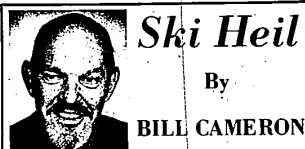


GC West Surprises Schafer, 62-60



If you want to throw your teenagers for a loop, ask them to spell Albuquerque. I still have to read the signs to get the correct spelling.

This is an interesting city, crossroads of three cultures - Indian, Spanish, and Anglo. Everywhere you look, you're reminded of the rich heritage we inherited from the Apache Indians and the Spaniards. The license plates state "The Land of Enchantment" and I can believe it.

I stopped here on my way west to visit some old friends I haven't seen for 10 years. John and Marion Martin, a pair of transplanted New Englanders, who are now "died in the wool" New Mexicans. John and I used to be friendly competitors in tennis and badminton and he still plays a passable game of racquetball. And they own the largest dog I've ever seen, a friendly Irish Wolfhound called Con who likes to sleep on the couch. Who would give him an argument?

John was kind enough to load me in his four wheel drive vehicle (standard equipment out there) and take me to a couple of ski areas. One, seven miles outside of the city, has the longest tramway in North America.

It's called Sandia Peak and you can ski from the top at an altitude of 10,378. Seventy-five per cent of their trails are geared primarily for intermediates. We drove up the other side of the mountain to the base lodge and there was hardly a line at the chairlift. The snow conditions were excellent.

Our next stop was the Santa Fe Ski Basin, the oldest ski area in the state and the highest at 12,000 feet. Situated in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, it is only 16 miles northwest of Santa Fe. What a magnificent view from the top. Here you can ski a vertical of 2300 feet with about 35 per cent of the runs for advanced skiers.

There are many more ski areas in the state, but one that sounds interesting was Ski Sierra Blanca, 200 miles south which is owned and operated by the Mesalero Apache Indians and boasts the only gondola lift in the state.

I was sorely tempted to take advantage of a real estate sign that offered, "for sale, the entire town of Madrid," a former mining town that was now a ghost town. Maybe I'll take up a collection when I return.

NF Zips Rochester

North Farmington outswam Rochester Adams 57-38 in a dual meet in which John Griswold of NF was a double winner in the 200 and 400 yard freestyle. He set a varsity record of 4:06.3 in the 400 freestyle. Teammate Paul Peterson set pool and varsity records in the individual medley with a time of 2:12.8.

A pool record in the 200 freestyle was set by Bruce Sawhill of Adams with a time of 2:12.8.

Meet results:
200 medley relay: 1-North Farmington (Edmour, M. Gasser, Murro, Warren) 2-Rochester Adams (Lackie, Harrison, J. Mercado, D. Mercado) Time 1:15.5
100 freestyle: 1-Griswold (NF) 2-Hoffman (RA) 3-Paper (NF) Time 1:54.6
200 individual medley: 1-Peterson (NF) 2-Lackie (RA) 3-Gilmour (NF) Time 2:22.8
50 freestyle: 1-Sawhill (NF) 2-Adams (NF) 3-T. Gasser (NF) Time 2:34.4
Diving: 1-K. Coupanus 2-Sawhill (NF) 3-Morero (NF) Points 205-60
100 butterfly: 1-Munro (NF) 2-T. Gasser (NF) 3-J. Mercado (RA) Time 2:02.2
100 freestyle: 1-Sawhill (RA) 2-Ankela (NF) 3-Gibney (NF) Time 1:50.7
400 freestyle: 1-Griswold (NF) 2-Hoffman (RA) 3-Paper (NF) Time 4:06.3
100 backstroke: 1-Lackie (RA) 2-Tipton (NF) 3-Hatch (NF) Time 1:04.0
100 breaststroke: 1-Harrison (RA) 2-Hoffman (NF) 3-Gasser (NF) Time 1:11.9
400 freestyle relay: 1-NF (Ankela, Gilmour, Griswold, Peterson) 2-RA (B. Mercado, J. Mercado, Hoffman, Sawhill) Time 3:32.7

Garden City West has found its "pot of gold" in Tri-River basketball competition. But the rainbow has been filled with numerous off-colors. West tipped Schafer in overtime, 62-60, to remain the lone unbeaten club in the Tri-River League with a 4-0 record. But don't look past the league mark for West. Chris Babler's cagers stand 0-1 in non-leaguers. "I can't really explain the contrast," said Babler. "It's not that the teams we play outside the league are that much better. I guess we just concentrate on our league play more."

WEST EDGED ahead after one quarter, 10-8, with four for 15 shooting mark, and outscored Schafer, 13-10, in the second to capture a 20-18 halftime lead. After each club hit for 18 points in the third stanza, Schafer came back to tie it at 39-39, 2:01 remaining. Ted Richmond, Bob Carr and Mark Kilbourn then followed with two points apiece for West and with 30 seconds left on the clock in

regulation play, the Tigers Hammond going to the line on a one-and-one situation with the ref stating the foul came after the shot. HAMMOND MADE both to complete a four point play and with 13 seconds remaining, Bobby Carr hit a lay-up to put West back on top by two. But Schafer hung in there and Paul Jarvis sank a 20-foot buzzer to tie it at 55-55 and send the battle of the undefeated into overtime.

WEST MISSED on another one-and-one play and an 18 footer by Schafer at the buzzer rang of the rim and the Tigers were in first place all alone. Schafer hit 25 of 58 from the floor for 43 per cent while West spluttered to a 33 per cent, 20 of 55. The difference was at the line with West making good 22 of 35. Schafer hit on only 10 of 23. "We are starting to play good heads up basketball but these league clashes are starting to take something out of us," added Davis.

REBOUNDING belonged to West with a 37-31 edge, Richmond hauling in 12 and Kinsvator 10. "I still see Kennedy as the team to beat in the Tri-River," said Babler. "Even though we beat them, but that is their lone loss of the season."

"I see a 11-3 mark taking the league title and everyone as always is after us now," concluded Babler whose cagers have won the Tri-River three times in the last five years, the other two seeing West place second.

West travels to Riverside Friday in another Tri-River battle.

Spartans Blitz Farmington

Stevenson basketball Coach George VanWagoner sees his squad coming and starting to jell. Farmington High saw Stevenson coming and all but ran out the back door of the Spartan gym, losing a 62-36 Inter-Lakes clash, the seventh loss for Farmington in nine games. "For Stevenson it was victory No. 1 in the Inter-Lakes against one defeat, that a 64-63 heartbreaker to Walled Lake Central, and one Coach VanWagoner isn't going to forget. "We have a good shot at winning this race," said VanWagoner. "But we will need some help, seeing that

Pontiac Northern is still undefeated." THE 5-3 Spartans get their first crack at Northern at home on Jan. 25 and wind up the campaign at Northern on March 2. Farmington High and first year Coach Bruce Brown have been having their problems and it looks like things will probably get worse before their win column will shine their way. Stevenson's man-to-man defense all but toppled the Falcons in the opening quarter. The Spartans jumped to a 13-1 lead and with 20 seconds left in the quarter, Farmington scored its first two-

point, a short jumper by Brian Crane, coupled with Steve Decker's free throw. The Falcons were trailing by 10 going into the second stanza. Farmington got off only five shots from the floor in the quarter while Stevenson was just the opposite but with almost the same results. The Spartans hit on only three of 23 from the floor. FARMINGTON WON the second quarter, 12-11, with a five for 12 period, Stevenson still having its troubles with a five for 20 shooting. The Spartans edged ahead after three quarters, 40-28, and went on to outscore the Falcons, 22-17, in the final eight minutes. The Falcons were only two

Inter-Lakes Conference
Thirteen Spartans broke into the scoring column, Haberman paving the way with 19. Stevenson hosts Inter-Lakes foe Waterford in a key league battle Friday and travels to Lincoln Park Tuesday, Jan. 23. Farmington, meanwhile, will have its hands full with Walled Lake Central Friday and Waterford Mott the following week.

FARMINGTON (36)		STEVENSON (62)	
Player	FG FT TP	Player	FG FT TP
Hagen	3 7-8 13	Haberman	9 12 19
Drake	1 0 0 2	Patrick	3 3-5 4
Love	2 0 0 2	Easley	1 3-4 5
Cavins	0 1-4 1	Fischer	1 0-1 2
Herman	1 0 0 1	Glavin	1 2-2 2
Holton	1 0 0 1	Centers	1 2 3
Crane	1 3-4 5	Macy	0 0 0 0
Murt	0 2-2 2	Taylor	0 0 0 2
Totals	10 16-24 36	Matar	2 1-2 5
		Link	1 0 0 2
		Hegner	1 1-2 5
		Barotello	2 1-2 5
		Kelly	2 0 0 4
		Owen	2 0 0 4
		Totals	25 12-24 62
		FARMINGTON	3 12 13 8-36
		STEVENSON	13 11 16 22-62

GC WEST (52)		SCHAFFER (60)	
Player	FG FT TP	Player	FG FT TP
B. Carr	8 8-13 16	Ruppert	4 4-8 12
Tatro	0 1-3 1	Hammond	4 4-5 12
Kilbourn	5 4-4 14	Barr	2 0 0 4
Kinsvator	7 5-7 19	Pitt	8 0-2 16
Goosh	2 2-5 7	Vassell	0 1-4 1
Richmond	2 1-2 6	Jarvis	5 0 0 10
Totals	20 22-35 62	Casero	2 1-3 5
		Totals	25 10-23 60

'We Ran Out Of Gas' Central Tips Churchill

Churchill High School won the first quarter against Walled Lake Central, but it was the Charger basketball machine just in out of gas and fell to its first

loss of 73, 64-54. The non-league defeat positioned Pat Montagnano's Chargers with an overall record of 6-3, and 1-1 in Western Six action.

"We really blitzed Walled Lake in the first quarter," said Montagnano, whose squad built up a 22-17 advantage. Phil Damaska popping in 12 points "we ran hard and heavy and our press was working."

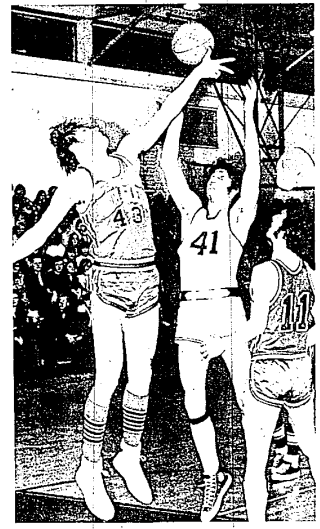
"But we ran out of gas after the first quarter and went downhill from there," added Montagnano. WALLED LAKE found itself in the second period, outscoring Churchill, 18-10, to take a 35-21 lead into the locker room at the half. The third stanza stymied both coaches with each team scoring only eight points. Central taking a 49-39 margin into the final eight minutes. Midway through the fourth, Churchill tied it at 48-48 on a bucket by Mark Reed and it appeared that the Chargers were picking up steam. Then Central's Mike Imhoff, who was the game's high scorer with 27 points, hit two quick baskets with two minutes remaining. Montagnano and his five were down four points.

Area Top Prep Cage Scorers

Player	PTS	HIGH	AVG
MALABY, Lathrup	8	19.5	24.5
BOLLIN, Bentley	9	19.7	21.9
SIELOFF, Harrison	7	15.3	21.9
CARLINGTON, John Glenn	10	21.6	29.6
VAN WAGONER, Plymouth	9	17.4	25.13
BOEGLER, Bentley	9	17.4	25.13
SOPKO, Bishop Borgess	10	19.0	33.0
KASETA, Franklin	8	14.7	19.0
FULKS, Redford Union	9	16.1	17.9
GRIGAL, GC East	9	13.8	17.3
PARKER, N. Farmington	9	18.1	24.16.8
KEENAN, Thurston	9	14.9	23.16.6
CENTERS, Stevenson	8	12.9	16.1
SAARELA, Clarencville	10	15.9	25.10.9
REED, Churchill	10	15.3	27.15.3
DAMASKA, Churchill	9	13.1	19.14.6
KILBOURN, GC West	10	14.5	24.14.5
TRACY, Lathrup	8	11.3	14.1
MONTGOMERY, Farmington	8	11.1	20.13.9

BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Division	Team	W	L
FIRST DIVISION CATHOLIC DOUBLE A	SERVITE	4	1
	QUINE CHILD	3	2
	SHRINE	2	3
	BISHOP BORGESS	2	3
SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN	REDFORD ST. MARY	2	3
	BISHOP CALAGHER	1	4
	BIRKLEY	1	4
	ROYAL OAK KIMBALL	2	2
CATHOLIC SECOND DIVISION WEST	ST. ALPHONSUS	6	0
	ST. FLORIAN	5	1
	OL. ST. MARY	5	1
	LOURDES	3	4
SUBURBAN EIGHT	ALLEN PARK	4	0
	REDFORD UNION	3	1
	BENTLEY	3	1
	EDSEL FORD	3	1
INTER-LAKES	WALLED LAKE CENTRAL	1	1
	FARMINGTON	1	2
	WATERFORD	0	2
	MELVINDALE	0	4
MET SUBURBAN	SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	4	0
	BLOOMFIELD LAISER	4	0
	BIRMINGHAM GROVES	2	2
	ROYAL OAK DORNDORF	2	2
NORTHWEST SUBURBAN	FRANKLIN	3	0
	JOHN GLENN	2	1
	N. FARMINGTON	2	1
	GC EAST	1	2
WAYNE-OAKLAND	WALLED LAKE WESTERN	2	2
	WATERFORD MOTT	2	1
	CHURCHILL	0	3
	FARMINGTON HARRISON	1	3
W. L. CENTRAL (64)	Blair	0	0
	VanWagoner	0	2
	Damaska	8	2
	Reed	7	0
WL CENTRAL (64)	Long	2	0
	Imhoff	10	7
	Link	0	2
	ANBY	3	3
WESTERN SIX	Sheldon	1	0
	Totals	25	14
	Churchill	22	9
	Churchill	17	8



REBOUND BATTLE -- Thurston's John Stein (41) does battle with John Glenn's Brian Kaluzny (43). Glenn ended the Eagles, 56-53. (Photo by Dave Atwater).

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