

# Pontiac Too Much For Stevenson

By ARTEE

four minutes for a rather easy victory.

It didn't come at the stroke of midnight but the state championship aspirations of Livonia's "Cinderella" team from Stevenson High ended abruptly as most folks figured Thursday night at Birmingham Seasholm when Pontiac Central, everyone's favorite to win the 1971 crown, crushed the Spartans, 75-62.

Playing before the largest crowd ever to view a game in the Seasholm gym, the unbeaten Chiefs pulled away from Stevenson in the final

ends and allowed spectators to sit along the sides of the court. It didn't bother the players but there were plenty of uncomfortable customers.

For a time it appeared as if Stevenson, which ended the regular season with a 5-11 record and then won six straight in tournament play for a 11-1 mark, might give the Chiefs a bit more than they could take.

THE SPARTANS dominated the backboards and their slow, deliberate style had Pontiac confused at first

least eight minutes since Livonia held an 11-8 lead at the end of the first quarter. Stevenson was first to score, taking a 1-3 lead when Mike Patrick tossed in a free throw. Ted Exarhos whipped in a basket, one of four in the opening frame, and it was 3-0.

Myron Brock broke the ice for Pontiac at 4:33 and Exarhos hit again from the side. Larry Russell tapped in a rebound and the score was 5-4. Patrick connected from the edge of the foul circle and Exarhos tapped in his third field goal for a Stevenson 8-4

margin with 1:36 on the clock. Tony Styles, one of the holdovers from the Pontiac team which lost in the finals a year ago, scored twice from the field and Exarhos added his fourth two-point in the remaining time.

collected eight of Stevenson's 10 points with Dale Haberman getting the other two on a rebound.

Campy was responsible for nine of his team's 22, getting four from the field and one free throw.

Coming back after the rest,

the Chiefs unleashed their famed fast break offense and quickly built a 15-point lead as Larry Russell, Styles and Campy Russell tallied six points in the first minute for a 36-21 score.

The teams exchanged field goals before Stevenson tallied seven straight points to reduce the deficit to eight points at 38-30.

It was 40-30 with two and a half minutes to play in the period when the Chiefs struck again and quickly had a 49-35 margin.

Four successive free throws enabled the Spartans to slice the difference to 10 points at 49-39 before Campy slipped in a basket as the whistlesounded and it was

51-39 going into the final stanza. SPARKED BY HOEKSTRA and Exarhos, Stevenson sliced the deficit to 51-55 with four minutes to play and it was still anybody's game. That is, it was anybody's at that moment.

Glover converted on three free throws, added a field goal along with baskets by Brock and Larry Cole for nine consecutive points and the season was about over for Stevenson.

Trailing 71-55, the Spartans were never close in the remaining two minutes and it was just a question of playing out the clock as both coaches inserted second and third strings.

Campy, generally rated the state's No. 1 player, went scoreless in the first and fourth quarters and wound up the evening with 18 points. He was tied by Glover for most points for the Chiefs.

Exarhos, the first Stevenson player to score more than 1,000 points in three years, was the top scorer with 20 on nine baskets and two foul shots. Hoekstra and Kelly Smith were in double figures for the losers with 10 and 11.

P. CENTRAL (75)	G	O	P
Brock	3	0	6
Glover	8	8	18
C. Russell	8	2	18
Styles	6	1	13
L. Russell	3	0	6
Cole	8	2	12
Key	0	2	2
Totals	31	13	78

STEVENSON (62)	G	O	P
Exarhos	9	2	20
Hoekstra	4	2	10
Patrick	1	5	7
Smith	3	8	11
Grassie	1	1	2
Haberman	2	0	4
Wynne	2	0	2
Totals	22	18	62

By Quarters:	1	2	3	4
Pontiac	8	22	21	24
Stevenson	11	10	18	23

## Exarhos, Hoekstra Praised For Play Spartans Never Quit Trying

By BOB McCLELLAN

If Stevenson's Ron Hoekstra was awed by Campy Russell, Pontiac Central's All-American prep cager, his play certainly didn't show it in his team's 75-62 quarterfinal loss at Birmingham Seasholm. The 6-3 Hoekstra, shadowed all night by 6-8 Russell, scored

10 points and speared 16 rebounds in his final prep basketball game.

Russell snatched 18 markers and snared 17 rebounds, but he most assuredly didn't blow Hoekstra off the floor.

On several occasions Hoekstra and Russell wrestled head-on underneath the hoop for the ball and the deter-

mined Stevenson senior emerged on top.

HOEKSTRA's solid, unspectacular play doesn't always draw the raves of the crowd, but it does win ball games and is always appreciated by the coach and teammates.

George Van Wagoner, the

Spartan mentor, recognizes his muscular center's value.

"I can't say enough about Hoekstra," Van Wagoner declared after Stevenson's victory over Garden City East. "Ron turns in the kind of hard and defensive play that gets the job done."

Against Pontiac, Stevenson got another brilliant per-

formance from senior Ted Exarhos.

Exarhos picked up 20 points against the Chiefs, the state's top rated Class A team. What's more, Exarhos netted four baskets in the opening period to give the Spartans an 11-8 first quarter edge.

Billy Joe Young, Garden City East's cage coach, doesn't make a habit of praising rival players, but he had this to say after his Panthers bowed to the Spartans in the regional final: "Exarhos is one of the finest players I've seen this year." The Spartans didn't always wind up on the long end of the score this year — their overall record was 11-12 — but they were always No. 1 on the boards.

They outrebounded every team they played, including the taller Pontiac Central squad.

This takes pride, class and grit.



TWO POINTS for Stevenson as Ron Hoekstra (55) prepares to fire the ball into the basket. The husky Hoekstra was one of the reasons for Stevenson making things interesting for the unbeaten Pontiac Chiefs until the final four minutes. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

### All League Teams

#### Inter-Lakes

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Jim Story, Watertown Central  
 Don Copeland, Pontiac Northern  
 Carl Williams, Pontiac Northern  
 Ted Exarhos, Liv. Stevenson  
**SECOND TEAM**  
 (Choices Included)  
 Bob Malaby, Southfield Lathrup  
 Ed Hoerner, Southfield Lathrup  
 Ron Hoekstra, Liv. Stevenson

#### NW Suburban

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Larry Foote, Oak Park  
 Drew Malady, N. Farmington  
 Scott Love, Groves  
 Rick Seid, Oak Park  
 Tom Raa, Groves  
**Honorable Mention**  
 Tim Driggs, N. Farmington  
 Rick Graham, Franklin  
 Tim Dietz, Franklin  
 Pat Wooten, Thurston  
 Dave Wyckelwerck, Glenn  
 Mike Pagano, Groves

#### SE Michigan

Bud Allen, Southfield  
 Rick Mascoe, Southfield  
 Roger Petarman, Southfield  
 Scott Prytkanek, Berkley  
 Scott Hammond, Seasholm  
 Don McNeal, Ferndale  
 Terry Thomas, Hazel Park

#### Suburban Six

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Lou Lovett, Bartley  
 Charles Wolfe, Plymouth  
 Casey Jones, Plymouth  
 Mark Bennett, Trenton  
 Gerard Parnus, Ravenna  
**SECOND TEAM**  
 (Choices Included)  
 Mark Karm, Redford Union  
 Dave Schaner, Redford Union

#### Western Six

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Keith Armstrong, Liv. Churchill  
 Joe Thomas, Farm. Harrison  
 Dave Miller, Waterford West  
 Jerry Dillard, Waterford West  
 Cecil Gross, Watertown Lakes  
**SECOND TEAM**  
 (Choices Included)  
 Jim Mason, Farm. Harrison  
 Gary Listerman, Liv. Churchill  
 Ray Young, Liv. Churchill

#### Catholic League

(Selections Included)  
 Central Division—Mark Olenewage, Br. Rio  
 Double AA West—Bob David, Bishop Borgess  
 Northwest—Don Blain, Borrows  
 Southwest—George Barbour, St. Agathe

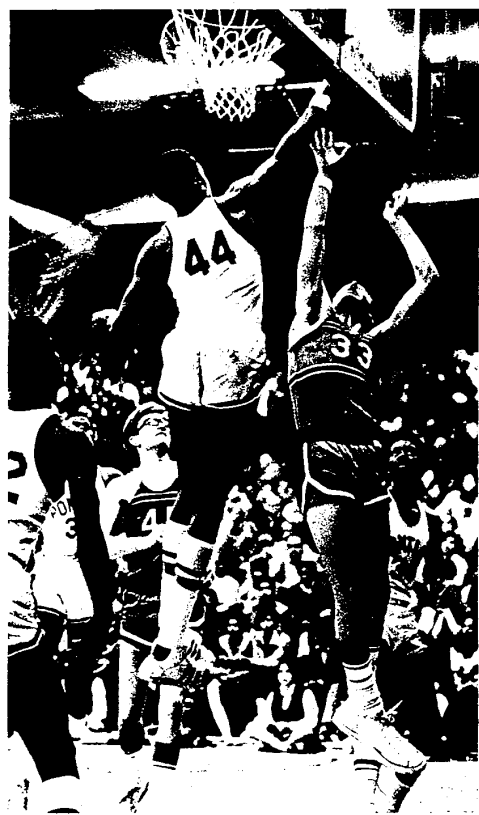
#### Mid-Wayne

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Dave Jackson, GC East  
 Earle Faust, Inland  
 Marvin Glass, Inland  
 James Alverton, Robichaud  
 Tom Garve, Taylor Center  
**Wayne/Oakland**

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Clay Mayers, Chardonville  
 Tom Harris, Milford  
 Jerry Ball, Waterford Kettering  
 Don Brown, Chardonville  
 Don Johnston, W. Bloomfield  
**SECOND TEAM**  
 (Choices Included)  
 Gary Nussard, GC West

#### Tri River

**FIRST TEAM**  
 Dennis Lennetti, GC West  
 Gary Harris, Taylor Kennedy  
 John Ball, Riverdale  
 The Turner, Metairie  
 Gary Clements, Scholer  
**SECOND TEAM**  
 (Choices Included)  
 Gary Nussard, GC West



SHOWING ABILITY that has marked him as one of the state's greatest basketballers is Pontiac's Campy Russell who blocks a shot by Stevenson's Ted Exarhos. They were the leading scorers for their teams although Campy's brilliance sent the Chiefs into Saturday's semifinals. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

## Freshman Sparkles For Hawk Swimmers

They're still talking around Farmington Harrison High School about the swimming exploits of Mike Rado in the state high school Class B meet.

And they'll be talking about Rado for a long time to come...not only at Harrison, but throughout the state.

You see, Mike is 15 years old and just a freshman. But in the state meet he performed the rare feat of capturing two state titles. That's something which few upperclassmen achieve, much less a ninth grader.

RADO CAPTURED the 200-yard individual medley and then won the backstroke in the excellent times of 2:10.04 and 57.1.

All of which naturally brought considerable joy to coach Mark Holdridge, who

cracked the select circle in his first try and with a team which still doesn't boast a single senior. There aren't any seniors in Harrison High, and won't be until next fall.

In discussing Rado, Holdridge compared his sensation to Tom Szuba of Dearborn High, who won two Class A crowns and generally has been regarded as the No. 1 prep swimmer in the state this year.

"Mike's times as a freshman are just about the same as Tom turned in," declared Holdridge.

"Mike has been coming along really well. He can do anything he puts his mind on and works hard for it. I think he knows now what he's capable of accomplishing."

All of which naturally brought considerable joy to coach Mark Holdridge, who

He admits to "just picking up swimming from neighbors." When in junior high, he merely swam in class, not in any school meets.

AAU CHOSE to contest in Mike competition for boys of his age level. It all has paid off for him, his teammates and coach Holdridge.

This was Harrison's first year of competition and with the new school pool late in opening, the team had to shift around to find a spot for workouts.

Now Harrison is over the hump in swimming. With Rado around for three more years, there's no telling how high the school may climb.

It's a good bet, Harrison shortly will be a name to be reckoned with in prep swimming circles.

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