

GC West Runs Into Another Snag At Kennedy

By BOB McCLELLAN

Garden City West basketball coach Chris Babler's worst fears were realized as his team was upset by league rival Taylor Kennedy, 48-45.

"I have nightmares every time we have to play Kennedy on its own floor," Babler confided before the game. The contest meant little to West in league play. Earlier

the Tigers clinched their third straight Tri-River Conference championship. Overcoming a halftime deficit, West rallied to overwhelm Cherry Hill, 70-48. Big Dennis Leszczynski paced

the winners' attack with 22 points and 19 rebounds. THE KENNEDY victory concerns Babler, however, as he prepares his squad for one

more regular season game and state tournament play which begins in March. Last year, led by All American Rick Drewitz, the Tigers went all the way to the state Class A semifinals

before bowing to Pontiac Central, the eventual runner-up to state champion Detroit Pershing.

Now, of course, Drewitz is playing his basketball at the University of Kentucky where he's the top scorer on the school's freshman quintet.

Kennedy suggested it could provide a tussle by playing the visitors to a 15-15 first quarter standoff. But the Tigers roared right back in the second stanza to take a 30-25 lead at intermission.

The Eagles refused to pitch in the towel, however, and fought back with a one-three-zone defense that controlled the ball, slowed the game down and limited West

to only a single point in the first 5½ minutes of the third period. The strategy worked well enough to give Kennedy a 39-38 edge at the end of the quarter.

In the final period Kennedy's defense forced numerous West turnovers and held the invaders to one point in the first 6½ minutes.

Moments later, however, Leszczynski and Tom Jones each pitched in a basket to cut the deficit to 45-43 in Kennedy's favor.

KENNEDY countered with a bucket, but West's Gary Nustad retaliated with a two pointer to make the score 45-45. With seconds to go,

The box score:

GARDEN CITY WEST (48)		G	F	P
Nustad	2	2	8	
Kilbourn	1	1	3	
Jones	2	2	4	
Lewis	1	1	3	
Leszczynski	6	8	18	
Pawinski	5	1	11	
Totals	18	13	45	

TAYLOR KENNEDY (45)		G	F	P
Bailey	2	1	8	
Torres	1	4	8	
Hutchinson	8	2	12	
Martin	6	3	15	
Weddel	2	2	4	
McClain	3	2	4	
Totals	18	12	48	

North Gymnasts Win 8th

North Farmington gymnasts maintained their No. 2 ranking in the state by overwhelming Allen Park, 109-85.38. It was the eighth victory for the Raiders who have dropped only two meets, both to unbeaten Taylor Kennedy.

North swept firsts in each of the seven events in beating the Parkers.

Now the Raiders are concentrating on the SE Michigan Interscholastic Gymnastic Association meet on March 5 and 6 at North Farmington. It will be followed by the state meet on March 13 at Taylor Kennedy.

A total of 28 Michigan schools sponsor gymnastic teams, 10 from the MGC.

The results of the Allen Park meet:

Floor exercise, Larry Beno, 5.95 points; high bar, Dick Healy, 5.25; trampoline, Rick Page, 5.15; parallel bars, Ed Hess, 6.05; side horse, Rupert Hansen, 7.4; still rings, Joe Neuenwender, 7.5; and tumbling, Beno, 5.8.

Hansen and Neuenwender are No. 1 in the state in their events.

Agatha Beaten By St. Thomas

St. Thomas Aquinas High's basketball team rolled past St. Agatha, 67-55, in a non-league game. Mark Miron had 11 points, Charles Schrock 12 and Tom Churches 10 for St. Agatha.

Ridge Five Rolls Past Highlands

It's been a winning season for Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge quintet. The team upped its record to 15 victories against five losses by blitzing Oakland's Highland Lakes, 83-71.

Greg McGowan scored 22 points and bagged 11 rebounds while Rayfield Goss chipped in with 20 points for the winners.

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Bulldogs Rout Trenton To Assure Tie For Title

Orchids are in order for Roger Hanton and his Bentley High swimming team. Bentley is assured of no less than a share of the Suburban Six League's dual meet swimming title for 1970-71.

The Livonians made it 8-1 in the league by routing Trenton, 69-36, and now top runnerup Belleville by one victory with just one meet remaining for all teams.

Bentley will go against Redford Union Thursday as a prelude to the overall league meet to be held at Schoolcraft College on March 4-5.

Steve Grant won the 100 individual medley and the 100 butterfly in leading Bentley.

The Bentley results:

MEDLEY RELAY: 2--Bentley (Shackler, Mashoff, Mooradian, Mukoony).

200 FREESTYLE: 1--Steve Powles, 2--Mike Kuczek, Time: 1:57.4.

200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1--Steve Grant, 2--Scott Warren, Time: 2:08.1.

50 FREESTYLE: 1--Kye Connolly, 2--Blake Lawless, Time: 23.5.

DIVING: 1--Mark Barber, 2--Dennis Pryor.

100 BUTTERFLY: 1--Steve Grant, 2--Rope Simpson, Time: 1:57.4.

100 FREESTYLE: 2--Connolly, 3--Greg Beatty.

400 FREESTYLE: 1--Warren, 2--Lawless, Time: 4:19.4.

100 BACKSTROKE: 2--Powles, Time: 50.8.

100 BREASTSTROKE: 1--Simpson, 2--Mashoff, Time: 1:08.3.

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Ocelot Tankers To Compete In Top Meet

Eight Schoolcraft College swimmers will compete in the NJCAA invitational swimming and diving championships at Meramec Community College in St. Louis, Feb. 26-27.

Two state champions head the squad coached by Jack Washka. They are Craig Auten, diver, and Ray Woods, freestyle. Woods was a double winner, taking both the 50 and 100 freestyle in the state championships at Schoolcraft two weeks ago.

Others who will compete at St. Louis are: Don Day, breaststroke; Stan Swiatkowski, freestyle; Gary Kremer, freestyle; Craig Tuth, backstroke; John Sydor, freestyle; and Bill Palmer, butterfly.

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