

Mott Slaps Churchill, 56-40, Charger Title-Road Shakey

It was to be a night when the defending Western Six basketball champions clinched at least a tie for the title.

It was to be Churchill's sixth consecutive victory.

It was to be Churchill's ninth win in its last 10 games.

It was supposed to push the Chargers' overall mark to 15-4.

Apparently Waterford Mott didn't get the message.

Churchill lost, 56-40.

At the same time, Farmington Harrison easily handled Walled Lake Western, 64-8, to move into a tie with Churchill for the No. 1 position with one league clash remaining.

Churchill is at Harrison Friday, each sporting a 5-2 league mark.

"I just hope our kids can put themselves back up," said disappointed Churchill Coach Pat Montagnano after the lopsided loss to Mott, a team Churchill had beaten earlier, 51-51. "I guess you could say it is more interesting this way. Whoever wins the last game wins the title."

"Our inability to hit from inside the key told the story against Mott," said Montagnano. "We hit only eight of 44 from inside the key. There goes our ball game. It just wasn't to be."

Churchill has one thing going for it in the final match-up with Harrison.

Harrison has never beaten Churchill in basketball.

The Chargers upended Harrison, 57-50, earlier for their fifth consecutive win over the Farmington team.

"They have never beaten us and we are looking forward to the challenge," added Montagnano. "Harrison has the momentum and they have the home-court advantage, but we'll be there giving it all we have."

Harrison is on a six-game winning streak and sports an 11-6 overall showing, the school's best in its three-year history.

Churchill stands 14-5 overall.

Waterford Mott took full advantage of the poorest shooting night ever in Churchill basketball.

The Chargers hit only 15 of 75 from the floor for 20 percent.

Mott didn't do much better. Shooting 20 of 36 for 55 percent.

Mark Lawrence popped in two quick buckets for Mott in the early minutes and Churchill fell behind after one quarter, 14-1. A Mark Reed basket put Churchill up, 18-16, to start the second but Mott

surged ahead, with two free throws by Phil Damaska cutting the half-time margin to 24-23 for Churchill.

Mott came on like gangbusters in the third period, outscoring Churchill, 13-7, to grab a 37-30 lead going into the fourth quarter.

Churchill hit only three of 17 in that quarter from the floor.

With 2 1/2 minutes remaining, Mott was sitting on a 14 point lead but Churchill woke up and scored 10 straight points to slice the margin to 44-40.

Don Braun and Phil Damaska hit two buckets each and Ken Landini added another. But the Charger press ran out of steam and Churchill failed to score a point the rest of the way.

"We ran out of gas," added Montagnano. "The press took us right out of the ball game."

Now comes the Harrison showdown Friday and one of the district next week.

Churchill is host in what is shaping up to be one of the toughest districts in the state.

Redford Union, Plymouth, Thurston, Bentley and Stevenson join Churchill.

"I see any one of five teams winning this thing," said Montagnano. "This is probably the top balanced district in the state. Plymouth and RU have to be the favorites but you can't count but Bentley and Stevenson and we have the home-court advantage."

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It took a full week before things returned to normal at Northville Downs after all of the snow... but return they did Saturday when a near record crowd of 5,820 wagered \$404,099. It was the first \$400,000 handle in three weeks and pointed to better nights in the final 15 days of the 30-night meeting.

The 5,820 was the second largest crowd in two winter seasons, just a few short of the 5,908 in the stands on the final Saturday a year ago.

H.T. Pilot, the five-year-old (Henry T. Adios) from the Grove Stimer stable of Parma, Mich., proved that Racing Secretary Tom Smith acted wisely in placing him in the preferred class.

With Stimer at the reins, the bay horse took the lead on the final turn and was pulling away from the competition at the finish. The time of 2:07.3 was the second fastest of the night.

Smith, who learned the hard way when he scheduled a five-horse feature a week earlier and then wound up with three horses due to late scratches, didn't take any chances this time... he had six in the race and all went.

Erlanas Valley, the pride and joy of Livonia Auto Dealer Bill Brown, went to the post as the betting favorite. For the second time in two weeks, Erlanas Valley took the early lead and appeared a winner until H.T. Pilot came through with one of his famous finishes.

Perhaps the most amazing performance of all was recorded by Johnny G., nine-year-old owned by Angus McIntyre of Port Huron, who battled the leaders all the way and wound up third.

This is N'That... Have's Prince, once one of the better trotters in the midwest, has taken a new lease on life as a 13-year-old at Northville Downs. The old-timer, now in the hands of Malcolm Phillips, trotted to his third straight win last week. With only one more year of racing before he has to retire, Have's Prince has demonstrated that he is still capable of going against and beating the middle class trotters at the "Downs"... that's something for one with so much age.

From Florida comes word that Willard Niles has finally joined the ranks of the beneficiaries. Willard was married to Frances Daley McGarty on Jan. 8 in Panama Beach, Fla. This ended bachelorhood for the last member of the famed Archie Niles family of Northville, Mich.

Incidentally, this is the first time in years that Archie and Rose Niles, parents of Willard, missed the winter sojourn to Pompano Park. Neither fell up to the long trip and both are living with their children in Northville. Archie, who is up in his 80s and has been a driver and trainer since the early part of the century, has officially retired from all racing activities.

Ray Magee, who is one of the two assistants to Wolverine Racing Secretary Bill Comors, has been busy at the track for the past two weeks. Ray participated in the screening of horses for the forthcoming meeting with members of the Michigan Harness Horsemen's Association committee recently. All receiving stall space have been notified by mail of their allotments. Comors is slated to check in next week to handle the drawings for the opening program.

Chris Boring, the talented Adrian driver-trainer, may have set a record for most championships in the 1972 Michigan colt stake series. Chris was the driver of four

of 12 victors including Maid of Knight, Some Dreamer, Shaway Letter and Alshire Scamp.

Michigan's rich futures... the \$38,000 Michigan and the \$90,000 Wolverine... have been awarded to Imlay City and Allegan for 1973. Allegan won the Wolverine for the second straight year with a bid of \$3,500 at the annual winter meeting of the MHHA. The State Department of Agriculture awarded the Michigan Fair to the Eastern Michigan Fair at Inlay City.

Don Lacey, of Ortonville, was the only new member named to the MHHA board of directors at the annual meeting in mid-January. Howard Niles, of South Lyon; O.K. Grettenberger, of Okemos; and Paul Linehan, of Adrian were re-elected.

Then the new board held its first meeting and named Grettenberger, Linehan and Dr. James Bennett as president, vice president and secretary for two-year terms.

Other directors are: William Abdom, New Boston; J.C. Abr. Centerville; Carl Allen, Brighton; Grant Dale, South Lyon; Dr. Jack Gronmons, Flint; Albert Haley, Clare.

Here Are The District Prep Cage Pairings

- AT FRANKLIN HIGH**
MONDAY, MARCH 5
- #1-Franklin (11-7) vs Crestwood (2-16), 7 p.m.
 - #2-Thurston (4-14) vs Bishop Borgess (10-9), 8:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**
- #3-Cody (5-15) vs Winner #1, 7 p.m.
 - #4-Detroit Redford (2-14) vs Winner #2, 8:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 9**
- #5-Winner #3 vs Winner #4, 8 p.m.

- AT CHURCHILL HIGH**
TUESDAY, MARCH 6
- #1-Churchill (14-5) vs Bentley (8-10), 7:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**
- #2-Stevenson (11-7) vs Plymouth (14-4), 7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 8**
- #3-Redford Union (16-3) vs Winner #1, 7:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 10**
- #4-Winner #2 vs Winner #3, 7:30 p.m.

- AT FARMINGTON HARRISON**
TUESDAY, MARCH 6
- #1-Farmington (2-15) vs Andover (7-11), 7 p.m.
 - #2-Harrison (11-6) vs Southfield (7-12), 8:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 8**
- #3-Detroit Ford (5-10) vs Winner #1, 7 p.m.
 - #4-N. Farmington (9-9) vs Winner #2, 8:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, MARCH 9**
- #5-Winner #3 vs Winner #4, 8 p.m.

- AT SOUTH LYON**
MONDAY, MARCH 5
- #1-Northville (3-15) vs Pinckney (12-7), 7:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 6**
- #2-South Lyon (11-8) vs Riverside (8-11), 7:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**
- #3-Brighton (1-18) vs Winner #1, 7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 8**
- #4-Clarenceville (4-14) vs Winner #2, 7:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 10**
- #5-Winner #4 vs Winner #3, 7:30 p.m.

- AT BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM**
MONDAY, MARCH 5
- #1-Southfield-Lathrup (17-1) vs Seaholm (9-7), 7:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 6**
- #2-Brother Rice (11-7) vs Birmingham Groves (4-12), 7:30 p.m.
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- AT BELLEVILLE**
MONDAY, MARCH 5
- #1-Cherry Hill (12-6) vs Belleville (3-15), 7:30 p.m.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 6**
- #2-John Glenn (14-3) vs GC East (8-10), 7:30 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7**
- #3-Wayne (12-6) vs Winner #1, 7:30 p.m.
- THURSDAY, MARCH 8**
- #4-GC West (10-9) vs Winner #2, 7:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 10**
- #5-Winner #3 vs Winner #4, 2 p.m.

McLean Scores 49 WL Central Rips Falcons, 84-38

It was Randy McLean night at Walled Lake Central.

His 49 points led Farmington High happened by.

McLean single-handedly toppled the Farmington Falcons crew in an inter-Lakes cage battle, 84-38. The Walled Lake team as a whole beat Farmington, 84-38.

The 6-8 McLean set the school's single game scoring record of 49 points, breaking a 70 record of 47 points set by Bob Sierra.

McLean hit 22 of 32 from the floor, five of seven at the line and hauled in 22 rebounds.

For Farmington High and its first year Coach Bruce Brown, it was just another frustrating contest in what was a frustrating season long ago. It was Farmington's 11th straight defeat and 15th in 17 games.

Central dashed to a 12-1 first quarter lead with McLean scoring 10 of the 12 points and Mark Love getting the lone Falcon point.

Farmington was zero for 17

from the floor, missed four layups and 10 shots from inside the key.

Two minutes into the second quarter, Farmington got its first field goal — a two-pointer by Dennis Hagen to slice into the 17-1 score.

Farmington woke up in its second to hit seven of 19 from the floor but found itself down at the half, 38-21. McLean scoring 12 in the period to give him 23 at the half.

The Falcons returned to their old ways in their third period, hit only three of 15 from the floor, were outscored 25-7, and lagged behind after three quarters, 63-28.

McLean scored 13 in the third.

"I realized that McLean was in there to reach some kind of record," said Brown. "Sure we could have stalled or something but I started subbing and just continued to play it fair."

Central's Coach John Oswald came up to me after the game and apologized for pouring it on," said Brown. "But he said that McLean had earned the chance to go after the record."

The individual scoring

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mark was the one and only record that McLean did not have at Central.

Central finished 39 or 78 from the floor for 50 percent while Farmington sputtered around the 22 percent mark, 15 of 68.

Farmington wraps up its regular season home against Waterford Mott Friday and it's then on to the district at Farmington Harrison.

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Mara	0	1	4
Hagen	2	4	8
Drahe	4	0	8
Montgomery	1	0	2
Swidlow	1	0	2
Clancy	0	0	0
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Love	2	3	7
Herman	1	0	2
Clancy	1	0	2
Hoffon	2	1	3
Totals	15	8	38

WL CENTRAL (84)	FG	FT	TP
Page	1	0	2
Page	5	0	10
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McLean	22	6	49
Albany	0	1	2
Hopper	1	0	2
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Olympians Coming To NCAA Meet

At least 15 Olympians, including gold medalists Dave Wottle, Randy Williams and Gerald Tinker, are scheduled to compete in the ninth annual NCAA indoor track championships March 9-10 in Cobo Arena at Detroit.

Michigan again is the host university and Athletic Director Don Canham is meet director.

Two of the Olympians will lead Michigan's NCAA entries, Godfrey Murray and Kim Rowe. Murray is indoor and outdoor Hig Ten champion and competed in the high hurdles for Jamaica, a cow from Hig Ten outdoor 400 champion, ran Jamaica's fastest leg in the 1,600-meter relay at Munich.

Wottle, the Olympic 800-meter champion, ran the mile or half-mile or possibly both for Bowling Green in the NCAA championships. Last year he won the half-mile and the next day anchored Bowling Green's winning distance medley relay team.

Williams, the Olympic long jump champion from Southern California, competed in the NCAA meet as a freshman last year but failed

to contribute to USC's winning total of 19 points. His teammate, Henry Hines, won the long jump, Williams won the NCAA outdoor title.

Tinker won his gold medal running the third leg of America's winning 400-meter relay. He returned from Munich to join the Kent State football team that won the Mid-American Conference championships and went to the Tangerine Bowl. A transfer student from Memphis State, Tinker is competing in his first NCAA indoor meet.

Jan Johnson, Olympic bronze medalist from Alabama, will defend his NCAA pole vault title in Detroit.

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