

Prep Gymnastic Ratings

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The rankings follow:

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PARALLEL BARS

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5. D. Healy (NF) 6.05	6. T. Bownicki (NF) 6.00	7. C. Chapman (NF) 5.95	8. R. Gorman (NF) 5.90
9. N. Carrel (NF) 5.85	10. L. Wooten (NF) 5.80		

TUMBLING

1. R. Struk (K) 6.50	2. R. Mills (K) 6.35	3. J. Waterstone (K) 6.30	4. T. Bownicki (NF) 6.25
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FLOOR EXERCISE

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5. D. Healy (NF) 5.90	6. T. Bownicki (NF) 5.85	7. C. Chapman (NF) 5.80	8. R. Gorman (NF) 5.75
9. N. Carrel (NF) 5.70	10. L. Wooten (NF) 5.65		

TRAMPOLINE

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GROVES' Scott Love (54) and Tom Rex (32) reach high for a rebound in a struggle with two unidentified Franklin high cagers. The Birmingham quintet had little trouble maintaining its undefeated string in the Northwest Suburban League, winning 73-37. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

Northville Plans Big Q At Meeting

With an agreement reached with the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association on purses, Northville Downs is ready for the opening of Michigan's earliest racing season on Feb. 3.

Executive Manager John Carlo announced an agreement with the MHHA after a lengthy meeting last Thursday in which he approved a 45 percent share of the track's take of the mutual handle for the horsemen's purses.

Then he announced that Northville Downs will introduce the Big Q (Big Quella) for the first time in Michigan for the 44-night winter meeting.

Carlo refused to have any part of the Big Perfecta last season and went on a schedule that included wagering on 10 races and a daily double.

Now he has reversed signals and will have the Big Q on the fifth and sixth races Monday through Thursday with a Perfecta pool nightly on the 10th race.

THE Big Q, which finds the better picking the horses to run one-two or two-one in each race, proved popular when introduced in Florida last winter and in the summer at Atlantic Seaboard tracks.

"It appears that those sending money through the mutual machines like gimicks," said Carlo. "I never had much love for the Big Perfecta but I believe our patrons will find the Big Q interesting and attractive. We will have a Perfecta on the final race each evening, giving customers a total of 13 betting pools for a single program."

Carlo also announced changes in track personnel with Lou Carlo taking over as mutuels manager as the major shift.

The meeting opens Feb. 3 and continues through March 25, marking Michigan's first taste of actual winter racing.

Groves Smothers Franklin, 73-37

Who's going to haul down Birmingham Groves in its bid to repeat as Northwest Suburban League basketball title?

Franklin High was the last to try and wound up on the short end of a 73-37 score.

As a result, Groves now is 4-0 in the league and took a 7-2 overall mark against unbeaten Southfield Tuesday night in what shaped up as one of the biggest battles of the season in the area.

GROVES DID HAVE its problems getting started against Franklin... cold shooting hurting the team as it made only 10 of 42, but still

Groves led 28-16 at the intermission.

There was no containing the Groves shooters thereafter as they dropped in 17 out of 31 in the second half outscoring Franklin, 20-4, in the third period and 25-15 in the fourth.

Scott Love again led Groves, this time with 23 points while Dallas Haun followed with 15. No member of the Franklin team finished in double figures.

Love counted 11 points in the first half and 12 thereafter to turn in a balanced performance.

The winners had a big edge in rebounds, 55-37, with Love leading with 17, followed by Haun with 11.

The box score:

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL

FRIDAY

Bentley at Redford Union
Stevenson at Southfield Lathrop
Garden City West at Crestwood
Plymouth at Allen Park
Garden City East at Taylor Center
Southfield at Ferndale
Chubb at Franklin
Brother Rice at Notre Dame
Agnes at Bishop Borgess
Mt. Carmel at St. Agatha
Serrano at St. Mary's
Waterford at Farmington
Oak Park at North Farmington
Harrison at Waterford Mont
Groves at John Glenn
Clarenceville at Milford

TUESDAY

Dearborn at Chubbville
WHENTLING
WEEKENDS

THURSDAY

Stevenson at Farmington
North Farmington at Oak Park
Walled Lake Western at Harrison
Hethelton Union at Beavertown
Southfield Lathrop at Walled Lake
Chubbville at Waterford Mont
Garden City East at Wayne
Franklin at Dearborn
Milford at Clarenceville

FRIDAY

Garden City West at Dearborn
Ferndale at Southfield

SATURDAY

North Farmington Invitational

TUESDAY

Chubbville at Northville
Ferndale at Garden City East
Serrano at Clarenceville

HOCKEY

SATURDAY

Stevenson vs. Chubbville at Ford
Area

SWIMMING

THURSDAY

Redford Union at Beavertown
Chubbville at Stevenson
Garden City West at Farmington
North Farmington at Oak Park
Allen Park at Plymouth
Garden City East at Ann Arbor
Dearborn at Franklin

FRIDAY

Ferndale at Southfield

MONDAY

Madison at Clarenceville

TUESDAY

North Farmington at Redford Union
Stevenson at Plymouth
Southfield Lathrop at Royal Oak
Kimball
Garden City West at Crestwood
Wayne at Garden City East
Hazel Park at Dearborn

GYMNASTICS

WEDNESDAY

Clarenceville at Farmington
North Farmington at Ann Arbor
Plymouth
Taylor Center at Harrison

There are at least two happy homes in Observerland.

One's in Westland, the other in Southfield.

Westland is home to veteran forward Terry Dischinger of the Pistons. Catcher Bill Freehan of the Tigers calls Southfield home.

If you talk with Dischinger, he's singing these days for a couple of reasons - the way the Pistons are going, the way he is personally enjoying one of his best seasons in a long time.

THERE WERE THOSE who were beginning to say that Dischinger, the one-time Purdue University star was over the hill the past couple of years when he slipped considerably after returning from two years of service in the army.

It was evident that Dischinger wasn't the Dischinger the Pistons knew before the army called.

He might have started feeling sorry for himself. He could really have been "down" late last season when he banged up a knee and required knee surgery.

But Dischinger isn't that type. No sooner did he leave the hospital than he was off to Memphis, Tenn. on a two-fold mission: 1 - to enroll as a freshman in medical school; 2 - to get started on a rehabilitation program for his knee.

By the time the Pistons went to camp in the fall, nobody could have sensed that Dischinger's knee had undergone the knife. He checked in at Ypsilanti in perfect shape and rarin' to go.

He didn't talk about it, but in his work in dental school, he rated No. 1 scholastically. His wife, Mary, proudly passed along the information.

Dischinger hasn't regained the 20-point scoring average he once boasted in the National Basketball Association. His average is about half, but that doesn't make any difference.

He's getting in plenty of playing time, he's making the big points and doing a fine job on defense.

More important, the Pistons have become a winner and when you win, everybody joins in the celebrations.

NOW TO SWING UP to the other end of Observerland... to the Freehan homestead.

Tiger fans remember what kind of a season 1970 was for the team's No. 1 catcher. His batting fell off, his receiving slipped.

For a long time, Freehan didn't say much, nor did the Tigers. But finally, when it was evident that the Tigers were going no place and that Freehan no longer could stand the daily pain, he underwent surgery to correct a back problem.

There were long weeks that followed with a heavy harness to protect where the doctors cut.

But, there's no question now that Freehan is set to go again within a month when the Tigers head for Lakeland for their first business under new manager Billy Martin.

Freehan showed up the other evening with a neat beard, but you can bet that it'll be gone by the time spring drills begin.

Can't you just see Freehan trying to flip the mask off and it becomes all tangled up in the whiskers?

A HEALTHY and sound Freehan naturally will make a big difference to the Tigers. They have no solid catcher on the roster, except Freehan.

A Jim Price is nice to have around, but not for every day work behind the plate and with the bat.

Freehan has rated among the best catchers in the business now for several years. Just about every team would like to make a deal for him, but it's no soap, say Martin and general manager Jimmy Campbell.

There's always been a soft spot in our heart for Freehan. After all, wasn't he the kid who would regularly visit his grandparents across the street from us on Cheyenne?

And wasn't he the young man you took to New York for the Hearst All Star game where he was the talk of the big city and every major league scout who took a look at him?

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MSU Honors Area Runners

Two Observerland residents have been honored for their athletic prowess at Michigan State University.

Kim Hartman, of Southfield, has been awarded a varsity letter in cross country. And Douglas Kartis, of Livonia, Stevenson, has earned a freshman numeral in the same sport.

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