

Dearborn, Edsel Ford Become New Members

Suburban Six League To Expand Eight Schools

Welcome aboard Dearborn and Edsel Ford High Schools.

Starting with the 1970-71 school year they'll be members of the expanded Suburban Six League...

With the additions of Dearborn and Edsel Ford, the league likely will be known as the Suburban-Eight League.

GEORGE FEFLES, athletic director at Bentley High, acting as a spokesman for the Suburban Six League said:

"Both Dearborn and Edsel Ford petitioned our league for memberships. We felt that they'd be welcome additions, since many of our schools now engage with Dearborn and Ford in various events."

Fefles said that while the new schools officially become a part of the league next fall, it may be a year or two before both are included

in all the football and basketball schedules of the present members.

There may be some contracts which have to be worked with first," explained Fefles. Dearborn and Ford presently are members with Wayne and Ypsilanti High in the four-team Sault Trail League.

Both have fielded powerful teams in all sports and their additions will make the Suburban loop one of the strongest in the state of Michigan.

"We all have about the same number of students

and similar educational philosophies," added Fefles.

WITH THE NEW entries, each league member now will play seven conference games in football and 14 in basketball. This would leave a maximum of two non-loop titles available in football and two in basketball.

However, Bentley, Plymouth and Redford Union have engaged in only eight-game football schedules in recent years.

Whether they'll go to nine games will be determined at a later time, school officials have indicated.

Stevenson Stays On Top After Jolt By Pontiac

There were no alibis. Pontiac Northern didn't just stopped Stevenson High's winning ways at six in Inter-Lakes League play, 88-76.

They deserved to win," declared Coach George Van Wagoner, whose Stevenson team remained in undisputed possession of first place, a game ahead of Northern, despite the loss.

STEVENSON DIDN'T play badly, either, bouncing back from a 21-21 deficit after the first quarter and a 43-22 deficit at the half, to pull within four

points twice in the final quarter. "Sure, we wanted to win," added Van Wagoner. "Had we, we had clinched a share of the title.

Paul Van Wagoner flipped in 17 points and Russ Greig 12. Ted Exarhas had nine and Mike Swift seven.

Mike Chapman tallied 24 points. Mark Cummings 21 and Charles Muncrief 20 for Northern.

Last Second Goal Wins For Franklin

Don Opland's goal with two seconds on the clock gave the Franklin Rangers a spectacular 3-2 victory over Ann Arbor Huron High's pucksters Monday in the Ford Field Arena in Livonia.

Trenton packed too many guns for Bentley, tallying twice in the opening period and once in the second for the victory. It was the second game of the day for Trenton, which clinched the West Side championship of the International High School League in the afternoon, with an 8-1 triumph over Detroit Country Day.

Robichaud Topples East High

MEMBERS OF the Livonia Board of Education sat in on the second game, Those attending included: Supt. Ron Upton, Board President William Brown, Secretary, Mrs. Geraldine Joyner, Trustees William Craft and John Stymski, Director of Secondary Education Dr. Donald Friedrichs, and Asst. Supt. William Bedell.

But East failed each time and Robichaud exploded to win easily, 61-44, and handed East its sixth league defeat in seven starts in the Mid-Wayne Conference.

What's Doing In Prep Sports

BASKETBALL

Riverview at Garden City East Clarenceville at Andover Bishop Borgess at Aquinas Redford Union at Plymouth Franklin at Groves Churchhill at Walled Lake West Kennedy at Garden City West Glenn at Oak Park Pontiac Northern at Farmington North Farmington at Thurston Ypsilanti St. John's at Sorrows Trenton at Bentley Walled Lake Central at Stevenson

Tuesday Fordson at Franklin North Farmington at Royal Oak Dondoro Farmington at Plymouth Clarenceville at West Bloomfield

Wednesday Farmington at Pontiac Northern Thursday Plymouth at Redford Union Bentley at Trenton Thurston at Stevenson Inkster at Glenn Garden City West at Cherry Hill Riverview at Garden City East

Friday Clarenceville at Andover Saturday Garden City Invitational Monday Clarenceville at Madison

Tuesday Annapolis at Garden City East Franklin at Redford Union Andover at North Farmington Dondoro at Farmington

WRESTLING Thursday Garden City East and Garden City West Fordson at Stevenson Suburban Six League meet at Allen Park Northwest Suburban League meet at Thurston Wayne-Oakland League meet at Clarenceville

Thursday Thurston at Crestwood Redford Union at Garden City East GYMNASICS Wednesday North Farmington at Allen Park Flat Rock at Farmington Kennedy at Clarenceville



TWO POINTS for N. Farmington's Craig Dhue (44) who is shown laying the ball on the edge of the basket. He shook off Birmingham Groves' Jim Burke (21).

Area Prep Swim Ratings

Table with swim ratings for 100 MEXLEY RELAY, 400 FREESTYLE, 100 FREESTROKE, 100 INDIVIDUAL RELAY, and 100 BUTTERFLY. Lists names of swimmers and their times.

Bentley Pain Stars In Loss

Blake Lawless and Roger Simpson each won twice but Bentley High wound up a 60-45 loser in swimming to Belleville in the Suburban Six League.

Lawless captured the 50-yard freestyle in 24.2 seconds and the 100-yard free in 53.2 seconds.

Simpson took the individual medley in 2:17.1 and the backstroke in 1:04.2.

Bentley has a 4-6 record for the season.

Captain Fred Martus (Detroit-St. Cecilia) is the lone senior on Wayne State University's 1969-70 basketball team.

Jim Sarus (Detroit-Plymouth), who enrolled at Wayne State University with an eye to playing varsity baseball, has already won a freshman numeral in football and recently filed in 24 points for the Tartan cage swimming with a 10-15 effort from the field against Albion's cage frosh.

observing sports

What's more certain—next to death and taxes—than a sellout for the State High School basketball finals at East Lansing?

The current edition of the State Prep Association's Bulletin contains an order blank by which the various schools and officials can order tickets for the title games—scheduled for March 22 at Michigan State.

As in the past, there is an extra note that the general public will be able to secure tickets, but only if there are any left following the sale to schools, coaches, referees, etc.

Forget about any public sale. There hasn't been one for several years now, despite the fact they have three separate final programs—one for the Class B schools in the morning, another for the Class C and D in the afternoon, and then the grand wrap-up for Class A in the evening.

The title extravaganza constitutes the major highlight of the year's program as far as interscholastic athletics are concerned.

Everyone who has anything to do with prep sports not only wants to be present... but IS present.

Every principal, depending on the classification of his school, is permitted a maximum number of tickets which he may purchase for the final program. Very few don't like all they can get.

IT'S TO BE NOTED that, while prices for just about everything else are going up, the State Association is holding firm on what it'll charge for the finals.

The price remains \$1.50 and that's for a reserved seat ticket.

So, if you buy a package of tickets for all three finals... it costs you \$4.50 and where in the world is there a better bargain?

The basketball in the finals generally is excellent. It's rare that a poor team gets that far.

The records of most championship teams read something like 19-2, 23-1, and maybe 24-0.

When they talk about CLASS telling, it always has in the state prep basketball tournament. All of which is why it pays to inspect the various state ratings published in the Free Press, News, Pontiac Press, etc.

Look over the names. Remember them. Teams like Pontiac Central, Ferndale, Detroit Kettering and Garden City West all are among the highly ranked in Class A. The odds are that one of them will be in the title game on March 22.

IT'S THE SAME THING among the leading teams in the lower-class ratings. They'll barge through, too, or at least a couple will.

Of course, there's no team which has had more success at East Lansing than River Rouge, winner nine out of 17 years in Class B.

This leads us to wonder why the name of Linton Greene, who has coached the Panthers to all their great moments, doesn't rate major consideration this spring when the voting takes place for the Michigan Hall of Fame.

Good friend Hal Schram of the Friendly Free Press is plugging for Coach Will Robinson of Detroit Pershing, who has produced such brilliant athletes as Spencer Hayward, Ted Sizemore and others, plus a lot of champions.

So, why not Robinson and Greene? It would be the greatest thing that could happen to schoolboy sports.

Do you know something? It won't happen. Most the ballots for the Hall of Fame are controlled by sports editors and radio broadcasters out in the state... and many of them don't like to vote for Detroit-area personalities.

But, wait, we're getting off the subject of the state tournament finals.

THIS YOU KNOW WILL be the end of the setup as we've known it for over 20 years.

Starting in 1971, they'll be alternating the meet between Michigan's new arena and Michigan State.

The overall tournament will be spread over four, instead of just three weeks.

They'll hold the semifinals one Saturday and the finals the next. This will take away some of the glitter from the big Friday-Saturday weekends the schoolmen have known for years.

It'll help to add suspense. The papers, the radio and TV stations now will have an entire week to build up the championship games.

Imagine what that's going to mean to all the eight schools which reach the finals. Who'll be able to think about geometry or physics or home-making... when from Monday until Saturday... the big subject will be a basketball game.

It should make matters very interesting. Time alone will tell.

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