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AMERICAN CANDIDATE is Garry Grady,

By George Maskin



observing sports

A good friend of ours asked:

"Sinde you're identified with the pros (the Pistons) in the you're identified with the pros (the Pistons) is school sports."

Easy, my friend.

We don't have to visit schools every day, or even eyery week or month.

Just stand, as we did the other afternoon in the sports department of the friendly Free Press.

A pretty teenager had accompanied a young man to the Free Press to bave his picture taken for their All Suburban team.

The 4thlet's identify was quickly recognizable to just He wore the letter "NF" on his varsity sweatet.

able to us. he were the retter as weater.

The doed, Debbie by name, happens to live across the street from Joe Falls, the FP sports editor whose own attends North Farmington. See you later Missells, so the FP sports and the property within the property of the following the property of the following the follo

North farmington."

It was standing there and looking at those two kids that made you feel just a little prouder that over the years the pleasure has been yours to write about the athletic doings of thousands of boys. I hand some girls, too.

Sure, we have been associated in different fashions with our area's real BIG names—the Kalines, the McLains, the Bings, the DeBuscheres, the Morralis, the Howes.

And it's a happy feeling. We'd be fibbing if we said otterwise.

But these men already have carved their futures. They're already making the good money. Hand you have carved their futures. They're already making the good money. Hand you have carved their futures. They're already making the good money. Hand you have no problem finding a college. Or getting a scholarship.

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NOT ISO WITH a lot of others ... as was brought to light at the annual Free Press All-State dinner the other evening.

Bear Boisture, who has turned Eastern Michighn University into a football powerhouse in two shortlyvears, was present. So were the coaches of most of the other smaller colleges.

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Burip Hilliott was missing. Ditto for Duffy Daugherty. But they had other commitments with their teams that day.

He thanked the Free Press board, whose All-State selections appear this Sunday,

"You don't know how much all these all-star teams mean to us coaches and what they can mean to the boys, too.

So mighye as we church of the work of the schools down at the other end of Observerland in Westland's and Garden City, something is typed that will help down at the other end of Observerland in Westland and Garden City, something is typed that will help just one yoy.

WIPH THAT FEELING in my mind, it's difficult to lose your lust for the preps.

Somehow you don't realize how the years have piled up dn you. ... how far from the first time you said something that the late Bud Shaver put in the old Detrait Times to this very moment ... well, why confess that more than 30 years have rushed past.

Honestly, you don't feel it.

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Sports Briefs |

GORDIE HOWE continued his spectacular play. Two more goals in a 5-2 win at Philadel-phia left him just two away from a career total of 700

The Wings take on Philadel-phia at Olympia Sunday nio*

Plymouth's Garry Grady Eyes All-America Honors

Garry Grady, who gained fame at Plymouth High for his football feats even though he never weighed more than 160 pounds during his three years as a statting back, is headed for additional honors at Eastern Michigan University.

Garry, who sparkled for three years for the Rocks, playing with the schools last undefeated team as a sophomore and then captaining the squad in his senior year, has been a standout de-fensive buck for the Hurons for three

sensons.

His outstanding performances won him the James M. "Bingo" Brown award as the most valuable player in 1986 and at the same time he learned he had been named to the NAIA District 23 all-star team.

The latter recognizition makes him a strong candidate for a berth on the Little All-American defensive team.

The honors were given to Grady at the litth annual Eastern Michigan Football Bust.

EOLLOWERS OF Plymouth High recall Grady as the smallest member of the backfield during his three years

on the varsity but i he one with the most drive offensively and defensively.

It was Grady who made most of the

It was Grady who made most of the tackles when an opposing oall carrier broke past the scrimmage line; it was Grady who toted the ball when Plymouth needed yards for a first down on third down play; it was Grady who scored all of the touchdowns for the Rocks in his senior year He captained Plymouth as a senior and was voted the most valuable player.

Despite his brilliance, it was apparent that few of the major colleges would offer him athletic scholarships because of his small size, a n d as it turned out he decided to enroll at Eastern Michigan.

There he continued to show the same love for football that marked his career in high school.

He won a regular berth in the de-fensive backfield as a sophomore and has been there ever since. He was one of the big reasons for the tremendous success of the Hurons a year ago when they won seven in a row before going down to defeat and played a major

role in the past season when EMU won eight of 10 games.

Bastern Michigan placed sik players on the offensive a nd defensive teams in District 23 but the most outstanding was Grady. Others named were: Offense - Tackle Tom Jackson, Guard John Schmidt a nd Halfback Dennis Hewlett; Defensive - Tackle Bob Lints, Linebacker Ivory Hood and Grady.

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Six Veterans Ready For League Battles

Height Makes Rocks Contender

Six letter winners, led by co-captains Bob Kellman and Greg Corrigan, head the 1985-89 Plymouth High basketball team which opens its season Tuesday at Stevnson. Kellman, a senior, stands six feet, while Corrigan checks in at 6-5, and, with Don Gullekson, another letterman, and Jeff Johnson, is the tallest member of the souad.

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11 be blidding for honors in the Suburban Six League, Other seniors are Larry Wassalest, 5-6; Bruce Yakley, 5-10; Dan Osmer, 6-4, and Bruce Bauman, 6-1.

Bauman was the quarterback on the Rocks' football team and was named on the All Observerland team.

BOB THORNBLADH, 6-1, an

BOB THORNBLADH, 6-1, an 11th grader who starred in football and gained all-league and all-suburban honors as a

Sports Briefs |

It can't happen Sunday — the Lions losing again. Stille red-faced because of their 12-0 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles, who previously hadn't wom in 11 previous games this season, the Lions Will have until next Sunday at Atlanta before going to the firing line again,

MARCH: 4-8 Districts; 11bis season, the Lions will have
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Four field goals by Sam Baker
downed the Lions, but considering that the Lions didn't make a
point, they couldn't win anyway.
They now have gone through
seven games since last winning.
It their sitump, the Lions have
lost six and tied one.
If they couldn't beat Philadelphila, can the Lions beat Allanta
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union; 8- as if Franklin; 14MACH: 7-8-League meet
at Allen Park; 14-15 state meet
at Allen Park; 14-15 s

running back, also is out for the basketball team. . Jon Cederberg, 5-10, and pat Cunningham, 6-3, are two other juniors on the team. The lone sophomore is Charles Wolfe, who stands 6-3,

Wolfe, who slands 6-3.
Coach Bearup would appear
to have good size to contend
for the flag in the Suburban
Loop.
After meeting Stevenson,
Plymouth will take on Walled
Lake in the Rocks' gym Priday before swinging into the
league season at Trenton on
Dec. 13.

Dec. 13,

THIS YEAR'S schedule includes a Christmas fourney for the Rocks at Wayne High on Dec. 28 and Dec. 28 and Dec. 28.

The Plymouth swimming team launches its season Thursday, hosting Wyandotte and then faces Trenton on Dec. 12 in its league opener.

The Trenton varsity schedules:

Basketball

DECEMBER: 3 -- at Stevenson; 6 -- Walled Lake; 13 -- at Trenton; 17 -- at Wayne; 20 -- Reddord Union; Dec. 28 and 28 -- tourney at Wayne, JANUARY: 3 -- Franklin 12 -- at Allength 12 -- Trenton; 17 -- belleville; 20 -- at Bentley; 31 -- Trenton; 17 -- belleville; 20 -- at Bentley; 31 -- Trenton; 57 -- SPRILLARY: 7 -- at Red-FERNILLARY: 7 -- at Red-FERN

ton.
FEBRUARY: 7 -- at Redford Union; 14 -- Allen Park;
21 -- at Belleville; 28 -- Bent-

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PETER (PAT) GLOVER, 42764 Cherry Hill, Canton Townsh deer hunting for the first time last week and shot he first buck he had ever seen in the woods. It's a 10-pointer with a beautifully formed rack, and it came from Bruce's Crossing in Ontonagan Country, at the western

Good Winter For RU In Pool, Court, Mat

If the rest of their seasons follow the pattern set on open-ing night, it'll be a gala winter for Redford Union High ath-

letes.
In basketball, swimming and wrestling, the Townshippers roared away on the winning

roared away on the winning track.

The cagers with a speedy, nifty-shooting squad ripped apart Thurston, 87-60.

In swimming, Redford Union piled up 92 points to Garden City West's 45 and Ypsilanti's

back, had no difficulties with Dan Henry; 127 -- Bob Worley; Southfield.

133 -- Lee Sweet via a pin; 136 -- Chip Woods; 145 -- Bob Fabey; 154 -- Dan Coales; 103 pounds -- Dennis Black103 pounds -- Dennis Black105 -- Dan Sims; Heavyweight well; 112 -- Dan Fox; 120 -- .- Bob Qualis.

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL Tuesday

Plymouth at Stevenson
Wayne at Franklin
Sorrows at Orchard Lake St. Mary's
Friday

Friday
Thurston at Stovenson's
Redford Union at Southfield
Walled Lake at Plymouth
North Farmingion at Bloomfield Lahser
St. Agaitha at Mt. Carmel
Clarenceville at Northville
Waterford OLLH at Sorrows

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SWIMMING
Thursday
Glerin and Stevensen at Redford Union
Wyandotte at Plymouth
Grand Blane and Dearborn at Thurston

WRESTLING Tuesday
Farmington at Redford Union
Southfield at Thurston
Franklin at Wayne
Wednesday

Bentley at Fordson
Thursday
North Farmington at Northville
Saturday
North Farmington and Thurston at Garden City
Thurston at Bonley