

GC East Roars Into Regionals; Jackson Blitzes For 37 Points

By FRED DELANO

It would be difficult to convince the Plymouth Rocks that Garden City East shot below its season average in powering to an 83-67 victory in the district basketball finals at Franklin, but the Panthers did exactly that — except for Dave Jackson who put on the greatest individual show of the tournament.

The Panthers' jumping — Jack popped them in from every angle, and with either hand, as he led East to its second straight district crown and a berth in the regional tourney which opened last night on the same court.

When it was over, Jackson had canned 12 of his 21 shots from the floor, plus 13 of 36 free throws, for 37 points. His 371 field goal average compared with a .492 team mark on 31 baskets in 63 tries, not enough to match East's .505 level for the year.

He told the whole story, however, for Plymouth was anything but a pushover despite the final 16 point margin.

"We played a good ball game, but you have to give Plymouth credit for a good game, too. They were tough," commented a relieved Billy Joe Young, coach of the Panthers, when the firing had ended.

After early sparring which saw East take the lead for keeps, at 9-7 midway through the first period, the Panthers built leads of as much as 15 points before Plymouth made its best run in the third quarter.

THREE BASKETS by the Rocks' Dave Van Wagoner were instrumental in cutting East's edge to eight points, but Jackson personally accounted for 12 Panther points in a row to Plymouth's seven to reestablish unquestioned East superiority. Meanwhile, the Rocks, who had begun to penetrate the Panther zone

effectively and to outmuscle the Panthers on the boards, lost their momentum when Van Wagoner, Ron Egloff and Jim Szilagyi all went to the bench temporarily with four fouls each.

East led 46-31 early in the third quarter when Plymouth began this spurt, saw the edge drop to 51-45, but had it safely tucked away at 63-48 when the trio of Plymouth regulars returned to action with 6:40 left in the final period.

Jack, Jackson, Jack Hayes and Jeff DeHarte then picked up the pace for East, offsetting scoring by Van Wagoner and his younger brother Tim, and with three minutes left the Panthers led by 18, 75-57.

Plymouth came on again with Egloff, Gary Close and the two Van Wagoners, but counting for 10 straight points, but the Rocks couldn't score again after Egloff fouled out with 1:14 left when it was 75-67. East's final eight points were like shooting fish in a barrel.

Behind Jackson, Hayes and DeHarte came up with 19 and 18 points each, while Dave Van Wagoner, Egloff and Tim Van Wagoner topped Plymouth with 16, 15 and 13 in that order. The victory made East's record 15-4 for the season and closed Plymouth out at 8-11. East's 63 points were the most scored against the Rocks all year.

GARDEN CITY EAST (83)			
Player	G	F	P
Hayes	9	12	19
Egloff	1	1	3
DeHarte	12	13	37
Mesanko	3	2	8
Dufresne	6	4	16
Totals	31	21	83

PLYMOUTH (57)			
Player	G	F	P
T. Van Wagoner	4	5	10
Egloff	4	7	19
Close	3	1	7
Szilagy	4	0	8
D. Van Wagoner	8	0	16
Orvas	0	2	2
Rahs	1	2	4
Vernal	0	2	2
Totals	24	19	67

Score by quarters: GARDEN CITY E. 20 19 24-83 PLYMOUTH 14 15 17 21-67



PANTHER DRIVE -- GC East's Jack Hayes (35) spurts in for a score against Plymouth's Ron Egloff (23). (Observer photo by Harry Maute)

RU Tips Southfield For A Panther First

Redford Union has not been noted for its overpowering basketball teams and has never accomplished much of anything in the prep cage world.

The Panthers had gone through 11 lean years without a league title and had been far from setting anything on fire in state tournament action, but the tide was soon to change.

CARL ANDREWS left his coaching duties at Mackenzie and took over the reins this season at RU and the Panthers began to prowl with an opening win against Southfield ... the first time in RU history that Southfield had fallen to a Panther cage team.

Eight which RU won with a 10-2 mark and then the district meet at Southfield. The Panthers crushed Crestwood, 97-51; surprised Fordson, 61-52; and upended Southfield, 83-70, to win their first district crown, and moved on to the Franklin regionals with a 17-3 record.

Southfield on the other hand went through one of its roughest seasons with a 7-8 mark, but topped Thurston and Dearborn to meet RU in the district finale. This marked the eighth time that Don Kaump maneuvered his Blue Jays into the district championship during his 11 year span.

SOUTHFIELD WON the opening tip but RU stole

the ball and Mark Durance popped it home for the third basket. With three minutes remaining in the first quarter, Southfield's Mark Lundell put the Blue Jays up 7-5 and the one point lead held to the end of the quarter, 13-12.

RU opened the second stanza with three quick buckets by Mark Kenney, Scott Bjerkie, and Gary Folks and it was 18-13 before Southfield knew what hit it.

It was nip and tuck the rest of the half with the Blue Jays jumping ahead before the buzzer, 36-30, on four straight points by Rick Moscow.

SOUTHFIELD INCREASED it to eight points at the start of the third quarter, yet RU remained in the

contest with four consecutive tosses at the charity line.

The Panther sparkplug Bob Schaner was on the bench during the quarter due to foul trouble but returned to the court with 1:37 left in the third. At that time it was 51-48 in favor of Southfield, which was hurting because Mike Klaiman was out on fouls.

"When I put Schaner back in, it was like lighting a fuse," added Andrews. "We got nine points in that minute and a half and Southfield mustered only one."

The third quarter ended with RU up, 57-52, and Southfield had just run out of gas. The Panthers went on to outscore Southfield in the final quarter, 28 to 18, and capture their first RU district trophy.

"I felt like I was on cloud nine," said Andrews after accepting the trophy. "We have the momentum and the kids have the confidence in themselves."

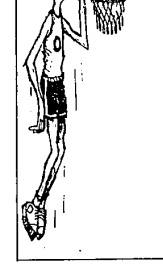
Rebounding told the story of the game ... the first half saw RU with a 28-18 advantage, and the Panthers really went to the boards in the second half, outrebounding Southfield, 42-8.

Kenney led RU with 28 rebounds, Jerry Petsch followed with 14 and Schaner added 12.

REDFORD UNION			
Player	G	F	P
Kenney	7	24	16
Folks	6	13	13
Schaner	9	8	22
Durance	2	6	10
Bjerkie	5	7	15
Petsch	3	1	2
Totals	32	19	83

SOUTHFIELD			
Player	G	F	P
Klaiman	5	3	13
Lescoe	3	2	8
Moscow	8	3	21
Wenzel	1	0	2
Folkes	2	1	4
Lundell	8	5	21
Totals	28	14	70

Score by quarters: REDFORD UNION 12 18 27 26-83 SOUTHFIELD 11 23 16 18-70



RU'S SPARKPLUG -- Bob Schaner (45) dances through the air for a two-pointer against Southfield's Mike Klaiman (0). (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Kennedy Scores Gymnastic Win Over Trojans

Taylor Kennedy captured first in the 11-team Southeastern Michigan gymnastic league meet with 133.35 point total.

Clarenceville finished 12 points off the pace for a second and North Farmington took third with 119.60 points.

Jack Waterstone, of Clarenceville, won all-around individual honors with 28.50 Doug Demurat of Allen Park scored a 7.25 for first on the horizontal bar with Kennedy's Jim Mitchell second at 6.95. Clarenceville's Jack Waterstone came in third at 5.9.

Kennedy also took the tumbling event with Terry Mills first at 7.9. North's Beno hit for second at 7.45.

LEAGUE RESULTS	
Taylor Kennedy	133.35
Clarenceville	121.35
North Farmington	119.60
Allen Park	111.65
AA Pioneer	89.95
Farmington	88.80
Trenton	87.35
AA Huron	84.85
Taylor Center	83.85
Farmington Harrison	62.15
Flat Rock	38.85

Gurian captured the still rings and was followed by team-mate Dan Waterstone with 7.85. North's Chapman scored 7.5 for third and North's Joe Neuenwander placed fourth with 7.35. Farmington's Dennis Yee finished fifth at 7.00.

ALLEN PARK'S Jon Loken came in first in the trampoline with an 8.6 total with Ken Thompson second at 7.00. Bob Malicki, of Kennedy, scored a 7.6 in the parallel bars for a first with Taylor Center's

Career High

Steve Reeves, Wayne State University junior diver, had the finest scoring night of his career against Buffalo State in 1972, setting WSU and Mat-thae Pool records on the one-meter board with a 26.60 effort and just missing the WSU mark at three meters.

All-American

Michigan State's 1971 football team has All America selections in seniors Ron Curl of Chicago, Ill., and Eric Allen of Georgetown, S.C. and junior Brad VanPelt of Owosso, Mich. They bring to 47 the number of All-American picks in Spartan history.

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