

West Beats Crestwood In Tri-River Opener

Garden City West scored eight straight points in the first minute of play and went on to defeat Crestwood, 84-59, in its opening Tri-River high school basketball clash.

Senior 5-10 guard, Tom Jones, scored two quick lay-ups and Bob Carr popped in two short jumpers and the Tigers were up 8-0 before the scoreboard even got a chance to warm up.

Four Tigers hit the double figure mark with Jones on top with 15 points, followed by Kinsvater and Carr with 15 and Kilbourn with 12.

TONY ENOKIAN of

Crestwood was the game high scorer with 19 points.

West shot 32 of 67 from the floor while Crestwood hit on 23 of 52. The Tigers scored on 20 of 36 from the line, and

Crestwood hit on 13 of 22. "We overpowered them," said Babler. "We had the height advantage and took control of the game."

West stands 1-0 overall and plays at Schafer Friday.

Franklin Outskated

Bentley Wins, 2-1

WEST started pressing and hit on nine of 18 field goals to take a 24-15 first quarter lead. The Tigers capitalized on Crestwood mistakes and outscored the opponents, 21-16, in the second quarter to capture a 45-31 halftime lead. Bob Carr paced the Tiger attack with 13 points the first half.

Ken Kinsvater, sophomore 6-4 center, started for West in the third quarter and led the Tigers in rebounds with 18, and 13 of those came in the first half.

WEST took off its press the second half and was held to 11 shots in the third quarter and committed five straight turnovers.

"They switched to a sagging man-to-man defense," said West Coach Chris Babler. "It took us a while to adjust to that style of defense."

West maintained a 34-41 lead at the end of three quarters and scored 39 points in the final stanza to win, 84-59. Mike Lewis and Mark Kilbourn paced the fourth quarter attack with nine and eight points respectively.

Bentley High evened its season hockey mark at 2-2, with a 2-1 win over Franklin. The hard fought clash was Franklin's opener and Patriot goalie Wayne Oliver kept the Franklin skaters in the game with timely saves in the third period.

"We had a lot of chances to break the game open in the third period," said Bentley Coach Mike Dudley. "There were six shots that could have gone into the net but Oliver stopped us cold."

"The refs called a very tight game," added Dudley. Franklin collected 10 minor penalties and Bentley was called for eight.

RICH WIARD opened the

scoring for Bentley at the 7:22 mark in the first period on a pass out from behind the net from Dave Ward.

Franklin evened the game at 1-1, at the 4:56 mark in the second period. Brian Said aid the puck pass Bentley goalie, John Fountain, on a pass from Dave Hochstadt.

The tie-breaking and winning goal for Bentley came at the 11:13 mark of the second period with Jeff Monson scoring on an unassisted play. Bentley out-shot Franklin, 25 to 19, with Fountain and Oliver turning in fine performances in the nets.

BENTLEY-FRANKLIN
FIRST PERIOD
Bentley-Wiard (Ward) 7:22
Penalties-Canike (F) 4:34;

Monson (B) 8:37; Canike (F) 11:15; Noll (F) 12:32; Jahn (B) 13:28; Cumming (F) 14:03.

SECOND PERIOD
Franklin - Said (Hochstadt) 4:56
Bentley-Monson unassisted at 11:13
Penalties - Noll (F) 4:17; Ward (B) 1:12; Hochstadt (F) 2:48.

THIRD PERIOD
No Scoring
Penalties - Monson (B) 3:18; Wasilewski (B) 4:53; Field (F) 8:47; Pennington (F) 10:24; Cumming (F) 10:24; Watson (B) 11:02.
BENTLEY 1 1 0 - 2
FRANKLIN 0 1 0 - 1

East Keeps Rolling, Buries Robichaud, 79-61

basketball victory in a 79-61 Mid-Wayne clash over Robichaud.

East held a narrow one-point lead after the first quarter, 18-17, with Tiger 6-4 center, Dave Jackson being held to only two points.

"They were double teaming Jackson and he just couldn't shake them off," said East Coach Bill Joe Young. The Panthers jumped to a 42-35 halftime lead with Jackson breaking loose with 18 points.

The third quarter saw both teams cold from the field and after three quarters of play, East was up, 56-48.

EAST BROKE AWAY in the

final quarter, outscoring Robichaud, 23-13.

The Panthers hit on 29 of 63 from the field and 21 of 27 from the line, while Robichaud connected on 26 of 74 field goals and nine of 11 free throws.

East out-rebounded Robichaud, 48 to 30, with Jackson collecting 22 rebounds to pace the Panther attack.

JACKSON led all scorers with 31 points for East followed by John Hayes with 19 and Jeff DeLaurie with 14. Lukie Ealey led Robichaud scorers with 21 points.

East plays at Wayne Friday in its second league clash.

Chargers Wallop Northville, 65-46

Churchill's Mike Keller scored the opening basket against Northville in its Western Six opener and the Chargers never looked back en route to their third straight win, 65-46.

The Chargers jumped out to a 23-11 first quarter score with Keller hitting on five of six field goals. Churchill scored 14 in the second to lead at the half, 37-21, and totaled 15 in the third to lead going into the fourth, 53-25.

"We had good open-shot

shooting and the kids really played together," said Churchill Coach Pat Montagano. "We seem to improve a little with each game."

Brian Sherman paced the Charger attack with 19 points. Mark Reed followed with 16, Keller with 12 and Bruce VanWagoner with 11.

Todd Hannert hit for 16 points to lead Northville's offensive attack.

Churchill travels to Warren Sterling Friday.



RELAY INVITATIONAL -- Redford Union hosted its annual swimming relays, and defending state champion Dearborn swam to first place honors with Edsel Ford capturing second and North Farmington third. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Dearborn Takes First In RU Swimming Relays

Defending state champion Dearborn swam to first place honors in the Redford Union swimming relay invitational.

Dearborn totaled 104 points in the meet comprised of 14 area schools. Edsel Ford finished second with 72 points, followed by North Farmington with 53 and Redford Union with 27.

Dearborn captured first in six of the nine events. Edsel Ford took first in the 200 free style relay, Thurston a first in the 200 breast stroke relay and

North Farmington a first in the diving competition.

Thurston captured its first with a time of 2:07 minutes with Jim Pawloski, Gary Krenz, Bob Jenrow, and Matt Eineman making up the relay.

North Farmington won first in diving with 357.05 points with Plymouth second at 329.75 points. Keith Kring and Brad Carr made up the North Farmington team while Plymouth's was composed of Hooker Wellman and Gary Wales.

North Farmington finished a close second in the 200 butterfly relay with a time of 1:46.5, or 0.035 minutes off the winning time by Dearborn.

TEAM SCORES	
1. Dearborn	104
2. Edsel Ford	72
3. North Farmington	53
4. Redford Union	27
5. Allen Park	26
6. Plymouth-Franklin	22
7. Trenton	22
8. Stevenson	16
9. Thurston	16
10. Bentley	10
11. Harrison	9
12. Churchill	6
13. Franklin	6
14. Farmington	0

Throttles St. Marys, 70-38

Rice Captures 3rd Win

Undefeated, Brother Rice swept to its third basketball win in an impressive 70-38 over St. Mary's of Redford.

Rice went in front at the end of the first eight minutes of play, 17-12, and held a 29-14 halftime lead.

Rice put it all together in the third quarter, scoring 18 points and holding St. Mary's to only four. Rice hit on eight of 17 from the floor while St. Mary's scored on two of 14.

Bill Franklin scored six for Rice in the third quarter spurt.

"We just kept them off the boards," said Rice Coach Bill Norton.

RICE out-rebounded St. Mary's 51-41. St. Mary's was cold in the fourth quarter, hitting on three of 11 while Rice popped in 10 of 18 to outscore St. Mary's, 23-10.

Bob Swanson and Mark Hendricks paced the Rice attack with 10 points apiece.

Russell Reid led St. Mary's scorers with 11. Franklin collected 12 rebounds for Rice and Paul DeBusschere, 9.

RICE was 31 of 67 from the floor for a 47 per cent while St. Mary's hit on 15 of 53 for a 28 per cent. DeSaile invades Brother Rice Friday.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Michigan's longest racing season grinds to a halt Saturday for the runners and the standardbreds at Hazel Park and the trotters at Northville Downs.

For harness racing, it will be two weeks of darkness and then the start of year long competition on Jan. 1 and continuing through Dec. 31, 1972. For the flat race, it will be darkness until late February when Hazel Park opens a 122 day meeting under new owners.

But during the time between Saturday and the beginning of the new season, both types of racing will receive careful examination from track operators to see what can be done to improve the operations, especially the new dates during the winter.

For instance the new owners of the Hazel Park plant will have to work out a plan so that patrons understand the difference between winter racing and that of the late spring and summer months.

They'll have to make certain the plant is fully equipped to handle crowds on days when there is a foot of snow on the ground and still have a racing surface safe for races.

One wonders if the track management has ever visited the plants in the Toronto, Ontario area where limestone strips have been installed and insure excellent racing regardless of how much rain or snow falls.

ALTHOUGH no definite announcement has been made, there are indications that the new owners will enclose, heat and install air conditioning units in the popular Roaring '20s room atop the clubhouse.

This has long been one of the best places in the plant to view

the races, make a wager, pick up a sandwich and a cool one whenever wanted. But is the oldest place on the grounds in late fall and early spring and a sweltering betting ring in the hot days of the summer.

Those who frequent the Roaring '20s have nothing but praise for the huge room with the tables and perhaps 350 permanent seats in front overlooking the track.

MORE AND more it is becoming apparent that Northville Downs will have to have a different type of racing surface if the winter meetings are to be highly successful. During the past week, the racing strip has been heavy and slow despite the efforts of the track crew. Dumping sand is one way of soaking up the water but when the rains and snow come for a while every day, the results are times of 2:25 and 2:36 and even slower. Races conducted under these conditions aren't attractive to the bettors.

A track could have Albatross, Bret Haover, Most Happy Fella and Columbia George on the same program but if the patrons know they won't go faster than 2:20...they aren't interested.

One wonders if the track management has ever visited the plants in the Toronto, Ontario area where limestone strips have been installed and insure excellent racing regardless of how much rain or snow falls.

Such strips also are safe where there is considerable conjecture about the safety of tartan covered tracks in instances of accidents. True enough the tartan track is firm at all times but there isn't any give in case of accidents and drivers have a feeling one can get hurt seriously on the tartan strip and come up with

bruises and skin burns on a dirt or limestone surface.

That remains to be proven but we know for sure that few followers of the pacers and trotters have any liking for heavy, dead tracks.

JUST FOR the record it will be a long time before those attending the races at the Jackson-Northville meeting will see a more consistent or better pacer than Thimble, add three year old Henry T. Adios filly.

The fleet damsel from Ohio became known to area fans five weeks ago when entered in the opening of the winter racing series.

Thimble was shipped in from Lancaster, O. where she had just won two heats of a stake in impressive style.

Just the same she was rather lightly regarded in her first start and shocked all but her driver-owner when she took the lead from the gate and stayed there all the way to win in 2:03.2.

Then, just to climax a brilliant performance, Thimble was challenged by six of the state numbers Saturday in the \$10,200 finale.

There were many who figured Michigan Mack or Prince Knox would see a blistering pace for the first half-mile and run the filly into the ground. The heavy track took care of that...so what happened?

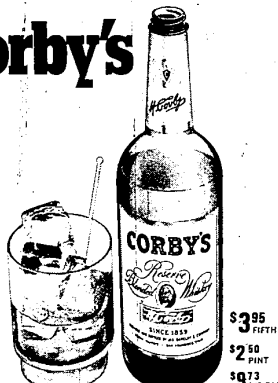
Thimble dropped into the No. 2 spot while Michigan Mack cut out a fairly fast time to the half. Then Driver Fred Hess sent his filly to the front and there she was with a length and a half on the field and pulling away at the finish. The time of 2:10.1 wasn't any great shakes but it was the best of the evening.

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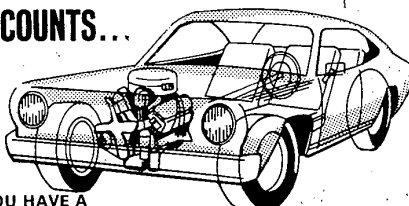
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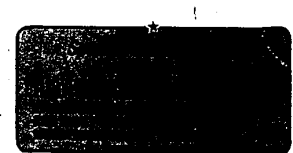


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