

GC East Crushes West In Tourney Final

By Artee

Displaying the same deliberate type of basketball that won the district and regional championships two years ago and a spot in the quarterfinals of the state high school basketball tournament, Garden City East crushed cross-town rival West to capture the district meet at Franklin High, 72-54.

The victory enabled Garden City to maintain its hold on the championship — two years ago it was East, last year West won the district, regional and went into the semifinals with an unbeaten record before losing, and now it's East again.

The Panthers recorded their 15th victory against

three losses in eliminating the Tigers who ended the season with a 16-3 mark.

NOW EAST enters the semifinals of the regionals Thursday on the same Franklin court where it met the winner of Tuesday's Fordson-Walled Lake Central contest.

Livonia Stevenson clashes with Detroit Redford Wednesday in the upper bracket semifinal with the championship slated for Saturday. A triumph Saturday will send that team against the winner of the Sterling Heights regional in the quarterfinals.

It was a see-saw scrap for six minutes of the opening

period where the Tigers held a 14-10 lead. East pulled away in the final two minutes on six consecutive points with a basket by Greg Puishes, a free throw by Mike Roller and a three point play by Jeff DeHartre for a 20-10 margin.

Tourney Pairings

AT FRANKLIN WEDNESDAY
2-8 p.m. Livonia Stevenson vs. Redford
THURSDAY
3-8 p.m. GC East vs. Winner No. 1
4-8 p.m. Winner 2 vs. Winner 3
(Regional champion meets winner of Sterling Heights regional)

Denny Leszczynski tapped in a rebound at the whistle and East held a 20-12 lead.

Puishes and Dave Jackson had hot hands in the opening frame, the former collecting six points and the latter five.

THAT WAS JUST a sample of what was coming.

Jackson, the long, string-bean junior center, kept the heat on the Tigers in the second frame when he scored eight consecutive points, three from the field and two from the foul line.

At the same time West's Ken Pavenski ran into foul trouble and sat out the last three minutes of the half with three personals.

Gary Nastad, one of the holdovers from the great West team of last year, broke loose for three quick field goals but didn't stick East which walked off the court at halftime with a 34-23 edge.

West put on a fullcourt press to start the third period and East was limited to eight points in five minutes during which the Tigers sliced the deficit to seven points, 42-35. Then with 2 1/2 minutes to play, Coach Chris Babler had to pull Leszczynski and Kirk Lewis from the court with four fouls each.

East promptly took advantage of the situation to collect 11 points and boost its edge

53-39 going into the final eight minutes.

FROM THAT POINT it was a question of how long West would have the use of starters in foul trouble. Lewis went out at 7:24, Pavenski followed at 7:34, Nastad at 7:44 and finally Leszczynski at 8:04 seconds.

East lost Jackson at the 2:06 mark. It was East's spectacular foul shooting that meant the difference in the final period. The Panthers converted on 10 straight at one point when West tried to break up a stall by fouling.

All told East hit on 15 of 20 charity tosses in the fourth quarter.

One of the biggest factors in the victory was the way East dominated the backboards. Jackson, who has uncanny timing and tremendous jumping ability, was the biggest factor, although Puishes, Roller, DeHartre and Ron Chomluk acted like antelopes in reaching and grabbing the ball.

East was minus the services of playmaker Jack Hayes, who suffered an ankle injury in the final regular season game and may be out for the entire tournament schedule.

Coach Babler gave East and its coach Billy Joe Young credit for a well deserved victory after the game.

"They made us play their kind of game," he said. "And we never did get started. It was a great East team to watch and I hope they go all the way."

GC EAST (72)	G	F	P
Roller	4	10-11	18
Chomluk	2	2-3	6
Jackson	8	3-5	18
Puishes	4	10-14	18
DeHartre	4	3-3	11
TOTALS	22	28-38	72

GC WEST (54)	G	F	P
Lewis	1	5-8	7
Pavenski	1	0-0	2
Leszczynski	1	6-8	20
Nastad	8	0-2	12
Kilbourn	3	2-3	8
Jones	2	0-2	4
Vince	0	1-1	1
TOTALS	20	14-23	54

By Quarters: GC East 20 14 19 10-72 GC West 12 11 16 15-54

Hoekstra's Foul Shooting Puts Spartans In Regional

By R. T. THOMPSON

Twice beaten by Bentley during the regular season and shorn of its Inter-Lakes Conference crown, Livonia Stevenson registered one of the biggest upsets of district tournament play when it won the Farmington meet with a 60-49 victory over its cross-town city rival.

Bentley had gone through a 10 game schedule in the Suburban Six League without a defeat and was a heavy favorite to oust the Spartans. The Bulldogs had more than one reason — for a victory — they wanted to win this game and the district title for Coach George Fefes who is calling it quits from coaching after this season.

In fact, Fefes actually retired two years ago and turned the reins over to Ken Timmons last season. But Ken was ordered to retire from coaching by his doctors in September and Fefes agreed to take up the slack for one season.

FOR A TIME it appeared

as if Fefes and Bentley would have their wish. The Bulldogs had a 45-42 lead with 6:28 remaining and seemed to have things under control.

Then, it happened. Ted Exarhos, high scoring senior who needed only 11 points for a career high of 1,000, and Ron Hoekstra hit hot streaks at the same time and quickly had Bentley out of the game.

Exarhos, who wound up with 22 points to bring his total to 1,011, started the comeback with a pair of free throws for a 45-40 count. Dick Boehn connected twice from the foul line and Bentley was in front, 47-44.

Exarhos hit from the corner and then followed with a tap-in to send Stevenson ahead, 48-47 with 4:47 to play. He connected again from the edge of the foul circle and the Spartans held a 50-47 edge.

Dave Veach, who was high for Bentley with 23 points, battled in a rebound at 3:38 to whittle the deficit to 50-49. As it turned out that was the end of the scoring for Bentley

and the start of an individual effort by Hoekstra that saw him tally eight of 10 charity tosses and a field goal to give Stevenson an easy win.

Hoekstra was fouled by Beach, and converted on both. Veach fouled him a moment later, his fifth personal at 1:15, and again Hoekstra was perfect making the score 54-49.

TIM BOLLIN GRABBED Hoekstra at 46 seconds and left the game with five personals. Hoekstra missed for the first time in five attempts. Then it was Dan Weiss who fouled and Hoekstra made two. Lou Lovett joined the parade with 15 seconds remaining and Hoekstra had two more for eight straight points.

The big Stevenson forward ended the scoring as the gun sounded when he took a pass under the basket all alone and calmly dropped it in for two more points.

It was a bitter duel up to the final four minutes with

Bentley holding a 12-9 lead at the end of the first quarter. The Bulldogs widened the gap to 28-22 at halftime and then had the fight of their lives from that point.

Stevenson kept pecking away and finally knelt the score, 34-41 with 8:04 to play in the third period. Exarhos was fouled and made both to put the Spartans in front for the first time of the half at 1:32.

Veach popped in a free throw and Ron Bawulski banged one in from the side for a Bentley lead of 37-36 with 44 seconds left in the period. Kelly Smith dribbled in for two points and Stevenson was ahead, 38-37.

Veach hit twice from the foul line for a 39-38 count and Exarhos was fouled at the whistle and made both to give Stevenson a 40-39 margin.

The lead changed hands four times in the early going of the final stanza before Exarhos and Hoekstra took

command — that was the end for the Bulldogs.

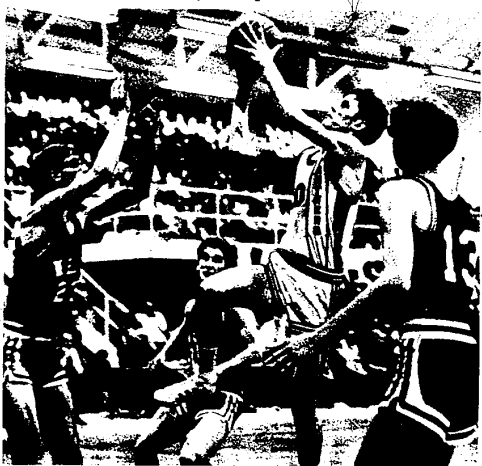
Exarhos topped the visitors with six field goals and 10 of 11 fouls for 22 points followed by Hoekstra's four four baskets and eight of 10 from the foul line.

Veach was high for Bentley with 23 followed by Lovett with 11.

STEVENSON (60)	G	F	P
Exarhos	8	10-11	22
Hoekstra	4	8-10	16
Haberman	0	0-0	0
Smith	4	2-3	10
Grosvick	2	4-4	8
Patrick	1	2-4	4
Totals	17	26-40	60

BENTLEY (49)	G	F	P
Bolin	2	3-3	2
Lovett	5	1-1	11
Veach	7	9-13	23
Chumars	0	1-3	1
Spohn	0	2-2	2
Bawulski	1	0-1	2
Watts	4	0-0	8
Totals	17	18-22	49

By Quarters: Stevenson 9 13 18 20-60 Bentley 12 16 11 10-49



DRIVING IN for two points is Garden City East's Mike Roller (20) despite the efforts of Garden City West's Mike Kilbourn (23), Keith Muncy (13) and Tom Jones (35) to check him. East ousted defending champion West in the district finals at Franklin High. (Photo by Harry Mauthe).

With 5 Seconds To Go, Agatha Cagers Triumph

The beauty of the state high school basketball tournament is that it's a new season. It gives teams new life and a classic example is St. Agatha of the Catholic League.

Throughout the regular season, St. Agatha struggled along. The team never was in

contention for honors in the Southwest Division.

But that's all forgotten now.

St. Agatha is one of the state's district Class C champs and this week sought further honors in the regionals at Bishop Gallagher.

IT'LL TAKE a long time

for the folks around St. Agatha to forget how their team beat St. Francis de Sales, 62-61, in the district final at Redford St. Mary.

The only time St. Agatha led was at the finish...well, precisely, with five seconds to go when Mark Miron slipped under the basket and

backhanded in the winning shot.

The Redford Townshippers had to fight uphill most of the way.

They trailed, 17-10, after one period. It was 32-28 for St. Francis at the half and St. Francis by as many as seven points early in the final period.

But this was a St. Agatha team which wasn't to be denied.

It hit on 10-out of 12 free throws in the final period with nine points by Miron, who took individual honors with 18 points while teammate Tom Churches followed with 14.

ST. AGATHA managed to tie the game once in the last period, but quickly fell behind again and stayed there until Miron's clutch shot went swish as time ran out.

Miron accounted for the 10 points in the first period. Churches tossed in six in the second while honors were spread around in the third period.

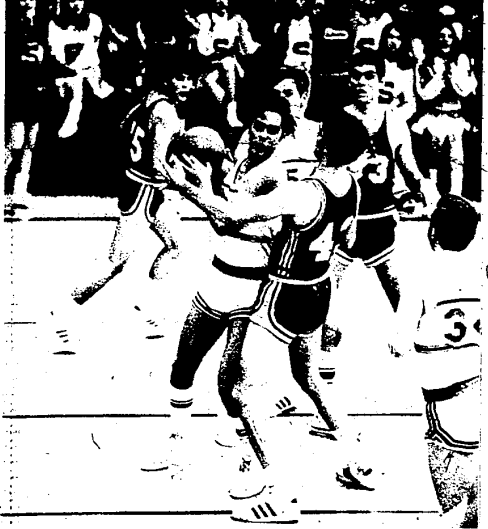
St. Agatha enjoyed some hot shooting in the first half, making 11 of 22 for 50 per cent. In the second half, St. Agatha made only eight of 25.

But one of those eight shots was by Miron and won the game.

In addition to Miron and Churches, other scoring for St. Agatha was fashioned by Jim Thiesen and Charles Schrock with eight each, Tom Nenes with six, George Barbour with five and Pat Brown with three.

Big Winner

Wayne State University fencing coach Istvan Danosi carried a 13-year record of 143-46 in dual meets into the 1970-71 season, a 773 winning percentage.



BENTLEY'S Dave Veach (43) traps Stevenson's Ted Exarhos (32) as he tries to pass out after taking a rebound in the district championship game at Farmington High. Exarhos went on to score 22 points as the Spartans upset Bentley to boost his career total to an all-time Stevenson High of 1,011 points. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

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