14, 48-34.

Franklin just couldn't get the ball in as the Patriots hit only four of 22 in the first quarter but finally found the range early in the fourth.

Kevin Kaseta scored five

straight points and in a matter of five minutes, the Patriots had outscored Dearborn, 13-2, to slice the margin to 50-47.

Dearborn moved into a semi-stall but starting throwing the ball up and the Patriots had their chances but couldn't make good.

"We had Dearborn on the run but just couldn't convert," added Visser.

FRANKLIN finished with its lowest shooting percentage of the season. The Patriots hit only 17 of 60 for 27 per cent while Dearborn scored 24 of 51 for 47 per cent.

The Patriots did win the boards by a lopsided margin, 45-27, with Kaseta hauling in 16 and Jamie Knapp nine.

Franklin now has three consecutive home clashes on tap with Northville starting it off on Tuesday. Then it will be

North Farmington on Friday, Feb. 16 and Farmington Harrison on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

DEARBORN (57)

	FG	FT	TP
Copeland	8	2-6	18
Robbins	2	4-4	8
Nelson	4	0-0	8
Johnson	2	0-2	4
Rhodes	2	0-0	12
Schaefer	1	0-0	2
Kreuzer	0	1-2	1
Trotter	1	2-2	4
Totals	24	9-16	57

FRANKLIN (51)

	FG	FT	TP
Waters	6	2-4	14
Burke	1	0-0	2
Kaseta	6	12-14	22
Fischer	2	0-0	4
Knapp	3	3-4	9
Emms	0	0-0	0
Catwell	2	0-0	0
Totals	17	17-24	51

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Seems rather strange that during the winter season when most trotters and pacers are far from top form that a six year old pacer should run out of competition.

That's the story of Bedford Jet at Northville Downs where Racing Secretary Tom Smith had to ask Driver-Trainer Gordon Norris to withdraw from the weekly preferred race. The reason... Smith couldn't get other owners to enter their horses because of the ease with which The Jet had won on successive Saturdays.

Bedford Jet is an unusual horse. He has long been rated in the preferred class and manages to hold his own during the spring, summer and fall campaigns. But come winter he suddenly blossoms into the best of the lot and this is the second straight year that The Jet has caused racing directors to ask his owners to withdraw or force a change in the race conditions that would automatically disqualify the horse.

It was just a month ago that Norris dropped Bedford Jet's name into the entry box after giving the speedy pacer an early winter rest on the farm to freshen up.

To say that the horse was freshened up is putting it mildly. In his first start of the new year, The Jet took the lead early, turned the first half in a sensational 1:01 and then coasted home to win by lengths and lengths in 2:04.3. That was the fastest mile of the winter.

Just to prove it wasn't a fluke, The Jet came back a week later and turned in the same kind of performance. Once again he took the lead on the backstretch, hit the halfway point in 1:01.2 and sped home in 2:04.4.

That's when the competition decided he was too much and owners started to back off from the preferred class races. This posed a problem to Smith who well knows that a track must have preferred events on Fridays and Saturdays to make the programs more attractive.

THE ONLY ANSWER is to change conditions for the preferred races or ask the big horse to be scratched. That's what happened and Bedford

Erlanas Valley is one that gets well placed in the early going and then opens up in the final half mile.

Others in the field are: Scamp Direct and J.R. Rocky.

GERRY BANFIELD, driving champion at each of the last three Jackson meetings including the one which ended two weeks ago, is making a big bid for the Northville Downs crown.

Gerry, who accepts more starts than any other reinsman at the track, has 10 wins to lead in that division. Gordon Norris isn't far behind with eight and Eddie Morgan Jr. is leading in percentages with a 457 mark.

However, considerable attention has been turned on Malcolm Phillips, of Pontiac. Phillips, who sat out most of last year due to an accident in which he broke both wrists, has shown considerable improvement since the start of the meeting.

He had a three bagger in it can, often leading all the earlier in the week and recorded a double on Wednesday. If he matches his mark of last winter when he was rated best at the Downs, then look for Little Mal to win the title come next March.

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