Drewitz Sends Unbeaten Tigers Into Semifinals

Thanks to the brilliance of Rick Drewitz, the spectacular All-Stater, and the finest performance of the season by his mates, Garden City West's unbeaten Tigers registered their 21st consecutive victory to oust Benton Harbor, 82-60 on the Jackson Parkside High court.

The triumph sent West into the semifinals of the state class X hasketball tournament where two more wins

gers, carried a 17-4 record into the battle against. West after upsetting Battle Creek Central team from this section of Western Wayne County to gain a berth in the round of four. Observerland quintets have advanced as far as the quarterinals in the past but none moved to the big cage classic in East Lansing.

BENTON HARBOR, which also has the nickname of Til- score from close in.

Garden City and Al Williams,
Don Hopkins and Gary Harris
ind host hands for Benton Harbor with aix end the Section Harbor with Mark Section Harbor with Mark Section Harbor with Mark Section Harbor was a New Again, 72-98. Drew
itz dribbled in for two points. THE OPENING PERIOD was one that had the crowd alternately cheering and grazing as the lead changed hands seven times before Benton Harbor went ahead, 22.20. There was not point when the two teams took 10 shots and made every one.

Drewtiz had eight points for

THE WESTSTATE outfit

THE WESTSTATE outfit couldn't cope with Drewitz in the third stanza and Garden City opened up a 10 point ead with 2:31 on the clock to practically ice the victory.

Nustad clicked from long range to make it 41:35 shortly after the center jump. Drewitz and Lewis matched field goals with Hopkins and free throws by Harris and John Gorton

with Hopkins and free throws by Harris and John Gorton made the score 45-41 after three minutes. West was in front 49-43 midway through the period when Lewis, John Rutter and Drewitz hit three times and widened the gap to 55-55 with 2:31 in the quarter.

Benton Harbor rallied in the closing moments and wound up trailing 62-55 going into the final frame.

training 8-25 going into the final frame. Benton Harbor twice was within seven points in the last eight minutes but there wasn't any question of the final outcome. Each time West pulled away and finally opened up a. 75-61 gap.

That was the end for the weststate Tigers—they started fouling to try and halt Garden City and that brought a succession of free throws for an 88-65 sion of free throws for an 88-65.

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Will Robinson Spectacular With His Last Prep Quintet

By George Maskin Observer Sports Editor

EAST LANSING
The story of Garden City
West in the Class A semifinals
made for one of the more
dramatic features of the annual state high school basketball championships' windup
here this week.

here this week.

So did the presence ofDetroit Pershing.

West comes from a community where basketball has
boomed prominently in recent
years.

IT STARTED OVER at crosstown Garden City East, where they have had some dandy teams over the years. Then West came into the picture and, in particular, the Drewitz brothers. Dwayne and Rick.

Rick.
The brothers combined a

One knows the story of his accomplishments, all league, all suburban all area all-state and likely a member of the forthcoming All American squads.

He came into Michigan State Josies of the state of

TWO POINTS FOR WEST. Rick Drewitz, Garden City's All-State center who had 39 points, shows how he shook off Benton Harbor defenders. His one hander split the cords and started his team to the 82-66 victory and a berth in the semifinals. (Observer photo by Craig Geffield)

He came into Michigan State Jenison Field House Friday night like so many greats in the past — a player who quickly was singled out...a player who quickly drew the attention of the fans.

Then he went over to De-troit Eastern in the era of Reggie Harding, who's spend-ing these days down the road apiece at Jackson Prison.

player understanding to the fans.

He's a player, too, who is headed for more stardom in college. Now that the prep season has ended, he'll make his choice.

Rick can write his own ticket.

THEN THERE WAS Detroit Pershing in the semilinal field. Call the Doughboys the glant-killers of the earlier rounds. They hadn't figured to go this far.

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WILL ALWAYS has wanted to coach in college. He applied for the job at the University of Detroit.

He was turned down. Maybe because he's a black man.
But opportunity has struck for Robinson to coach in college—at Illinois State. So he's leaving Detroit and Michigan after the current school year ends.

ends.
Hence, it couldn't make for a better story...the Doughboys from Pershing and Robinson playing here in the state windup on this particular occa-

The expectations were that neither Pershing or Garden City West would repeat in the final booty. But, that might be



Hockey Loses Longtime Fan To Prep Basketball

(Elly, cooking expert of the Observer Newspapers, was given the assignment of writing a story of the quarterlinols from the women's cangle. It was the first tip to the stole tourney and here is how she found the game).

The baskethall tournament has done it!
It may sound unfaithful, and fickle, but the Garden City West Tigers have replaced Gordie Howe and Frank Mahoulich in my affections.
Their poise and fine play in the game with the Bentom Harbor Tigers confirmed it.

THERE WERE some anx-

Then it will be back to 8:30 pm, post and that means fass will be leaving the track around midnight instead of 11 p.m. as at Windsor Raceway. The reason - President Don MacFarlane is a firm believer in allowing his help to work double shifts and it seems that the Detroit Nace Course will open on April 20 and the mooner track to the other. So, the genial Hazel Park president decided to move the post time back 45 minutes to make sure he has an adequate staff of mutuel clerks.

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was almost raised with "their" confident cheers.
Our Tiger mascot looked hot and rather forlorn when she raised her furry mask. When questioned later, she was anything but forlorn. Mary McCluskey had voluntered for the mascot role and had worn the Tiger suit for most of the basketball season.

THE FASS were all these.

THE FANS were all there, from babes in arms to senior citizens.

When the teams first apeared on the floor I agreed Rep. James Tierney, who

OUR HERO -- That's what Coach Chris Babler is to the members of the unbeaten Garden City West squad. The starters grabbed Chris after the victory over Benton Harbor and this is the way he was toted to the dressing room. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

had come down from Lansing, said after the game that it was one of the greatest things that ever happened for Garden City.

Mayor Tim Murphy was a beaming rooter.

IT WAS interesting to (over) hear that Rick Drewitz and Gary Nustad play a tot of tendent of the state of the

Cheerleaders, both varsity and JV were a credit to their team and school.

And the officials—there was real dramatic action in every call--no lack-luster perform-ance there.

SO THERE you have it, the perfect script, the perfect plot. The super star, Drewitz, performing just as he should; perfect plot, the lesser stars coming through with great performances, while the cheerleaders and officials maintain the action in their own inimitable ways.

There is no audience The fans are a part of it all, amxiously and personally in-volved in every cue and mis-

And if you're a Garden City Tigers fan, you're exhausted but exuberant. (Some claim to have had a "pressure" head-ache since the tourney began, as if it were a badge of honor.)

But you couldn't miss the next game.

U-D Coach Headlines RU Clinic

Bob Miller, varsity baseball coach at the University of Detroit, will be the featured speaker at the second session of the baseball clinic at Red-ford Union High Monday at 7: 30.

The clinic, open to all persons in the area interested in capaching or managing a learn property of the pr

coaching or managing a team coaching or managing a team in the summer programs in the area, is under the direction of RU Coach Bob Atkins.
Others on the panel are: RU Assistant Coach Milo Karhu and Curtis Kinlock.

Livonian Helps Win

State Crown

Sparked by the play of Don Finn, 17563 Rexwood, Livonia, the Marquette Machinery sex-tet won the Michigan Bantam division hockey championship with a 4-0 victory over Sault Ste Marie Don scored two of the four

goals.

Marquette will go to Sault
Ste. Marie next weekend for
the national championships.

13 Is Lucky For Holmes Junior High

Juntor High
Just to prove tha 13 isn't an
unlucky number, the Livonia
Holmes Junior High quintet
won its 13th straight game and
the Metropolitan Detroit champlouship at the same time.
The Livonians won in the
final three seconds on a pair of
free throws by Jim Gilland,
beating Dearborn Stout, 44-42.
Holmes won 11 straight in
regular competition and then
added two more triumphs in
the tournament.

when it is completed.

At last look the glass front has been installed in the new structure through the second and third levels. Workmen have been busy with the interior work since the close of the Jackson-at-Northville meeting in December.

Then will come the complete the second of the second o

It was a long time coming. Commissioner who believes we have the best group of horses commissioner who believes we have the best group of horses commissioner who believes we have the best group of horses commissioner who believes we have the best group of horses to commissioner who believes we have the best group of horses to the formal things and the search of the first time in years and trotters take over. For the first time in years hazel Park where the pacers and trotters take over. For the first time in years hazel Park will send the standardbreds to the post at 7:48 will make the most money and that Park will be feetile will be feetile for only a month. Then it will be back to 8:39 pm. post and that means fans will be feetile for only a month. Then it will be back to 8:30 pm. post and that means fans will be feetile for only a month. Then it will be back to 8:30 pm. post and that means fans will be feetile for only a month. Then it will be back to 8:30 pm. post and that means fans will be feetile for only a month. Then it will be back to 8:30 pm. post and that means fans will be feetile for only a month. Then it will be back to 8:34 pm. post and that means fans will be feetile for only a month. Then it will be back to 8:34 pm. post and that means fans will be feetile for only a month. The previous record a were again to a feetile for only a month. The previous record average handle for Hazel Park was studied an individual for the feetile for only a feetile for onl



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in December.

Then will come the race with the opening date when crews move in to install the seats, kitchen equipment and such. It is worth your time to drop into Northville to view the building. It won't be a waste of time. You can inspect the building and also watch horses workout in the morning hours. There are some 500 quartered at the 'Downs and quite a few will not ship crosstown to Hazel Park.