

Optimism Grows on East Cage Scene

There's an optimistic air around Garden City East high as coach Billy Joe Young reads his basketball team for next week's state district tournament.

Although out of contention for Mid-Wayne league honors, the East team appears to be finishing the regular season this week in a flurry.

A romp over Romulus, 85-65, followed by a 62-41 win over Robichaud last week brought a flock of smiles to Young's face.

"We're playing very well," said Young whose team now stands 12-3 overall and 6-3 in the league with the curtain dropping on the regular state Friday night at Riverview.

The triumph over Romulus in particular cheered Young.

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3 Straight Copped by Stevenson

Three straight victories before a defeat!

This was the mark the young basketball team at Stevenson high fashioned over the past week.

After grabbing two straight in league play the previous weekend, Stevenson downed Warren Mott, 55-50, in a non-leaguer lost Tuesday, then succumbed to Waterford in an interleague loop struggle, 70-64, on Friday.

Jim Olson drilled in 10 points in the first half to get Stevenson off to a 29-19 lead against Mott and Stevenson remained in control the rest of the way.

Olson wound up with 16 points, while Paul Tonnacher notched 12 and Dave Mastney ten.

In the game with Waterford, Stevenson hung close all the way. The big difference came in the first half when Waterford moved into 33-27 advantage.

Stevenson played Waterford even the rest of the way.

Mastney fired in 15 points with Paul Pender getting 14 and Olson 10. For the winners it was Carl Arrington with 22.



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"NO, YOU DON'T": Tom Kimble (34) of Redford Union goes high over Allen Park rival for a shot. Kimble made certain his effort wasn't blocked as Township eagles rolled to victory.

RU 'at Best', Belts Parkers

The regular season has produced some lumps for Redford Union high's basketball team.

But it's ending on a note that should send Redford Union into next week's district tournament at Southfield with more than just a ray of hope.

"This was our best all-around game of the season," explained coach Dave Nattling after Redford Union zipped apart Allen Park, 75-66, last Friday and started preparing for next Friday's invasion of Plymouth.

"We moved the ball around like we should," declared Nattling.

Redford Union went into a 34-29 lead at halftime and finished strong by outscoring the Packers, 42-39, after the intermission.

High man again for RU was Leland Bjerkie with 21 points. But in this game Bjerkie was more than a scorer. He was an all-around player.

"Lee made six assists for

Showdown To Decide Loop Title

It boiled down to what happened Tuesday night as to whether Farmington high would repeat as the Interleague's basketball champions.

Entering the final week of action, Farmington and Pontiac Northern boasted identical league records. This made their head-on clash a showdown for the crown.

Farmington stayed in contention with an 80-70 win over Walled Lake at the Falcons roared ahead early and held on in the second half.

Fritz Simons and Mike Ames each notched six points in the first quarter when Farmington grabbed a 20-14 advantage.

By halftime it was 37-21 for the Falcons with George Grimalda notching eight points of his own in the second quarter.

Greg Dorow pumped in eight baskets and five free throws for 21 points to top the victors. Simons finished with 18 points on seven hoops and two charities.

Grimmala had nine points along with Ames. At six each were Al Kilkka and Doug Hamilton.

The season will end for Farmington Friday in a non-leaguer at home against Roseville.

Teams Clash In AAU Cage Final Saturday

Cage fans in the area are invited to view the Michigan AAU Men's basketball finals Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in the Clarenceville High School gym.

Featured in the final will be Lutonski Post of Detroit and Knecht's of Lathrup Village, who conquered teams from Livonia, Detroit and Ecorse.

All Goes Wrong As Rocks Bow

What do you say when your team has been beaten by a 57-33 score?

What is there to add when your team makes only 11 out of 71 tries from the field?

And 11 out of 26 free throws?

For coach Dick Bearup of Plymouth after his charges had been turned back by Trenton in a Suburban Six League game.

"It's hard to explain what went so drastically wrong," explained Bearup.

"Usually, just one or two things go wrong for a team in a game. In this one the roof fell in early in all aspects and we never seemed to recover."

Trenton led, 34-12, at halftime, so actually Plymouth was outscored just 23-21 after intermission. By then, it was too late for the Rocks who host Redford Union Friday night to end the regular season and next week head into the state districts.

Nate Lulbrand caged 10 points and Mike Kubie eight for the Rocks in the night mare against Trenton.

Observing Sports

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of all types to meet the wishes of every youngster and teenager.

And you feel yourself wanting to salute ever so much those fathers and those mothers who work with Little League programs, even if the programs themselves leave a little to be desired.

RU No Match In Swim Meet

Jerry Hallom won the 200-yard free style and Ron Charles the breast stroke to account for the only triumphs Redford Union high's swimming team posted in a dual meet with Allen Park.

The Parkers finished on top in points, 63-29, aided by two disqualifications that cost Redford Union the two relays, nounced this week.

Sorrows Reigns as Co-King

Figure this one out: After reaching the semifinals of the Catholic League's Second Division playoffs, Our Lady of Sorrows high's basketball team "went backward" to beat St. Benedict, 77-59, and tie Orchard Lake St. Mary's for the Northwest Division crown.

Here's the reason behind the unusual development.

The heavy snow had forced postponement of the Sorrows-St. Benedict game when it originally was scheduled.

Rather than to delay the divisional tournament, it was decided to permit both Sorrows and St. Mary's to contest.

After Sorrows won in the first round and lost in the semifinals, time presented itself for the Farmington team to take care of its unfinished business with St. Benedict.

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Bentley Wrestlers Sink Belleville, 24-19

Bentley High wrestlers added Belleville to their list of victims for the regular season with a 24-19 victory.

The results: 95-pounds, Thomas (B) defeated Warwick, 7-2; 103-pounds, Helm (B) pinned by Loyer; 112-pounds, Belknap (B) def. Wilson, 8-0; 130-pounds, Roberts (B) lost to Burton, 5-1; 157-pounds, Reynolds (B) def. by Hosman, 17-3; 133-pounds, Begdorion (B) tied Shropshire, 2-2; 138-pounds, Regan (B) def. Rocthon, 9-6; 145-pounds, Dow (B) was def. by Held, 1-0; 154-pounds, Berto (B) pinned Skidmore; 165-pounds, Wilbur (B) pinned Ketchum; 180-pounds, MacGregor (B) def. Stokes, 5-0; and Heavyweight, Pavinski (B) was def. by Smith, 6-3.

Tops In League

Dick McAduliffe's 23 home runs in 1966 topped all American League shortstops.

Called Often

Denny McLain's 38 starting appearances in 1966 were the most for a Tiger pitcher since 1944.



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