

# RU Cagers Capture Area's No. 1 Berth

Redford Union slipped past Garden City East for the No. 1 berth in the Observerland's final cage ratings.

The Panthers concluded a 14-3 season with an 84-62 win over Belleville including a Suburban Eight cage crown.

Garden City East fell out of the No. 1 spot for the first time after losses to Lutheran West and Inkster. Billy Joe Young's cagers dropped a 69-66 contest to Lutheran West and lost a squeaker to Inkster, 90-89, and it's No. 2 for East in the final rankings.

BENTLEY moved up to the No. 3 position with a 53-52 win over Dearborn putting the finishing touches on a 13-5 season.

Bob Visser's Patriots from Franklin placed No. 4 in the final poll with a Northwest Suburban championship and a 12-5 overall record.

Brother Rice lost to U-D in the Catholic championship but managed to hang onto No. 5 in Observerland with a 12-5 accounting. Of the five losses the Warriors had... three were to U-D.

CHURCHILL WON the Western Six basketball crown and earned honors for the No. 6 spot with a 12-5 showing. GC East regained its composure to walk away with the Franklin district and stands 15-4 overall.

The "Other Panthers," RU that is, finished Suburban Eight play with a 10-2 record and took district honors to match league honors. RU has only lost to Trenton, WL Central and Bentley.

Bentley finished second in the Suburban Eight with a 9-3 record, one off the RU track and sports a 15-5 overall showing. John Farrar's Bulldogs took district honors at North Farmington with a 56-51 win over Stevenson.

FRANKLIN had its shot at GC East but faltered in the first round of the districts to finish up with a 12-6 record and a No. 4 placing which still shines bright after the Northwest Suburban league title victory.

It's No. 8 for Clarenceville and the Trojans almost made it... almost a title in the Wayne-Oakland conference and almost a district title over South Lyons. Clarenceville lost to Clarkston in the battle for league honors and lost to South Lyons in the district finale.

Churchill won its first Western Six cage crown but quickly bowed in the districts to GC East, 73-52, to stand 12-6 and No. 6 in Observerland.

GARDEN CITY WEST had won its last six games before bowing to Taylor Kennedy in the season wrap-up. The Tigers looked strong for the districts but Plymouth had different ideas and

West fell in the first round and fell to No. 7 with an 11-6 mark.

John Glenn was tipped by Inkster in the Romulus districts and stand 10-6 for No. 9, and to think... at one time the Rockets were flying at 6-0.

Country Day held down its No. 10 berth with three wins in its last four games for a 12-6 performance.

The ratings:

1. Redford Union	14	3
2. Garden City East	12	4
3. Bentley	13	5
4. Franklin	12	5
5. Brother Rice	12	5
6. Churchill	12	5
7. Garden City West	11	5
8. Clarenceville	12	4
9. John Glenn	10	5
10. Country Day	11	5



## Northwestern Topples RU In Regionals, 67-41

By ARTEE

Redford Union's hopes of a berth in the finals of the regional class "A" cage tournament at Franklin High vanished like so much snow on a hot summer day when the Panthers staged one of their poorest performances of the season in dropping a 67-41 decision to Detroit Northwestern Monday night.

The gym was packed with RU rosters in the west stands and a few hundred from Northwestern in the east stands. At the finish the noise was coming from the east side while the dismayed Panther followers slowly walked out of the building.

There wasn't any question about the outcome after the first quarter. The Panthers weren't the same club that crushed Southfield in the district finals only last Saturday night... matter of fact they never resembled the quiet that marched through the Suburban Eight Conference competition to a championship.

It just wasn't RU's night to howl. It was their evening to moan and groan and followers had the opportunity from the very first minute when two baskets were erased by costly turnovers.

It was these same turnovers that had the Panthers in trouble all evening. That and poor marksmanship from the field. It didn't seem to make any difference what RU tried or where the shot was made, it didn't hit the target.

The Panthers were guilty of 20 turnovers and at least 12 were turned into baskets for the Colts.

ADDED TO RU's woes was a full court press used by Northwestern from the opening whistle and the Panthers haven't yet found a way to get through that defense.

"It just wasn't to be," said Coach Carl Andrews in the lockerroom. "We couldn't crack their big man under the

hoop, we couldn't hold on to the ball and our shooting was the worst of the season." Wilson, Childress and Jones collaborated for 10 points and Northwestern widened the gap to 28-19 at the intermission.

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semifinals against once-beaten Walled Lake Central from the field.

The regional winner will be one of eight survivors in the quarterfinals for which the drawings will be made in a meeting of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Sunday in Lansing.

Wilson, a tall, rangy center with plenty of jump in his legs, was the top performer for the winners. He collected 21 points on six field goals and nine of 10 from the foul line.

Childress was next in line with 10 and Willie Reeves eight.

Schaner, top scorer for the Panthers all season, was double teamed this time and had to be content with 10 points. Kenney, who fought even on the boards in the first half before wiling, was high 41

for the Panthers with 12 on six field goals and nine of 10 from the field.

The Panthers ended their season with a 17-4 record and the win boosted the Colts to 15-4 Saturday.

NORTHWESTERN (67)	
Childress	4 23 10
Bones	2 0 1 4
Wilson	6 9 10 21
Jones	3 0 1 6
Johnson	3 2 3 8
Reeves	4 0 2 8
Taylor	1 0 0 2
Grandberry	3 2 2 8
Totals	26 15 27 67

REDFORD UNION (41)	
Fulks	1 2 2 4
Schaner	4 2 5 12
Kenney	6 0 2 12
Durance	0 3 3 3
Wilkie	1 0 0 6
Bjerkce	3 0 1 6
Petsch	1 0 1 2
Campbell	0 2 2 2
Totals	18 9 16 41



LEAN EVENING for RU's Panthers but Mark Kenney (53) gave team backers something to cheer about in the early moments when he faked out Northwestern's Mike Wilson to score. It was the Colts' night in the regional tournament and they ousted RU, 67-41. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthle).

### Cage Regionals

AT LIVONIA FRANKLIN  
WEDNESDAY  
Garden City East vs Bentley, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY  
Walled Lake Central vs Northwestern, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY  
Wednesday's winner vs Thursday's Winner, 8 p.m.

AT STERLING HEIGHTS STEVENSON  
WEDNESDAY  
Pontiac Central vs Sterling Heights Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY  
Rice vs Wednesday's Winner, 7:30 p.m.



AL LINDBERG



JOHN OSENTOSKI

## Lindberg & Osentoski Win All-State Honors

Redford Union had won everything in wrestling including three invitationals, the districts and regionals and was one of the favored teams to win the state title.

In fact RU finished tied with Lansing Eastern for the No. 1 spot in the UPI polls, but the unexpected happened and the Panthers placed 14th in the state finals at Grand Rapids Calvin College.

SENIOR DENNIS CAMPBELL was almost a shoo-in for the 119 pound state title. He placed third in his sophomore year and second in his junior year to win state honors both years.

He had compiled an overall three year mark of 102-11 and of the 16 he was to compete against for the state title... he had already beaten 14 of those during competition this year.

In the first round of the first match Campbell injured his knee. He continued on the mats and was the victor but collapsed during the second round and RU's hopes vanished and the

momentum that Coach Larry Fortner had worked for all season was gone.

RU did have one all-stater in Al Lindberg, 28 pounds. He blitzed Dan Bartlett of Davison, 91-6, and toppled Farmington's John Osentoski with a 9-5 score.

In the semi-finals, Lindberg edged Clark Overall, of Walled Lake Western, 11-8, but the championship final match saw Lindberg fall to Mike Crumb, of Lansing Eastern, 8-6.

Lansing Eastern captured the team honors with 33 1/2 points.

LINDBERG placed second in the state and with the top four receiving state honors... RU came home with one all-stater.

The only other Observerland wrestler to capture state honors was Farmington's Osentoski who Lindberg toppled, 9-5.

Osentoski rebounded after the loss to Lindberg with wins over Bartlett and Overall... the same road that Lindberg took for his state title.

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