



High school hockey crowds are really something!

Here we go, back into the world of prep hockey and what better person to visit than the high school hockey fan.

Just what sort of breed is this person? If the gathering at Ford ice rink in Livonia, home of the Suburban Hockey loop, is any indication at all - this breed ought to venture forth into the realms of the extinct.

After a recent clash involving two area schools, the restroom facilities were declared a near disaster area. The water closets were found filled to the hilt with beer and wine bottles, touched off with a spattering of beer cans. The partitions were torn down, trash cans had been dumped on the floor and what must have been a display of fireworks was still smoking in the corner.

Isn't it amazing what a contest of slapping a hard rubber item into a net can touch off? The hockey fans have also found a new and what must be a thrilling experience to indulge in between periods when the ice is being resurfaced.

Livonia Parks and Recreation employ Norm Hamilton has become a target of sorts while sitting alone his Zamoni machine while resurfacing the ice.

His seven minutes of circling the ice have become fun and games for the foolish target shooters. "These kids are unreal," commented Hamilton who has made it known at the Livonia City Hall that if this act continues, he will simply and flatly refuse to resurface the ice.

"All right," he said, "I'll get their hands on." "I have been instructed that if this continues, I don't have to resurface the ice," he added, "I don't appreciate being used as a target for kids who haven't grown up yet."

"Better supervision is needed at these games," added the Parks and Recreation employee. "The teachers just don't seem to care the kids or watch what they bring in."

"Kids are constantly coming in with bulging pockets. Verbal abuse around the rinks has neared the realm of civilization but there still exists the media that constantly violates the "no smoking rule."

And the ones that breach this rule are not the wine-toddlers but the enthusiastic parents who are feeding this postcard regulation does not pertain to them.

Walking near the stands during a recent prep encounter I came upon one such parent, puffing away on one of his "cancer sticks" and I mentioned to him if he knew there existed a "no smoking" rule for all to abide by.

His reply was "Oh, there is," and he continued to puff merrily along.

Just what sort of breed is this high school hockey fan?

Coaches not co-operating

This paragraph is for all you parents and preps who have called and questioned - just why their school was being left out of the weekly "Top Wrestlers" ratings. It seems that your coach has made it known that he doesn't have time or really has the desire to call in his results. I guess it is tough these days to make a five minute phone call once a week.

Spartans belt Wyandotte, 5-3

Livonia Stevenson scored twice in each of the first two periods and added a goal in the third to top Wyandotte in Suburban Hockey loop action, 5-3.

Goals by Steve Hillman and Paul Vermeesch got Stevenson off to a 2-0 lead early in the first period. After Wyandotte tallied in the closing minutes, Brian Van Norman and Hillman pushed Stevenson to a 4-1 advantage heading into the final 15 minutes.

Wyandotte slipped two quick shots by Stevenson goalie Curt Downs in the first minute of the third but this defense came to arms

Glenn Rockets destroy North, 72-50

The Northwest Suburban basketball schedule for the 1973-74 season is half in the history books - now begins the race to the championship seat.

With the second round ready to tip-off this Friday, no fewer than three clubs occupy first place. Defending champion Westland John Glenn, Livonia Franklin and Oak Park all share that spot with identical 4-1 marks.

Then comes North Farmington at 2-3, Garden City East at 1-4 and Thurston High at 0-5.

Most area coaches are favoring the Westland crew of John Glenn which knocked off North Farmington 72-50, his fifth straight victory since losing to Cherry Hill in the first round in the Christmas tourney finale back on Dec. 27, 1973.

Glenn, the No. 3 squad in Overland with an overall 10-3 showing is the top offensive crew with a 74 points per game scoring average. In fact Glenn has lost two of its games to Cherry Hill by a total of four points. The other defeat came at the hands of Northwest Franklin, which fell to Oak Park last week.

The first of many Northwest explosions comes this Friday as the Rocket crew hosts Franklin in the final meeting between the two contenders - a must win for both.

Ken Dean's Raiders from North Farmington, which started off with bang and six victories, have meanwhile slipped almost into a "spoiler" role.

The loss to Glenn was North's third in its last four games and its second straight where the area's No. 3 scorer Jim Fredericks watched from the sidelines with an injured knee.

"We are to play the role of the spoiler now," commented Dean after the 22 point setback against Glenn.

"We just didn't do the things we wanted to do against Glenn," added the North coach whose cagers stand 8-4 overall. "Teams like Glenn you have to beat - you can't beat yourselves like we did."

"Glenn ran and capitalized on our mistakes and they had to score on something like 10 breakaways."

"Sure, there has to have been a definite letdown since Fredericks was forced to leave the lineup. In addition,

our No. 2 player Mike Bancroft has been sick. It has just been tough on our kids."

North did show early signs of that Raider spark in taking a 14-0 lead only to have Glenn score the last six points of the first period to lag after eight minutes, 15-14.

Glenn edged ahead at the half, 33-26. The Rockets broke it open in the third quarter as if they had been toying with the Raiders. Glenn hit on nine of 13 from the floor and outscored North, 23-10. Jim Kholmman, who copied game scoring honors with 19 points,

pumped in eight in that span and Jeff Brittain added six. Trailing by 20 heading into the last eight minutes, North lost its composure and came up with 14 of its 30 game total turnovers and Glenn took the stanza, 16-14.

Glenn finished 32 of 65 from the field for 40 per cent and North hit 22 of 57 for 39 per cent.

Now comes the Northwest explosion - first launching site, this Friday at John Glenn. Box score:

JOHN GLENN (72) Brittain, 8-3-15; Johnson, 4-1-12; Kholmman, 3-3-18; Treadwell, 2-3-12; Hagenbach, 1-0-0-2. TOTALS: 32-65-72.

NORTH FARMINGTON (80) Gander, 1-0-0-2; Gander, 2-4-4; McCarty, 8-14-27; Oley, 5-0-1-10; Moore, 1-0-0-2; Park, 1-0-0-1; Conington, 2-3-4; Bopp, 0-1-2-1; Ankala, 1-1-2-2. TOTALS: 22-57-80.

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East cagers thwart Thurston

"This had to be our best performance yet," West's best player, East's Jay Young after his Garden City East cagers topped Thurston in Northwest Suburban loop action, 77-66.

"We have been progressing all along," he added. "I've been over all seven first overalls against first victims but only its first victory in the Northwest in five outings."

"It was a simple case of East putting the ball in the basket and us not," commented Thurston Coach Dan

Bennett whose Eagles slipped to a 1-10 mark. East hit 27 of 62 from the field for 43 per cent. Greg Emery paced the Panthers scoring attack with 23 points followed by Jim Peter with 16 and Jim Riley with 14.

Thurston's assault which saw the complete 13 man roster break into the scoring column wound up 30 of 68 for 44 per cent. Cory Rodriguez was high with 14 points.

East jumped off to a 14-10 first quarter margin and was never to be headed as the defense which has allowed an average of 69 points per game.

Thurston did manage to win the rebound battle, 47-41. Young realizes that his crew will now play an important role in the Northwest race. His squad is coming and has coming up one remaining clash with the three clubs that are currently tied for first, Franklin, Oak Park, and John Glenn all sport 4-1 marks.

"I really don't know what to think about this race now after Oak Park knocked off Franklin," added Young. "I guess I would have to favor Glenn but it is going to be interesting."

Area fencers win Junior Olympics

The Observerland area will have four events in the upcoming National junior olympic fencing tournaments to be held in Tallahassee, Fla., on Feb. 16.

Qualifying for the nationals were Livonia's Wayne Barrett, Garden City's Tom Klekner and Dennis Murphy and Miss Terri Harms of Westland.

Murphy qualified with a first place berth in the under 16 men's foil in the Michigan division of the junior olympics sponsored by the Amateur Fencing League of America. Klekner placed second behind Murphy with Barrett taking sixth.

Barrett's rise to fame came in the sabre event where he took a first to qualify. Miss Harms won first in the Women's under 16 foil tourney.

100 lbs. - Dave Ragoc(GCW) pinned Chris Warden(S), 5:00.

107 lbs. - Gary Jonik(GCW) won on KO.

114 lbs. - Mark Cline(S) defeated Ken Miller(GCW), 4:00.

121 lbs. - Chuck Miller(GCW) pinned Pat Morrison(S), 2:45.

128 lbs. - Jimmie Morrison(GCW) defeated Scott Fisher(GCW), 4:00.

134 lbs. - Pat Con-Gard(GCW) defeated Paul Cline(S), 5:45.

140 lbs. - Bob Ragoc(GCW) pinned Brad Murray(GCW), 5:47.

147 lbs. - Dan Moran(GCW) pinned Mike Warden(S), 5:21.

154 lbs. - Dave Ragoc(GCW) pinned Jim Miller(GCW), 5:00.

161 lbs. - Mike Tucker(GCW) defeated Phil Brown(S), 5:45.

168 lbs. - John Tucker(GCW) pinned Phil Brown(S), 5:45.

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