

# RU Closing In On GC East In Ratings

Redford Union is fast closing the gap between its No. 2 ranking and Garden City East in No. 1 East rolled over Annapolis, 92-66. RU squeaked past Trenton 64-63, and blitzed Dearborn, 72-55 for its 10th consecutive win.

It may take a state regional tourney between the two to decide the No. 1 team...

FRANKLIN jumped from No. 4 to No. 3 and the Patriots find themselves first in the Northwest Suburban conference with a six game winning streak. Franklin's key will be the Glenn clash Friday.

Brother Rice climbed back up in the standings with two victories including a first round Catholic

League win over Pontiac Catholic. Rice meets DePue Thursday in the semifinals. It's No. 5 for Clarenceville after an impressive win over Waterford Kettering but the Trojan key will be Friday's battle with front-running Clarkston in the Wayne-Oakland league.

GARDEN CITY WEST has been coming into its own and now is No. 6 after a Southgate win while Bentley slipped to No. 7 after a Belleville loss, even though the Bulldogs got out of hot water after a Plymouth win. A key battle in the Suburban Eight comes Friday with RU invading Bulldog territory.

John Glenn was sliding along on top of the ratings until Thurston pulled off a Northwest Suburban upset and then North Farmington pulled off another and Glenn slipped to No. 8. It has a chance to climb with a Franklin clash the featured event.

The Chargers from Churchill just bobbed away a chance to clinch the Western Six title and were toppled by Waterford Mott, 54-51, and stand No. 9.

COUNTRY DAY won a game and lost a game to remain in the No. 10 position, and with all the key battles taking place Friday...next week's top 10 will

look like a jig-saw puzzle about to be puzzled.

The ratings:

1	- Garden City East	W L
2	- Redford Union	12 2
3	- Franklin	10 3
4	- Brother Rice	11 4
5	- Clarenceville	10 2
6	- Garden City West	9 4
7	- Bentley	11 5
8	- John Glenn	9 4
9	- Churchill	10 5
10	- Country Day	8 5

# East Romps Over Annapolis As Jackson Scores 1,000th

Dave Jackson scored his 1,000th point in a Garden City East uniform, the first Panther ever to reach that mark. Annapolis crowd gave Dave a cherished goal, as East romped to its 11th win over Annapolis, 92-66. With 10 seconds remaining

in the third quarter, Jackson popped in a freethrow for his 1,000th point and the Dearborn Annapolis crowd gave Dave a standing ovation as it turned out to be his 1,000th point.

East jumped on Annapolis in the later stages of the first quarter to grab a 23-16 edge. The Panthers gradually pulled away scoring 23 in the second quarter to capture a 46-29 halftime lead.

The Panthers outscored Annapolis in the second half, 46-37, to win by a 26 point margin and stand 7-2 in the Mid-Wayne conference behind undefeated Inkster at 9-0.

East is 11-2 overall and

entertains Taylor Center Friday. Taylor is the team that upset East in the first round and the Panthers have an opportunity for revenge on their home ground.

EAST outrebounded Annapolis, 56-26, with Jackson hauling in 16 and John Grigal collecting 13.

The Panther starting five hit double figures for the second time of the season with Jack Hayes leading the assault with 22 points. DeHarte followed with 20 and Jackson 19. Grigal added 13 and Randy Mastako had 11.

East hit on 29 of 67 from the floor for 43 per cent and Annapolis scored on 24 of 69 for 36 per cent.

GARDEN CITY EAST

G	F	P
Grigal	4 5-5	13
Hayden	1 0-0	2
Jackson	8 3-7	19
DeHarte	5 8-10	20
Hayes	5 12-15	22
Yapan	1 0-0	2
Mastako	4 5-5	13
Amstutz	0 1-2	1
Totals	29 34-44	92

ANNAPOLIS

G	F	P
Barnhouse	2 2-3	6
Stolar	10 3-3	23
Stevs	3 4-5	10
Leif	2 0-0	4
Balonne	0 1-1	1
Lundquist	2 7-7	11
Paul	2 0-1	4
Farm	2 1-2	11
Stevs	1 0-1	2
Totals	24 18-23	67

Score by quarters: EAST 23 23 26 20 92 ANNAPOLIS 16 13 23 14 66



CONTESTING for the loose ball is North Farmington's Jim Fredericks (43) and Glenn's Dave Carlington. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

## GC West Faced With 'Must' Win

The success of Garden City West's basketball season may very well be told in the outcome of the Melvindale-Southgate battle as the Tigers find themselves in a "must win" and "hope that Melvindale loses" situation.

Melvindale is on top of the Tri-River conference with a 10-1 mark with West one notch off the pace at 9-2. The two teams split in their head-on clashes, and West now has to rely on somebody else knocking off Melvindale.

"Southgate is about the only team that has a shot at beating Melvindale," said West Coach Chris Babler. "They conclude regular season play with Riverside and Crestwood but these should be easy victories, these should be easy victories."

The Tigers kept pace with Melvindale with a 66-48 win over Southgate. Ken Kin-svater hit for seven points in the first quarter and Ken Pawenski totaled eight in the



## RU Barrels Over Dearborn, 72-55

Friday's Redford Union-Bentley basketball clash could have been the Suburban Eight showdown had it not been for a Belleville upset over Bentley.

Redford Union rolled over Dearborn, 72-55 for its 10th consecutive win and the Panthers boast a 9-1 league mark and stand 10-2 overall. Bentley is two paces off the Panther tracks with a 7-3 record and RU Coach Carl Andrews feels fairly safe that his cagers have all but wrapped up the Suburban Eight crown.

"A win Friday will clinch the title for us," said Andrews. "We have Belleville the following Friday in our season wrap-up but we would sure like to win the crown at Bentley."

"It ought to be one-heck-of-

a-game," added Andrews. "I have never played on the Bentley court but from what I hear, the RU-Bentley clashes are always down to the wire."

As long as Redford Union has been in the Class A category, no Panther squad has ever taken the crown outright but Andrews sees nobody stopping him this season in his first at RU.

The Panthers continued their winning streak that started with a North Farmington holiday tourney victory on Dec. 21, and opened up an 18-14 first quarter edge.

RU NEVER dropped behind and led at the half, 33-29. "It was a tight game in the first half," added Andrews. "But we opened it up in the second half and coasted to another win."

Jeff DeHarte hit for 12 and Jackson added 15 in the half with East going 19 for 39 from the floor.

Bob Schaner hit for 18 points in the opening half and Mark Kenney added 11. RU opened it up to 18-29 at the end of three quarters and outscored Dearborn, 21-16, in the final stanza on six field goals and 12 of 14 at the line.

RU scored 47 per cent of the field on 23 of 49 shots while Dearborn hit on 19 of 64 for 24 per cent.

There were 67 freethrows taken with RU making good 26 of 35 and Dearborn hitting on 24 of 32.

SCHANER collected 16 and Kenney added 10 rebounds with RU outrebounding Dearborn, 45-32.

Schaner led RU with 34 points followed by Kenney with 23. John Renko was the lone double figure for Dearborn with 20 points.

## Rockets Falling

## NF Upsets Glenn

By TOM DONOGHUE, Observer Sports Editor

The Rockets were looking for their second boost but received a jolt and a basketball upset as North Farmington handed John Glenn its second straight loss to knock the Rockets out of first in the Northwest Suburban conference, 64-61.

Glenn, which started the year with six consecutive victories, was upset by Thurston a week before, 77-69, and now finds itself in second place with a 5-3 record behind Franklin at 6-2.

THE ROCKETS play host to Franklin Friday and the Patriots are enjoying a six game winning streak which started against Glenn on Jan. 14, 51-41.

This could very well be the deciding clash in the battle for first with all indications being that Glenn peaked too early in the season and will be struggling to hold its own.

Meanwhile, North Farmington is coming to age. The Raiders, in topping Glenn, scored a fourth victory in their last five games and stand 4-1 in the Northwest Suburban after starting with a 0-3 mark.

overall mark and host Birmingham Groves Friday.

"I think Glenn just out-fumbled us," said Raider Coach Ken Dean. "We committed more turnovers but Glenn was guilty of more mental turnovers which don't show up on the charts."

North Farmington totaled 25 turnovers and Glenn committed 18.

JIM WILLIAMS popped in the opening basket for Glenn but North jumped to a 12-8 lead. The Raiders hit on only three field goals but made good six of 11 from the line.

"It was a ragged first quarter," said Dean. "And it continued so throughout the remainder of the game."

Glenn went up midway through the second quarter yet North fought to a 26-24 halftime advantage. Glenn's big 6-8 Williams collected three fouls as did North's John Glenn.

remaining on clutch baskets by Kim Parker and Elsworth.

GLENN shot 36 per cent from the floor on 24 of 66 while North scored on 20 of 60 for 33 per cent.

The box score:

NORTH FARMINGTON

G	F	P
Doot	1 0-7	8
McCum	0 1-5	1
Ellsworth	6 6-12	18
Fredericks	6 2-2	14
Parker	5 5-11	19
Foster	3 0-2	6
Totals	20 24-37	64

JOHN GLENN

G	F	P
McBride	8 0-0	12
Lee	6 8-7	16
Williams	3 2-3	8
Carlingham	2 2-3	8
Horton	5 1-3	11
Reitz	2 0-0	4
Briman	1 1-3	2
Avo	0 2-2	2
Totals	24 13-23	61

Score by quarters: N. FARMINGTON 12 14 19 18 64 JOHN GLENN 8 16 23 14 61

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