

RU Dazzles Plymouth In 6th Straight Win

Redford Union won its sixth straight basketball clash, downing Plymouth, 77-59, and the Panthers stand alone on top of the Suburban Eight with a 3-1 mark.

Trenton dropped into a second place tie with Bentley. Each squad boasts a 4-2 league record.

RU Coach Carl Andrews has seen his team improve with each contest. The 8-2 Panthers opened the season with wins over Southfield and Allen Park, and then fell to Trenton 84-83, and lost to state ranked

Walled Lake Central in the holiday tournament, 77-70. The Panthers have beaten North Farmington, Detroit Redford, Dearborn, Bentley, Belleville and Plymouth.

"We really didn't know how good Plymouth was," said Andrews. "They beat Trenton and Trenton had beaten us."

PLYMOUTH stands 2-4 in league play and sits 4-6 overall. RU tipped in the first basket but the Rocks spurred to an 8-2 advantage. The Panthers

found themselves early in the quarter and jumped to a 19-13 lead.

The front running Panthers exploded for 27 points in the second quarter, hitting on nine of 15 from the floor while Plymouth spurred along with a four for 18 quarter.

RU improved on its 46-25 halftime lead with an 18 point third quarter and the Panthers led into the fourth, 64-38.

MARK KENNY collected 10 rebounds with RU slipping past Plymouth, 45-30. RU travels to Edsel Ford Friday.

Box score: REDFORD UNION (77) FG FT TP 8 4.6 20 8 5.8 21 8 3.3 19 0 0 0 0 2.2 2 0 1.2 1 1.2 3 2 0.1 4 Totals 30 17-26 77

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A TENSE Churchill Coach Pat Montagano goes through the motions of watching his squad topple Walled Lake Western.

Churchill 'Wakes Up' To Stifle WL Western

By TOM DONOHUE Observer Sports Editor

Farmington Harrison and Waterford Mott stand closest to Churchill with 2-2 marks, while Western and Northville trail at 1-3.

Western stayed with a cold Churchill squad and captured the lead at one point in the closing minutes of the third quarter, before the Chargers got it together and coasted to victory in the final minutes.

Churchill bounced ahead in the early moments 8-2 on baskets by Bruce Van Wagoner and Mike Keller, and the Chargers were in front at the end of the quarter, 15-11.

Bentley Cagers Winning

Churchill upped its season record to 8-2 and remained undefeated in Western Six action with a 67-53 win over Walled Lake Western.

Bulldogs On The Prowl

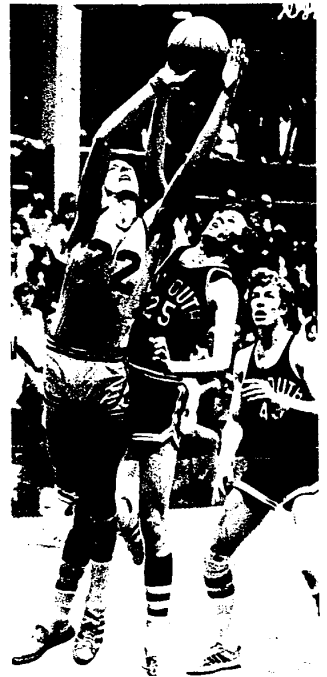
Steve Spallsbury paced Trenton with 19 points, Mike Selleck and Tim VanGoethem added 13 and 12 respectively.

Harrison Trims Cranbrook; Faces Mott in 'Must' Game

Farmington Harrison never took command, yet never fell behind in scoring a non-league game win over Cranbrook, 60-54.

Panthers Take Raider Crown

The Redford Union wrestling squad just keeps rolling along and is currently rated No. 7 in the state UPI poll.



UP FOR A SCORE - Redford Union's Gary Fukls (22) drives in against Tim VanWagoner (25) of Plymouth. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Trenton popped in the first basket but then it was Bentley all the way.

The up and down Bulldogs knocked off Trenton, 80-68, to move into a second place tie with Trenton in the Suburban Eight conference.

Redford Union romped over Plymouth to boost its record to 5-1 and Bentley and Trenton are second with 4-2 marks.

"This league is too crazy to overlook anybody," said Bentley Coach John Farrar. "But I must admit that we are anxious to get Redford Union in our gym... we can beat the Panthers the next time around."

and lost to RU in a 62-61 squeaker.

TRENTON, which won its first three league games, ran into an aggressive Bulldog squad. Dan Weiss collected three steals and two field goals in the opening minutes and Bentley jumped ahead.

Tim Bollin totaled 10 points and the Bulldogs led after eight minutes, 23-11.

BENTLEY went up, 39-19, before Trenton reeled off 13 straight points to cut the halftime score to 39-32.

floor," added Farrar. "Even though we were up by seven, it didn't look good at halftime."

The Bulldogs quickly changed the pace in the third quarter and upped their lead to 63-42, hitting on eight of 10 from the floor.

Bentley ran into trouble in the final quarter with Bollin picking up his fourth foul and Gordie Chaisson leaving the court because of an ankle injury.

The Bulldogs slowed down the pattern of play and coasted to a 12 point victory.

Bolin collected 14 rebounds as Bentley outrebounded Trenton, 34-30.

Bentley hosts Allen Park Friday.

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The Chargers led going into the last quarter, 47-45, and this was the closest Western could get as Churchill dominated the final minutes.

CHURCHILL shot 31 per cent from the floor on 24 of 78 while Western had 40 per cent on 20 of 50 shots.

The Chargers fell apart at the end of the quarter, 15-11.

WESTERN tied it at 15-15 in the early stages of the second stanza and jumped to 25-22 before the Chargers were in front at the half, 33-33.

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RU WAS CROWNED Walled Lake Invitational champions and won honors in the 28 team Schoolcraft College Invitational. The Panthers fought to a first in the North Farmington Invitational with a 101-1/2 point total. Wayne Memorial placed second with 95-1/2 points and Farmington third with 81-1/2.

Five RU wrestlers were crowned individual champions in the North invitational: Al Lindberg (98 lb.); Kerry Morgan (112 lb.); Dennis Campbell (125 lb.); Fred Lozon (132 lb.); and Matt Stoney (167 lb).

INDIVIDUAL CLASSES 98 lb.: 1 - Lindberg (RU); 2 - Osentoski (Farmington); 3 - Gioino (Wayne); 4 - Rashid (Lathrup); 108 lb.: 1 - Davis (Farmdale); 2 - Matheson (RU); 3 - Heanon (Farmington); 4 - Clark (GC East); 112 lb.: 1 - Morgan (RU); 2 - Sulteman (Wayne); 3 - Bowers (NF); 4 - Griesbeck (Lathrup); 119 lb.: 1 - Feduchak (Wayne); 2 - Danoran (Farmington); 3 - Johnson (RU); 4 - Haller (NF); 128 lb.: 1 - Campbell (RU); 2 - Harris (Farmdale); 3 - Osentoski (Farmington); 4 - Mosley (Wayne); 132 lb.: 1 - Loran (RU); 2 - Carter (Wayne); 3 - Ely (Farmdale); 4 - Oarff (Lathrup).

138 lb.: 1 - Kosyar (Lathrup); 2 - Krauss (Farmington); 3 - Stafford (Wayne); 4 - Darab (NF); 145 lb.: 1 - Garcia (Farmdale); 2 - Impellizzeri (Farmington); 3 - Goen (Wayne); 4 - Bentley (GC East); 155 lb.: 1 - Bachus (Wayne); 2 - Kowalski (Farmdale); 3 - Windhoeller (RU); 4 - Webb (Farmington); 167 lb.: 1 - Stoney (RU); 2 - Mason (Farmington); 3 - Lough (NF); 4 - Fox (Wayne); 185 lb.: 1 - Gow (NF); 2 - Main (Southfield); 3 - Richmond (Lathrup); 4 - Matthews (RU); HEAVYWEIGHT 1 - Knapp (Lathrup); 2 - Stock (RU); 3 - Crowe (NF); 4 - Nadotki (GC East).

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