

Cage powers collide

Bentley press flattens Falcons

By Scott Adler
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Livonia Bentley's Kim Archer — the Adrian Danley of girls' prep basketball — turned in another fine performance for the Bulldogs Tuesday night, pouring in 17 points and hauling down 23 rebounds to lead her team to a 54-40 victory over Farmington.

The junior forward, whose style is similar to the former Notre Dame star, rattled the highly regarded Falcon front line with an array of clutch plays.

The Falcons had their own 'tower of strength' in Stacy Green, a 6-foot-4 center, but Bentley's full-court, scrapping defense took her out of the action much of the night. Even though Bentley's tactics got the job done, Green still man-

aged 17 points and 11 rebounds. "I think Lori Swanson (the Bulldogs' center) holding Stacy Green to 17 points is a great defensive job," said a very happy Bentley coach Tom Lang. "The key was we're not as big as they are, but we played bigger. Our quickness played a big part in our successful press."

The win boosted Bentley to 3-0 on the season with Farmington slipping to 2-1.

THE FALCONS started quickly, taking a 9-4 lead at the 4:47 mark of the first quarter. The Bulldogs' defense came on strong and forced numerous Farmington turnovers as the Falcons were unable to get the ball inside to Green.

Farmington led 11-10 after the first quarter and held its advantage until

three minutes remained in the half, when Bentley went ahead for the first time, 20-13, and never trailed again.

The Bulldogs stretched five-point halftime lead to 40-31 at the conclusion of the third quarter, thanks to a full-court press that completely stymied the Farmington offense. Green also picked up her fourth personal foul with 3:47 remaining as Archer completed a three-point play on an offensive rebound.

The fourth quarter turned into a track meet with the Falcons trying to close the gap, but the closest they could come was 10 points with 2:30 left in the game.

"THE PRESS gave us some trouble," said Farmington coach Bob Lekovich. "We had three girls in foul trouble, and

that really hurt us too."

Two of Lekovich's starters, Lisa Borchanian and Chris Looser, who finished the game with 10 points, fouled out of the game, while two other starters, Green and Mary Ann Kuhnlein, were saddled with four fouls.

Ann Roy, Bentley's senior captain, played an excellent all-around game, finishing as the game's high scorer with 19 points. She also had six steals. "Ann Roy is the most consistent player I've had," Lang said. "You don't always notice it because she is so consistent, but every game she ends up in double figures for us."

Swanson finished the game with 11 rebounds to help Archer on the boards.

"We tried to play an aggressive zone, because of our foul trouble, but it didn't quite work out," Lekovich said.

N. Farmington notches 3rd-straight

Christian wins cage tourney

Patti Fracassi and Kim Raymond each hit two free throws with less than a minute to play as Southfield Christian battered Southfield Christian, 34-15. Theresa Williams scored 11 points for Hamtramck. Juli Dace scored eight points for the Southfield squad, which shot only 13 percent (seven of 46) from the field.

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ATHENS 55 CENTER LINE 37 Troy Athens (3-0) used a big fourth quarter to overcome Center Line, 55-37, last Tuesday in a non-league game.

Coach Joe Clinton's Athens team led by six (25-19) at halftime before scoring 19 fourth-quarter points to Center Line's eight. Karen Bieszke, a 5-11 junior forward, scored 16 points and grabbed 15 rebounds for the winners.

Teammates Anne Moore and Mandy Berman chipped in with 15 and 10 points, respectively.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 48 WATERFORD 40 Jana Baringer, West Bloomfield's 5-9 senior, center, scored 17 points and picked off six rebounds last Tuesday as the Lakers downed Waterford Town-

ship, 48-40. West Bloomfield is 1-1 under coach Mike Greene.

Carrie Stinchcomb added 14 points for West Bloomfield, and Township's Michelle Perko led all scorers with 22.

BERKLEY 43 LATHRUP 35 Gayetta McMilline and Lori Zauner combined for 26 points to lead Berkley past Southfield-Lathrup, 43-35, last Tuesday. Lathrup has a 2-1 record; Berkley is 2-0.

"Berkley uncorked a guard fast break, and we just weren't ready to handle it," said Lathrup coach Bob Harding. "When we did finally beat it, we were too far behind."

"And our shooting was terrible — just 27 percent. In the first two games, we shot 47 percent."

Lista Harding scored 21 points for Lathrup.



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Stacy Green (dark jersey) fires a jumper over the outstretched hand of Bentley's Lori Swanson. Green finished with 17 points, but Bentley won, 54-40.

DCDS, Cranbrook ready to clash

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Seaholm, meanwhile, absorbed a 20-3 licking from rival Lakers. Seaholm won 3-0 last year in a game that featured Co. coach Jeff Keller coaching for the first time against the school he formerly played with. PREDICTION: SEAHOLM

Athens at Clawson (Friday, 7:30 p.m.): Athens is one of the sleeper schools in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area this year. The Red Hawks opened with a 37-8 thrashing of Berkley last week. Tim Drumheller, a senior halfback who gained 97 yards against the Bears, should have another big day. PREDICTION: ATHENS

Farmington Harrison at Waterford (Friday, 7 p.m.): Class B powerhouse Harrison was stunned last week by an improved Class A team from West Bloomfield, 6-0. Harrison gained only 116 yards on the tough Lakers defense. The Hawks will prey on Waterford.

PREDICTION: HARRISON

North Farmington at Walled Lake Central (Friday, 7:30 p.m.): North Farmington grabbed a 14-6 halftime lead and defeated a powerful team from Detroit Southwestern last week. The Raiders, coached by Ron Holland, have always fielded a strong team and will seek to keep their '81 record unblemished against the Vikings. PREDICTION: NORTH FARMINGTON

Birmingham Groves at West Bloomfield (Friday, 7:30 p.m.): Groves appeared lethargic last week in losing at home to Utica Eisenhower. West Bloomfield shocked Harrison. The Lakers are an improved ballclub and are looking to tune up their machine for next week's GOAL opener with Waterford Kettering. PREDICTION: WEST BLOOMFIELD

Bloomfield Hills Labser at Clarkston

(Friday, 7:30 p.m.): A rebuilding Labser team opened with a big win over Seaholm. The Knights should be looking forward to this match-up with the Wolves, who won the GOAL last year and lost only one game all season. PREDICTION: CLARKSTON

Center-Line at Adams (Friday, 7:30 p.m.): For the second straight year, Adams won its opener against Lake Orion at the Pontiac Silverdome last week by one point. The Highlanders are hoping history doesn't repeat itself tomorrow — last year Adams lost a close game to Center Line to even its record at 1-1. PREDICTION: ADAMS

Madison at Avondale (Friday, 7:30 p.m.): Coach Rick "Rhino" Brewer has the Yellowjackets loaded for another big year. Avondale, which went undefeated last year, won its opener last week against Rochester. The Yellowjackets now have a 10-game, two-year winning streak in progress. PREDICTION: BROTHER RICE

DICTION: AVONDALE

Walled Lake Western at Farmington (Saturday, 2 p.m.): Farmington was shell-shocked by the Blue Jays last weekend in Southfield. The Falcons' home turf will provide a comfortable feeling. It should be a close one. PREDICTION: FARMINGTON

Detroit Country Day at Cranbrook (Saturday, 2 p.m.): What a match-up! DCD is coming off a big three-point win over Orchard Lake St. Mary. The Yellow Jackets have some talented players. Cranbrook surprised everyone with a stinging 38-8 victory over Oxford. PREDICTION: DETROIT COUNTRY DAY

Birmingham Brother Rice at Chicago St. Rita (Saturday, 2 p.m.): The defending state champions have found themselves in unfamiliar position — with a loss. The Warriors were chipped by Cardinal Mooney of Ohio last week, but they won't let the men from Illinois do it to them again. PREDICTION: BROTHER RICE

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