

# GC East Faces Inkster In 'Must' Game Friday

If there's such a thing as a MUST basketball game, it's coming Friday night when Garden City East entertains Inkster.

It'll be a duel between the Mid-Wayne League's top teams. Inkster is 6-9 after the first of the season and East is right behind with a 5-1 mark. "We must win this one," said Coach Billy Joe Young of East after his charges turned in a brilliant 61-48 win

at Taylor Center.

"If we beat Inkster, we're tied. If we lose, well, I don't want to think about that," Inkster beat East, 76-65, in the earlier meeting but Young says that while his own team "has improved considerably, so has Inkster."

The East coach feels it'll be a slam-bang game all the way.

EAST IN WHAT amounted to another "must" game at Taylor, broke away in the third period after holding only a 24-21 tie at halftime. In the third period, East

exploded for 23 points to eight for Taylor as a full court press forced Taylor into four quick turnovers. Meantime, East went wild in shooting, dropping in eight of 13 as Dave Jackson led the surge with 12 points on his own. Jackson carried the brunt

of the East attack all evening. He finished with 11 baskets and seven free throws for 29 points—the only East player in double figures.

Greg Puihes with nine, Jeff DeHarte with eight, Mike Roller seven, Ron Chomick six and Rick Palmer two rounded out the

East scoring.

The win was the second of the week in league play for East.

ON TUESDAY, the team had romped past Riverside, 80-60, on the three prong shooting of Jackson, Puihes and DeHarte. Jackson scored 21 points,

Puihes 20 and DeHarte 15 while Jackson nailed 14 rebounds in a game in which the regulars didn't play much more than a half.

"It was a big week for us," said Coach Young, "but now we're down to certainly our biggest week and our biggest game of the league season."

## Hot Falcons Go Cold And Lose

Take the word of Coach Ken Dean, North Farmington High's basketball team never played better than in the first 12 minutes against Oak Park.

Hitting on 15 out of 28 shots during the spree, the Raiders "were as perfect as any team could be," according to Dean.

SUDDENLY, the game took an about face. Oak Park pressured North Farmington into turnovers and when it was all over, Oak Park was the winner, 58-56.

"It's hard to explain why a team should suffer the about-face we did," said Dean. "We were playing so well."

Once Oak Park started to pressure, the North Farmington team slipped to 39-32 at

the half and then Oak Park went in front by two after three quarters, 58-56.

The Raiders kept close the rest of the way, but Oak Park cashed on seven out of

nine free throws in the closing period to keep its lead.

A brilliant 29 point effort by all-state football quarterback Drew Mahalik went for

naught as far as North Farmington was concerned.

Mike Gow, another football ace, came up with 15 points, more than Craig Dhue.

MEANTIME, Oak Park had four men in double figures, led by Nate Kerner with 18 points. Rick Seid had 14, Larry Foote 13 and Jeff Sherman 10.

Six of Sherman's points came on foul shots in the closing moments.

The team rebounded on an even keel, 11-11, in the first

half, but thereafter Oak Park had a 26-21 advantage.

But in the end it was the turnovers which hurt the Raiders.

## Tips Stevenson, 69-66, For Third In Row

# Lathrup Holds Off Champs

As far as Southfield Lathrup High's basketball team is concerned, the year of 1971 has to be just wonderful. Lathrup is the team which didn't win in the 1970 portion of the campaign. Five games, five losses.

But since '71, Lathrup has played three games in the Inter-Lakes Conference and won them all.

Friday it was defending champ Livonia Stevenson which felt the sting of the new Lathrup surge. The final

score was 69-66 in one of the most thrilling games the area has seen in a long time.

The jolt was a tough one for Stevenson. It was the Livonians' second loss in league action and hardly helps their hopes to haul in another title.

MEANTIME, LATHRUP with its 3-2 record that matches Stevenson's, shapes up as the team to watch in the second half of the league chase, which begins Friday

when Lathrup takes on Walled Lake Central while Stevenson faces Farmington.

There was little difference between Lathrup and Stevenson.

The teams played to a 17-17 standoff in the first period which ended on a 25-foot desperation shot by Bob Malahy, of Lathrup, that tied the score.

Lathrup took a point lead in the second period and added two more points to its advantage in the third pe-

riod. Those three points held up the rest of the way.

In the end it again was the play of three Lathrup sophomores — Malahy, Dan Wilmoth and Ed Hoener — that helped dominate the game.

Malahy, a transfer student from New York and in his first year on Lathrup, not only scored 25 points, but also sparked with his floor work. Wilmoth had 15 points along with Hoener.

MEANTIME, a brilliant 30

point effort by Stevenson's Ted Exarhos went out the window. He also had 15 rebounds as he kept his team in the thick of contention all the way.

Lathrup built up a 49-41 lead in the third period before Exarhos and Kelly Smith cut it to 50-47 at the three quarter mark.

Lathrup hit on 28 out of 55 attempts for 54 per cent while Lathrup fired in 26 out of 70 for 37 per cent.

The box score:

<b>LATHRUP</b>	G	F	P
Wilmoth	5	5	15
Malahy	9	7	25
Ruhl	5	0	10
Kontny	1	0	2
Hoener	7	1	15
Vogelie	1	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>69</b>

<b>STEVENSON</b>	G	F	P
Smith	4	2	10
Greshock	4	2	10
Nacy	1	0	2
Exarhos	11	8	30
Glatsiano	1	0	2
Hoaske	3	2	8
Halberman	2	0	4
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<b>Lathrup</b>	17	16	17	19	69
<b>Stevenson</b>	17	15	17	19	69

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## Bentley Trio Leads Ratings In Swimming

Two Bentley High swimmers, Steve Grant and Blake Lawless, and the Bulldogs'

freestyle relay team have top billing in the weekly ratings of Observer-Land.

Grant is leading the 200-yard individual medley with a clocking of 2:10.5 and Lawless is outdistancing all in the 100-freestyle and the 100-backstroke.

Churchill High's Ward Squires has a big edge in the 100-butterfly with :57.3 and Mike Stokey, of Redford Union is the top distance swimmer with a time of 1:57.4 in the 200-freestyle and a clocking of 4:12.1 in the 400 freestyle.

The area ratings:

200 MEDLEY RELAY	
North Farmington (Conklin, Peterson, Munro, Shuchat)	1:54.5
Plymouth (LaBlanc, Kinders, Krav, Bender)	1:50.3
Bentley (Lawless, Marshall, Grant, McKee)	1:50.4

200 FREESTYLE	
M. Stokey (RU)	1:57.4
S. Powers (B)	1:58.8
G. Grant (B)	1:59.2
J. Orlowski (NF)	2:00.3
T. Stokey (RU)	2:01.8

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	
G. Grant (B)	2:10.2
R. Simpson (B)	2:12.3
M. Rade (B)	2:14.0
T. Gresham (F)	2:16.4
P. Kuchner (RU)	2:16.5

50 FREESTYLE	
S. Finley (F)	23.2
R. Reed (RU)	23.6
B. Lawless (B)	23.8
K. Connolly (B)	23.7
T. Burns (NF)	23.7

DIVING	
B. Carr (NF)	210.2
R. Schulz (RU)	212.3
M. Wallman (F)	214.0
M. Barker (B)	216.4
M. McKee (F)	216.5

100 FREESTYLE	
B. Lawless (B)	81.6
S. Finley (F)	82.0
R. Reed (RU)	82.5
G. Grant (B)	82.8
S. Powers (B)	82.9
W. Burns (NF)	83.5

100 BUTTERFLY	
W. Squires (B)	87.3
J. Thompson (B)	88.8
G. Grant (B)	89.0
R. Simpson (B)	89.7
P. Kuchner (RU)	89.8

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B. Lawless (B)	81.6
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R. Reed (RU)	82.5
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T. Burns (NF)	82.8

400 FREESTYLE	
M. Stokey (RU)	4:12.3
T. Stokey (RU)	4:18.0
G. Grant (B)	4:18.6
S. LeClair (F)	4:19.6
R. Peterson (NF)	4:26

100 BACKSTROKE	
B. Lawless (B)	1:01.1
M. Rade (B)	1:01.9
S. Powers (B)	1:01.9
W. Squires (B)	1:01.4

100 BREASTSTROKE	
J. Powers (F)	1:07.4
M. Kinders (F)	1:07.8
S. Warren (B)	1:09.3
R. Simpson (B)	1:09.3
R. Peterson (NF)	1:09.3
M. McKee (B)	1:09.3

400 FREESTYLE RELAY	
Bentley (Connolly, Lawless, Powers, Grant)	3:33.9
N. Farmington (Peterson, Orlowski, Marshall, Shuchat)	3:33.9
Redford Union (Kuchner, Marshall, Charles, Reed)	3:40.0

LEGEND - Churchill (C), Redford Union (RU), North Farmington (NF), Bentley (B), Plymouth (P), Marshall (M), Thornton (T), Farmington (F), Farmington Harrison (H).

## Waterford Turns Back Falcons In Overtime

It was a battle of Inter-Lakes League winless but they didn't play that way.

Waterford High had to go overtime before nosing out Farmington High, 72-70, when Carl Whetstone clicked on a jump shot with only 10 seconds left in the extra period.

It was Farmington's fifth loss in as many league starts and left the team with a 2-7 overall mark while Waterford now is 2-5 overall and 1-4 in the league.

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FARMINGTON STRUCK back in the second half after trailing 31-27 at the half. The Falcons had taken an 18-13 lead in the first period, only to be outscored, 20-9, in the second.

Farmington finally tied the game at 44-44 at the end of regulation time.

Paul Kupferschmidt shot the Falcons into a 70-70 tie with 70 seconds left in the overtime before Whetstone delivered the winning shot.

Waterford had five of its

six players in double figures with Hubbell's 10 baskets

seizing high honors. High man for Farmington was Bob Chapman with 29 points on 13 baskets and three fouls. Kupferschmidt was next with 18 and Dan Steink drilled in 11.

Free throws actually decided the game. Farmington had a 32-30 edge in baskets, but in free throws Waterford made 12 out of 21 while the Falcons managed to drop only six out of 16.

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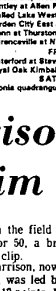
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## Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL	
Redford Union at Trenton	
Stevenson at Farmington	
Walled Lake Central at Southfield	
Lathrup	
Malvindale at Garden City West	
Bentley at Plymouth	
Allen Park at Bentley	
Churchill at Eden Ford	
Stevenson at Garden City East	
Southfield at R.O. Kimball	
North Farmington at Franklin	
Oak Park at Groves	
Thornton at Union	
Northville at Clarensville	
U. of D. High at Brother Rice	
Bentley at Cabell	
Soroka at Ft. Lorain	
Wayne St. Mary at St. Agatha	
Plymouth at Harrison	
SATURDAY	
Plymouth at Harrison	
SWIMMING	
THURSDAY	
Trenton at Redford Union	
Stevenson at Farmington	
Franklin at North Farmington	
Garden City West at Wayne	
Plymouth at Bentley	
Garden City East at Robichaud	
Glenn at Thornton	
FRIDAY	
Waterford at Stevenson	
Reynolds at Kimball at Southfield	
GYMNASIUM	
WEDNESDAY	
Farmington at Taylor	
Harrison at Westford	
Flat Rock at Clarensville	
SATURDAY	
Kennedy at Clarensville	
WRESTLING	
THURSDAY	
Walled Lake Central at Farmington	
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It was a brilliant showing that Harrison put on, considering the fact it has no sen-

iors on its team or in the school.

Yet the Farmington cagers led, 36-35, at the half and were tied at 48-48 going into the final period.

Mott then made its winning move as Dave Miller led the way with 20 points. Mott scored on 27 out of 59

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