



Agony of defeat

There were tears of defeat in the eyes of Sarah Hulse of Birmingham Groves last weekend as she competed along with girl swimmers from throughout the county in the state tournament at Sterling Heights Stevenson High School.

By DUANE BAUMAN, Staff Photographer

Don Adams cashes in

Some professional basketball players light up the court merely by stepping out onto the hardwood. These are the men who get the 30 point games every night, from coast to coast. Their value to the team lies in their ability to create the excitement which in turn manifests large crowds. Their performance doesn't necessarily provide the margin of victory, however. Teams with the league scoring champion have often finished in last place.

Then there are some professional basketball players who make their contribution by hitting the open man with an alert pass, or getting the key rebound. Their play is distinguished only by their selfish style of play. Teams with this type of player have often finished in first place.

Don Adams of Southfield is this type of player. Adams grew up in Atlanta and attended South Fulton High School, where basketball is as competitive as anywhere in the country. During his high school days, Don played against the likes of Walt Frazier, now of the New York Knicks.

FROM GEORGIA, Don traveled north to Chicago to play his college ball at nearby Northwestern University. In addition to his

gaining All-Big Ten stature, Adams performed equally well in the classroom, finishing with a major and two minors. Don was originally drafted by the San Diego team on the eighth round of the NBA draft. Adams is one of the rare examples of an athlete being drafted so low and still making the starting team in the big time as a rookie.

After a brief stop with the Atlanta Hawks, Don came to the Pistons in exchange for a high draft selection. It isn't any coincidence that Don's arrival and the Pistons' emergence as a title contender happened about the same time.

Don is the man whom Coach Ray Scott assigns the unenviable task of guarding the opposition's top scoring forward. In a given week, Adams may go head to head with the likes of Billy Cunningham, Lou Hudson, and Rudy Tomjanovich. And you think your job is tough?

IN SPITE of it all, Don is today one of the most respected players in the league. Adams strength lies in his ability to out-position the other man. Neither exceptionally big nor fast, Don utilizes other means to gain the advantage. Since his acquisition by the Pistons, Don has been a resident of

Southfield. Don appreciates Southfield's close proximity to the major freeways and airports. Several of his friends also live in the community so the convenience is evident.

Don states, "Southfield is a little removed from the city, has just about everything I really need, and allows me to be close to the other players in case of an emergency of any kind."

ADAMS IS A realist, a refreshingly honest and open man. He sees his ability in basketball as an avenue to his future security in another field. "I realize that my career in the game has built-in limitations. The true value of what I do is in moving across the country, meeting people of influence, setting up things for my future. My wife and I are expecting our first child soon, and that's where my first responsibilities are."

"Like any other profession, basketball revolves around the economics of the dollar. I establish my personal value to the team in terms of money. Basketball is just a job, and that's how I see it."

Don is an articulate man, one with eyes that speak a story all their own. It's a bit of a shame that this type of man only gets recognition from those who play against him.

'Blocks of Granite' honored

Vince Lombardi Jr. will be the featured speaker next Tuesday when the Oakland County Unit of the American Cancer Society pre-

sents its "Block of Granite" awards to area high school line men in its annual fund raising dinner.

The dinner will be held at Southfield's Raleigh House (10 Mile Rd. at Telegraph) with local celebrities such as J. P. McCarthy and Ray Lane also slated to be in attendance. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. and dinner is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

The awards are presented annually to the linemen of each participating high school who best represents the spirit of former Green Bay Packer coach Vince Lombardi.

LOMBARDI SERVED with distinction as head coach of the Packers until he was felled by cancer.

In his college days, Lombardi was a member of the Fordham offensive line which became known as "The Seven Blocks of Granite."

Ticket information can be obtained by calling the American Cancer Society at 644-0770.

Blocks of Granite winners: Troy High School, Mark Fern; West Bloomfield High School, Casey Gawronski; Groves High School, George Abatt; Andover High School, Jerry Meter; Rochester High School, Mike Beech; Avondale High School, Richard Strassheim; Laborer High School, Douglas Bonanomi; Seaborn High School, Craig Frye; Detroit Country Day School, Jim Hiney; Cranbrook School, Mark Smith; Brother Rice High School, Kevin Collins; Southfield High School, Mark Arrowsmith; Adams High School, Brad Smith; Farmington High School, Mark Churella; North Farmington High School, Todd Byrne; Harrison High School, Kevin Norton.



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