

Sites Switched For Cagers In State Play

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Coming up in two weeks — Michigan's annual high school basketball tournament.

It's the March Madness and it will start the first week in March with 131 district tournaments from one end of the state to the other.

The district winners advance to the regionals... the regional champs to the quarterfinals... the quarterfinal winners to the state semifinals... then the finals in four classes.

The spotlight can't help but focus on Overland teams

and schools when the lid goes up on this year's state meet.

FOR ONE THING, two of the state's top ranked teams — Southfield in Class A and Country Day in Class C — fly the Observer-area colors.

Southfield has been ranked anywhere from second to fourth in the various ratings as the Blue Jays have soared through a perfect campaign so far.

Country Day, another winner of all its games, rates with the top five in the Class C ranks.

Then, too, there are such teams as Garden City West, a

semifinalist a year ago and conceded a good chance to go places again; Livonia Bentley, a perennial powerhouse; and Birmingham Groves, which has repeated as the Northwest Suburban League champs.

There always are surprises when tournament time rolls around, so watch out for such teams as Garden City East, Thurston and Plymouth.

Overland teams will contest in 11 of the state-wide district meets.

Southfield will host its own district and one surprise is that nearby Southfield

Lathrup is not in the same district with the Blue Jays.

THE SPLITTING of the two schools appears to be part of a new "break-up" of teams for the tourney.

In the past, the Class A Livonia teams usually have been in the same district. Not any more. Bentley and Stevenson go to Farmington while Franklin and Churchill play at Franklin.

All of which means that it's possible for a community like Southfield and Livonia to produce a pair of district champs for the first time.

Here's the way the area teams have been assigned for district tournaments:

AT DETROIT CODY — Bishop Borgess with Cody, Cogley, Henry Ford and Redford — all Detroit public teams.

AT FERRDALE — Southfield Lathrup with Berkley, Ferrdale, Hazel Park, Madison-Lamphere and Oak Park.

AT SOUTHFIELD — Southfield with Redford Union, Thurston, Dearborn, Fordson, Dearborn Heights and Crestwood.

AT FARMINGTON — Farmington hosts North

Farmington, Bentley, Stevenson and West Bloomfield.

AT FRANKLIN — Franklin hosts Churchill, Plymouth, Garden City East, Garden City West and Cherry Hill.

AT BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM — Seaholm along with Groves, Brother Rice, Bloomfield Andover, Bloomfield Lahser and Lake Orion.

AT NEW BOSTON — New Boston with Westland John Glenn, Wayne, Taylor, Romulus and Taylor Kennedy.

AT NORTHVILLE — Northville entertains Farmington Harrison, Clarenceville, Inkster, Riverside.

Class C

AT DEARBORN ST. ALPHONSUS — Our Lady of Sorrows plays there with Dearborn St. Alphonsus, Dearborn Sacred Heart, Novi, Wayne St. Mary and Mt. Carmel.

AT REDFORD ST. MARY — St. Agatha travels there to play St. Andrew, St. Francis de Sales, St. Hedwig, St. Rita.

AT ORTONVILLE — Country Day along with Ferrdale St. James, Goodrich, Orchard Lake St. Mary and Ortonville-Brandon.



UNDER THE WIRE to register his third straight victory at Northville Downs' midwinter meeting is Hudson's Laddie, piloted by Charley Van Dorsten of Battle Creek. The unbeaten pacer was clocked in 2:08.2, fastest time of the season, in continuing his streak.

Borgess Faces Redeemer In First Playoff Test

It's tournament time for Bishop Borgess' basketball team.

Borgess goes after First Division honors starting Sunday in the Catholic League when eight teams begin play in the University of Detroit Memorial Building.

A 76-58 win over Dearborn Sacred Heart enabled Borgess to wind up the regular season with a 10-4 record, tied with Aquinas for the West Side divisional flag.

SINCE BORGESS beat

Aquinas twice, it goes to the tourney as the West champ.

Borgess will meet Holy Redeemer at 6:30 p.m. after Aquinas meets DeSalle at 3:30 p.m. and Shrine faces Redford St. Mary at 5.

Favored Catholic Central faces East Catholic at 8 p.m. in the finale of the card.

Borgess had to rally to win over Sacred Heart by exploding with a 24-11 uprising in the final period.

A basket by substitute center Craig Scott tied the game at 62-62 and then Borgess

took off on scoring of Mark Sopko, Greg Battle and sub Chris Renaud to put the game out of reach.

Sopko had eight of his 17 points in the final period while Renaud and Battle each had six in the period. Battle led with 21 points and Jeff Crowley pitched in 10.

Borgess is hopeful that regular center Bob Davis, out of action for two weeks with a chipped bone in his ankle, will be ready for Sunday's game.

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL SUNDAY

Bishop Borgess vs. Holy Redeemer at U-D Memorial Building, 6:30.

TUESDAY

Lathrup at Hazel Park. Southfield at Farmington. North Farmington at Walled Lake Central.

Royal Oak Dossiers at Harrison. West Bloomfield at Clarenceville.

WRESTLING TUESDAY

Walled Lake Western at North Farmington.

SWIMMING TUESDAY

Thurston at Riverview.

Farmington at Dearborn.

If you were born this week your sign is...



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(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

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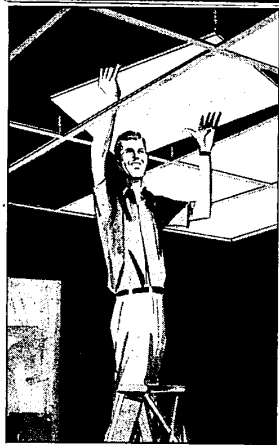


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Dramatics marked Dearborn High's 53-51 non-league basketball victory over Livonia Stevenson.

Only three seconds remained when Brian Lowry fired up a rebound that dropped through the hoop to

Ridgers Top St. Clair In Second Half

Some torrid second half shooting enabled Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge team to beat St. Clair, 62-74.

Orchard Ridge hit only 33 per cent in the first half, dropping in 12 of 36 while playing St. Clair to a 33-33 standstill.

In the second half, Orchard Ridge dropped in 22 out of 33 for 58 per cent and pulled away to an easy victory.

Rayfield Goss led five Orchard Ridge players in double figures with 21 points.

Other Ridge scoring was by Lesnau 14, Wilson 2, McGowan 15, Brown 17, Hinton 10 and Walters 3. St. Clair's Duwayne Johnson took game honors with 29 points.

Eagle Matmen Rip Crestwood

Thurston wrestlers ended dual meet competition with a 28-16 victory over non-league Crestwood. It lifted the Eagles to an 8-3 overall mark.

Thurston winners:

- 105 - Jim Mathewy, pin.
- 108 - Jim Roy, dec.
- 129 - Craig Royce, dec.
- 141 - Dave Knoll, dec.
- 148 - Greg Scott, dec.
- 158 - Don Harvey, pin.
- 170 - Rick Ulrey, dec.
- Heavyweight - Jim Wiebeck, dec.

No. 35 Award

Don Didlake, three-time Wayne State University football letterman, has been named the winner of the Number 35 Award which honors the memory of the late Ron Solak. The award was given for the first time in 1969 to Bill Cortis.

Clarenceville Loses, Sets 3 School Marks

Andover High's swimming team downed Clarenceville, 58-47, in a Wayne Oakland League meet.

Karl Sjogren won the 200 yard freestyle and the 100 yard butterfly for Clarenceville, setting a school record of 58.2 in the "fly." His

decide the game and thus nullify a fine comeback by Stevenson.

It was a see-saw affair in which Stevenson took a 28-20 lead, only to fall behind by five points early in the final period.

Bentley Rolls To No. 8; Whips Borgess

Unloosing an eight goal blast with three coming in the final period, Bentley High's pucksters registered their eighth victory when they crushed Bishop Borgess, 7-1, in a non-league contest on the ice of Yak Memorial Arena in Wyandotte.

The Bulldogs broke into the scoring column shortly after the opening faceoff, when Tom Smith picked up a loose puck and sped in for an unassisted goal.

Doug Moulds made it 2-0 when he took a pass from Doug Scott at the 3:00 mark.

Bentley added two more goals in the second period and boosted the lead to 5-0 before Bishop Borgess finally broke through at 9:13 of the third frame when Bob Schachl tallied on an assist from Rick Lewandowski.

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Sweet 16

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FIVE-WOMAN TEAM EVENT

Handicap Division:

My Gal Friday, Lansing 2,876

But Twining Service, Ann Arbor 2,843

Frankie's Girls, Warren 2,841

Lavender's, Detroit 2,801

McAlister's Grocery, Plymouth 2,794

Team Actual - My Gal Friday, Lansing 2,408

DOUBLES EVENT

Handicap Division:

Betty Dillaway-Jane Koch, 1,221

Ann Arbor

Mary Baker-Emilia Brownski, 1,213

Wyandotte and Detroit

Gervieve Maday-Mary Walsh, 1,213

Dearborn

Fla Behrends-Isla Chispalet, 1,213

Holland

Florence Torok-Marion Saunders, 1,189

Dearborn Heights and Detroit 1,189

Double Actual-Betty Dillaway-Jane Koch, 1,093

Ann Arbor

SINGLES EVENT

Handicap Division:

Ann Arbor, Warren 657

Elvin Francis, Mt. Clemens 642

Betty Wilda, Harper Wds. 635

Doris Allen, Livonia 622

Dorothy Carter, Detroit 617

Singles Actual-Elizabeth Hall, Detroit 628

ALL-EVENTS

Handicap Division:

Janice Vukobrat, Battle Creek 1,852

Annette Ingram, Detroit 1,851

Rose Woods, Detroit 1,798

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Thunderbird Leads U.S. On 3153 Score

The Thunderbird Inn team scored a double bullseye on the women's bowling from Wednesday.

Competing in the Ladies Major League at Pine Tree Bowl the team fashioned a 3153 count that put it at the top of the national honor roll and moved it into first place in the league standings.

Capt. Helen Baker and her

mates put together games of 1031, 1038 and 1084 to displace the Pinky Pro Shop team, also of the Ladies Major League, as the pacemaker in the national race.

It was the second time in two weeks that Thunderbird posted a 3100 count. In the last outing the team hit exactly 3100 to beat Little Caesar and, ironically, it was against Little Caesar that the big count was made Wednesday night.

Marlene McKown set the pace for the new leaders with 894. Others in order came Leslie Richardson 682, Pat Lisowski 622, Ann Setlock 606 and Helen Baker 559.

The latest standings issued by the Woman's International Bowling Congress show Detroit teams holding the top five places—

- 1—Thunderbird Inn 3153
- 2—Pinky's Pro Shop 3106
- 3—Thunderbird Inn 3100
- 4—Thunderbird Inn 3070
- 5—Little Caesar's 3063