

Garden City West Crushes Schafer

The Garden City West Express is rolling in basketball again.

Three straight victories...two in the Tri Rivers League...to get the 1969-70 action off in high gear.

What's more, West now has won 18 of its last 19 regularly scheduled games!

The big reason? Well, much falls on the shoulders of Rick Drewitz, a 6-7 senior who already has stamped himself as one of the top schoolboy basketball players in the Detroit area.

The college scouts are flocking to see Drewitz...and they are seeing a lot...like a 33-

point scoring bombardment and a 25-rebound performance in West's 69-57 decision over Schafer last Friday night.

"THIS BOY is a great one," said Chris Babler, the West coach.

"He sure is," chortled a couple of college scouts.

Winning No. 3 without a loss this year wasn't exactly easy for West. Schafer gave West a real battle for three quarters.

West led, 19-16, at the close of the half and 51-49 at the three-quarter mark.

But in the decisive fourth period, it was all West faster

Drewitz whipped in three straight shots shortly after the period began to turn matters into a more comfortable situation for West.

DREWITZ GOT stronger as the game progressed. He was "held" to 11 points and 10 re-

bounds in the first half.

After the intermission he totaled 15 rebounds...but as important he scored 12 points in the third period and 12 more in the final quarter.

Drewitz flipped in 12 baskets during the game and hit on 10 out of 12 attempts from the

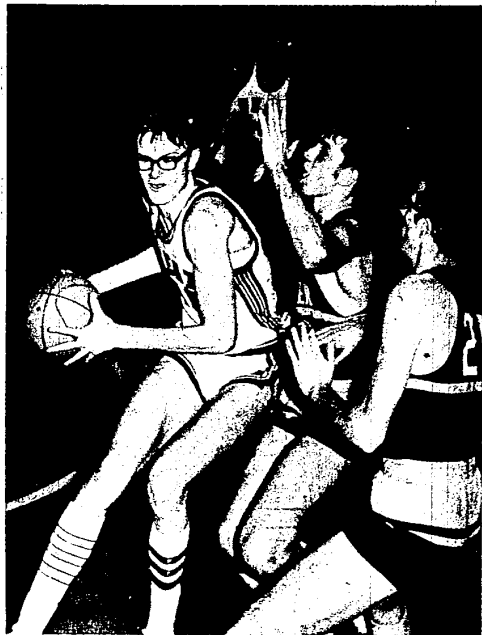
four line.

Teammates Dennis Leszynski and Kirk Lewis added 11 points and 10, respectively, while Gary Clements notched 18 in a losing cause.

West's effectiveness from the foul line helped tremendously in the long run. The winners

dropped in 22 out of 32 in the charity department to Schafer's nine for 15.

It was a big victory for West, since Schafer has been rated one of the top threats to dethrone the Garden City team in the league. Schafer now is 1-1 in conference action.



SHAKING OFF Schafer High defenders is Garden City West's Rick Drewitz as he moves in for a two pointer — he had 35 points for the evening. Note how one defender has hold of Rick's shirt. (Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)

Thurston High's basketball team turned in what one might say was a consistent effort in beating arch rival Redford Union, 61-51 Saturday.

Thurston tallied 15 points in three periods and 16 in the other.

Redford Union, in contrast, had its downs and ups, starting with an eight-point quarter, jumping to 20, then back to 11 and finally finishing with 12.

Coach Mike Pasternak of Thurston praised the defensive

and rebounding work in making possible the fairly easy work.

JEFF GILLEN, who led the winners with 15 points, also was a dominant factor on the boards. So was Leonard Gould.

Larry Marshall chipped in 16 points for Thurston while Gary Zajac has 10 along with Dennis Gengue. Randy Taylor followed with nine in a losing cause.

Thurston never trailed after Gillett lifted in seven points in the first period to get the

South Siders off to a 15-8 edge. Gillett also rifled in seven points in the third period.

The victory was the first in four games for Thurston. Redford Union now is 1-2.

THE NIGHT before had seen the first and fourth periods for Thurston as its bid to get off on the right foot in the Northwest Suburban League's title phase.

Battling Birmingham Groves, Thurston did extremely well in the middle two quarters. But troubles at the

start and at the finish resulted in a 75-43 loss at the hands of the Birmingham team.

Groves jumped ahead, 20-12, after one quarter. But in the second period, Thurston had a 19-15 edge and cut the gap to 35-31 at the intermission.

Again in the third period, Thurston had a slight lead 17-16, and Groves' edge was sliced to just three points, 51-48, entering the final period after Thurston had taken a momentary 65-44 lead.

But then Groves exploded

again in the last period and won without trouble.

SCOTT LOVE whipped in 26 points for the winners, while Tom Rex followed with 22, including 10 in the last quarter to crush the Thurston hopes.

Gillett enjoyed a fine scoring night for Thurston, matching Love's 26 points. Gillett also had eight rebounds.

Gordon Eszes and Larry Marshall followed with 16 points each for Thurston. Marshall notched 10 at his points on free throws.

Thurston Topples RU, 61-51

Consistency Pays Off For Eagles

Trying to figure out why a team gets cold in any sport is something nobody can answer.

Latest to join the mystified group is coach Billy Joe Young of Garden City West's basketball team.

When the intermission arrived in East's game with Lutheran West, the Garden City team was doing reasonably well, leading 29-25.

But after Young gave his charges a "pep" talk, they suddenly bogged down.

A seven-point, third quarter struck East and started the team downhill and ultimately to a 55-53 defeat at the hands of Lutheran West.

"I just don't know what went wrong with our attack," said Young in discussing the second half which netted East only 24 points.

Aggressive defense helped North Farmington to an 82-41 win over Wayne John Glenn Friday on the victors home floor.

The North Farmington Raiders' zone press grabbed Glenn's offense and would let go in the romp. The Raiders had three steals off the zone with less than two minutes gone in the first period as they zoomed to a 12-0 lead.

NORTH FARMINGTON held a 25-12 lead at the end of the first quarter but five of the Glenn's nine points came on free throws, a pattern maintained throughout the game.

Plagued by the Raiders' halfbacks and poor shooting, the Glenn Rockets scored only 10 field goals.

Only two of the players on the Raiders' roster failed to score during the rout. Ken Kikka, a 6-5 senior center, led the first half onslaught with five baskets.

Drew Mahalic, of the Raiders, led scorers for both teams with 18 points. He blistered the nets with five field goals in the third quarter.

The North Farmington baskets seemed to come in bunches. Besides Kikka and Mahalic, sophomore guard Craig Dlouh had a flare, also at the end of the first half. He totaled 10 points during the contest.

Also scoring in double figures for North Farmington was Steven White, who hit 12 and contributed heavily to the winners 54-33 edge in rebounds.

GLENN'S LEADERS were both front liners. Forward Tim Harlow scored 15 and 6-6 center Steve Brown added 13.

North Coach Dick Wilson gave his regulars plenty of rest, besides trying several guest coaches who received Rick Herbin and Tim Driggs, the latter a 5-7 scatter bug, contributed six points each

during the second half.

The win was North Farmington's second of the season. Glenn dropped its third consecutive contest.

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Dlouh	7	2	0
White	2	0	0
Gengie	2	0	0
Hickey	1	0	0
Holmes	1	0	0
Kikka	5	2	13
Harlow	1	0	2
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White	6	0	12
TOTALS	28	10	42

JOHN GLENN	FG	FT	TP
Brown	3	7	13
Harlow	4	6	15
Mayer	1	0	2
McElroy	0	1	1
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SCORE BY QUARTERS	N. Farmington	John Glenn
1st	25	12
2nd	13	22
3rd	18	11
4th	16	16

Churchill 'Bright' In Defeat

The victory-defeat record for Churchill High in basketball isn't exactly a cheerful one. The Livonians have dropped all three of their starts.

But there was a very encouraging note in the 51-43 setback Churchill suffered against Waterford Mont Friday night.

The defense that Churchill played had to be most gratifying, especially in the third period when Mott was held to only three points.

Throughout the period, Churchill kept the pressure on in reducing what had been a 29-18 halftime deficit to 32-30 going into the final period.

But then Mott was able to get going and pull the victory out, although Churchill hung close until the final 75 seconds.

AT THAT stage, Mott was in front by a 44-43 score. But Roger Stradler sank two quick layups which upped Mott's lead to five points.

A missed one-and-one foul situation and a turnover in the closing moments hurt Churchill in its bid to stage a comeback.

Keith Armstrong was high for Churchill with 11 points, while Joe Watson, Ray Young and Jerry Ojace had seven points each.

Mott took an 18-12 lead after one period and made it 29-18 by the half.

Young picked off 13 rebounds for Churchill.



BRUCE DYER, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Dyer of 36511 Munger Ct., Livonia, is the 175-pound Trojan on Southern Cal's Rose Bowl team, tuning up to meet Michigan in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day. Dyer is a sophomore who graduated last year from Riverside H.S. in Dearborn Heights. His father is vocal music director of Redford Union H.S. and Mrs. Dyer teaches English at R.U.

RU Off To Fast Loop Start, Tops Belleville In Thriller

Watch out for Redford Union High's basketball team in the Suburban Six League's title race.

Runrump to Plymouth last season, RU cut off to an auspicious conference start by going overtime to down Belleville 61-56.

Belleville, paced by Garrido Patis, extended its margin to 49-46 at the three-quarter mark, but back came Redford Union to produce three times, the last and most important one when Zajac clicked.

Gary Bevington, the all-star football quarterback at RU, was the big offensive show for

his team in the overtime. He accounted for two baskets, while Taylor's foul shot produced the fifth RU point in the extra session.

REDFORD UNION pressed throughout the extra period and put much pressure on Belleville, the opposition was forced into a series of turnovers.

Zajac wound up with 17 points on seven baskets and three foul shots. Bevington had seven hoops for 14 points while Taylor hit on six baskets and one free loss for 13 points.

Patis with 19 points topped the losers.

The victory evened the RU early record at 1-1.

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Falcon Back Missed In List Of Stars

Sad but true, the Observer goofed in its recent story telling of the Observerland prep football stars who received mention in the all-state and honorable selections of the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press.

Receiving mention as one of Michigan's standout backs was John Welling of Farmington High. Through an error, it was listed as Jim Welling of Clariceville in Class B.

John was one of the top performers for the Falcons and won honorable mention as a Class A back.

Sorry John, but better late than no correction at all.

Rip Thurston

Birmingham Seaholm's defending state Class A swimming champs were too much for Thurston in a dual meet, romping to a 70-55 victory.

Jeff Barringer (100-yard butterfly), Marv Duren (100-yard backstroke) and Tom Hoolcombe (100-yard breaststroke) accounted for the Thurston individual victories.

Barringer was timed in 1:02.2, Duren in 1:03.5 and Hoolcombe in 1:08.4.

Thurston now has won only one of four meets.

6 Down, 45 Seconds Left, But Sorrows Still Wins

Talk about your basketball dramas!

They certainly abounded when Our Lady of Sorrows took an overtime thriller from Ferndale St. James, 70-69, to up its record to 5-1 in the Catholic League's Northwest Division, just a game behind front-running Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Sorrows proved in defeat, that "as long as there's life there's hope."

The Farmington Township team had trailed most of the way, usually not by much more than a few points.

But when the final minute of regulation time rolled around, matters looked pretty gloomy for Sorrows.

St. James was clinging to a 70-69 lead.

The Ferndale cagers tried to

JUST 45 seconds remained. Sorrows still was trailing by six points.

Then the red fireworks began. Bill Robinson flipped in a basket for Sorrows and the team's deficit was cut to four points.

But St. James had the ball. Not for long, however. Ross Patton who was to emerge as the evening's hero, stole the ball, was fouled... and made two free throws.

St. James was squirming. Its lead was cut to 65-63. get the ball up court. No soap. This time it was Dan Feiten who poked the ball loose and when he sank a 12-foot jumper with four seconds to go the score was tied at 65-65.

OVERTIME followed. It was just as hectic as the regulation

Patton then was fouled as the clock showed just four seconds remaining.

The pressure was on, but Patton has been through pressure situations before at Sorrows as a star in basketball, baseball and football.

He popped a charity... and Sorrows completed one of the most stirring comebacks in the young basketball season.

Mike Hart flipped in 19 points, Chris Centers 14 and Don Blouin 12 to top the winners.

Blouin had the hot hand in the first half with 10 points. Centers, a sophomore, scored 10 points in the third and fourth quarters and delivered four more big ones in the overtime.

Bill Moharter led the losers with 18 points.

Foul Misses Prove Costly To Borgess

If they practice free-throw shooting around Bishop Borgess High this week, it will be understandable.

Twenty-four misses in 31 attempts from the charity line didn't help Borgess against Pontiac Catholic Central Friday night. Neither did the fact Borgess was out rebounded, 54-25.

The failure to click in these two vital categories resulted in Borgess dropping a 69-53 decision to Pontiac. It was only the second loss in six starts for Borgess.

Sam Brady rifled in 24 points for the winners who led, 13-11, after one quarter, then pulled away to top Borgess by eight points at the half and 10 going into the first period of action.

Ray Sobocinski continued his line shooting for the losers, flipping in 22 points.

Acquatic Club Has Openings For Members

The Livonia Spartans Aquatic Club, a private club which meets at Stevenson High in Livonia, is accepting new members for the second session which starts Dec. 17 and continues through March.

It is sanctioned by the Livonia Board of Education but not sponsored by it.

The club sponsors competitive swimming for boys and girls from the 10-year-old through high school age.

For additional information on fees and schedules call Club President Donovan at 422-4372 or Carl Fetz, Stevenson High athletic director and club advisor, at 261-1250.

CRISLER RECALLS

Departure of the Michigan football team for the west coast where it will meet Southern California in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day, has revived many stories of the Wolverines' previous appearances in the Classic.

But none of the great tales ever has surpassed one that Fritz Crisler, then the Wolverines' coach, relates about the 1947 victory over Stanford.

That was the game in which Michigan won, 49 to 0, and equaled the performance of "Hurry Up" Yost's "Point-A-Minute" team in the first Rose Bowl game, away back in 1902.

There were many surprising elements of the 1947 game, not the least of which was the ease with which the Wolverines mastered their west coast rivals.

AS THE GAME WORE ON, and it suddenly

dawned on the spectators that Michigan might equal the record score of the first Rose Bowl Classic, even the Stanford rosters took up the chant to equal the score.

And when the late Jim Brieske, known as "Automatic Jim" in those days, kicked the extra point to make the score 49 to 0, the huge gathering went berserk.

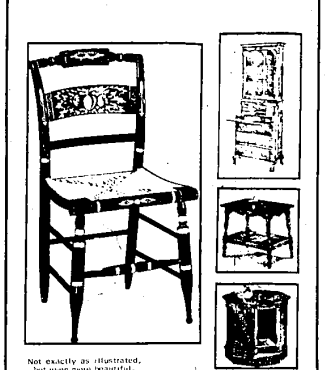
"We, naturally, were elated," Crisler often recalls, "over our victory. An team would be delighted to win the Rose Bowl game."

"But one of my most vivid recollections," he recalls, "was the chap who came up to me as we were leaving the bowl to return to our hotel."

"This chap, who obviously had imbibed a bit too freely, walked over to me and evidently recalling the first game, said—

"Your team hasn't improved a damned bit."

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