

Churchill cagers top Bentley Bulldogs

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It was a 12 win - 14 loss week for area prep cagers. The 19 school Observerland contingency, which dipped to a .412 winning percentage last week upped its overall showing to 88 - 119 for a current .425 percentage.

A 17 contest card is on tap tonight with area clubs predicted to come out of it all with seven wins and 11 losses.

Two key loop battles highlight tonight's action with a 5-1 Riverside club invading a 7-0 Garden City West squad in a Tri-River showdown and the area's No. 1 club, Churchill, traveling to Waterford Mott in the battle of the Western Six unbeaten.

In last Tuesday's play, Churchill, Bishop Borgess, Garden City East, Stevenson and Southfield chalk up another notch in the victory column with Bentley, Clarenceville, Plymouth Canton and Southfield Lathrup suffering setbacks.

Churchill dumped city rival Bentley, 64 - 52, for its 10th win against one loss. It was the first contest ever for the Churchill Chargers in the Bentley gym.

Churchill jumped off to an 18-12 first quarter edge and maintained its margin at the half, 34 - 28. The closest Bentley got after that was six points early in the fourth with the Chargers taking the second half, 30 - 24.

The Chargers finished 27 of 66 from the floor for 41 per cent, with Don Braun popping in a season high of 23 points along with hauling in 18 rebounds. Churchill won the rebound battle, 38 - 21.

"I had a shaky feeling about playing in the Bentley gym," said Churchill Coach

Pat Montagano. "We contained their speed and that was the game."

"We tried to practice for this one with half the lights out in our gym," joked Montagano on the subject of subdued lighting in the Bentley gym.

Now comes Churchill's key game in the Western Six Conference as the Chargers travel to Waterford Mott tonight (Friday) to face a 9-1 Mott squad that like Churchill sports a 4-0 loop mark.

"This ought to be a real barn-burner," added the Churchill coach. "If we don't take away their fast-break, it won't be much of a contest. Mott has been scoring about 40 points a game on its fast-break alone."

The Clarenceville Trojans dropped No. 11 against one loss in a 64-52 game against the Northville Mustangs. After trailing, 22 - 15 after one quarter and 44 - 35 at the half, the Trojans tied it at 46 all early in the third period but to no avail.

Northville increased a 52 - 46 third quarter lead with a 12 point showing in the fourth while holding Clarenceville to just six. Northville out-rebounded the Trojans, 42 - 24.

Garden City East pulled out a squeaker over Melvindale in a non-leaguer, 46 - 45.

Melvindale led after one quarter, 10 - 8, but East jumped to a 24 - 20 margin at the half, and 35 - 29 edge after three periods. With five minutes remaining, East was up, 41 - 33, but then missed on three one-and-one situations.

With 29 seconds showing on the clock, East still enjoyed a four point lead but Pete Siska hit a bucket and free-throw to make it 46 - 45.

East then missed a one-and-one and Melvindale had one last shot.

Siska drove to the bucket, flipped it up — the buzzer went off and the ball rolled off the rim. East shot a 31 per cent from the floor and Melvindale, 35 per cent.

The Southfield Blue Jays snapped a four game losing streak in a 62-58 win over Wyandotte. Southfield hit 22 of 51 for 43 per cent, Ira Labensky scoring 24 and Wyandotte shot 22 of 48 for 47 per cent.

It was Southfield's third victory against eight defeats.

Jim Brisky's Bishop Borgess cagers broke a four-game losing streak over Dearborn Sacred Heart, 74 - 70. It was Borgess' third victory overall in 12 starts.

Greg Drypen's 30 points paced Borgess which shot 50 per cent from the floor, 32 of 64.

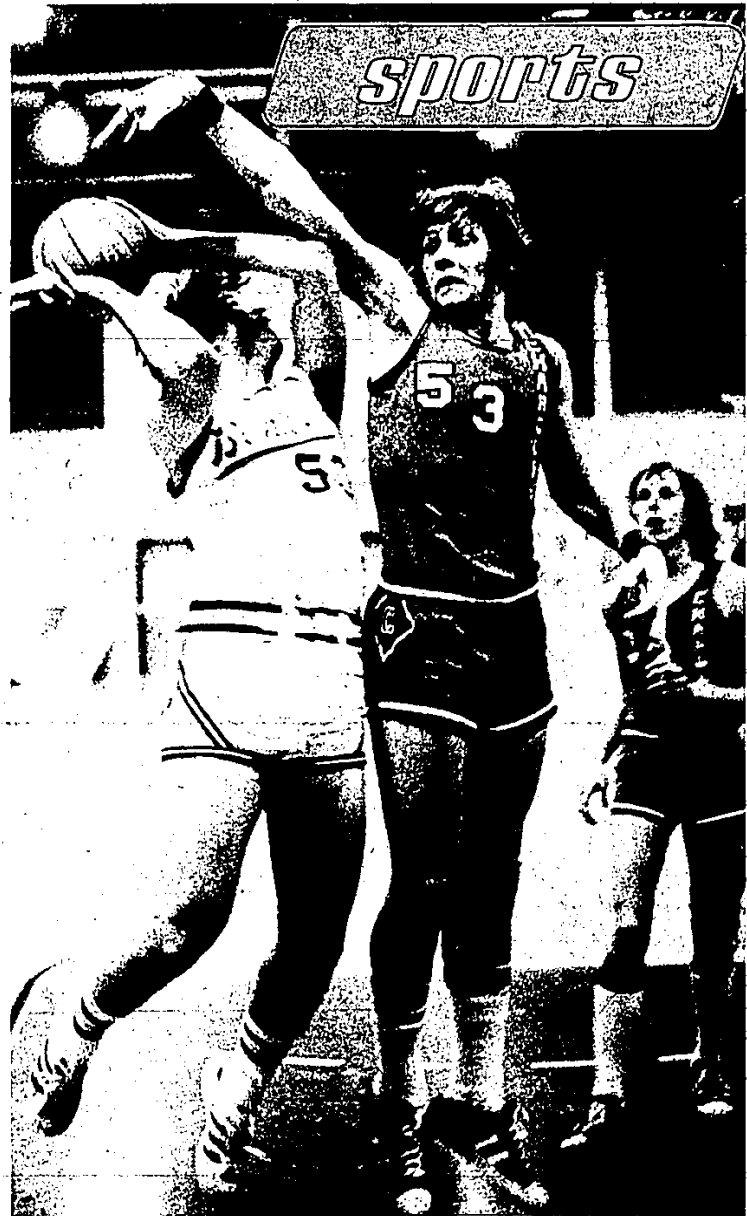
Southfield Lathrup fell to Dearborn in another non-leaguer as Dearborn out-scored the Chargers, 27 - 15, in the final eight minutes to capture a 79 - 65 win.

Game scoring honors wound up in a deadlock as Lathrup's Jim Ballantyne and Dearborn's Jim Tracz popped in 36 each.

Hawks sink Churchill

Farmington Harrison handed Livonia Churchill its second Western Six swim defeat in four outings in a lopsided, 109-62, victory. Results:

- 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY. 1. Harrison (Bmart, Howell, Dolan, Fisher) 1:51.2; 2. Churchill 1:54.3; 3. Churchill 2:08.2.
- 200 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Dudaah (H) - 1:56.9; 2. Bryan (LC); 3. Gessler (LC).
- 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY. 1. Redo (H) - 2:06.7 (X) - denotes Churchill pool record.
- 500 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Ken Dove (LC) - 23.0; 2. Turner (LC); 3. Hawthorne (H).
- DIVING. 1. Kral (H) - 249.8; 2. McClenaghan (LC); 3. Webber (H).
- 100 YARD BUTTERFLY. 1. Redo (H) - 57.3; 2. Bryan (LC); 3. Humphries (H).
- 100 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Ken Dove (LC) - 50.1; 2. Horneck (H); 3. Turner (LC).
- 500 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Dudaah (H) - 5:28.8; 2. Fisher (H); 3. Pelron (H).
- 100 YARD BACKSTROKE. 1. Dolan (H) - 1:01.4; 2. Bmart (H); 3. Humphries (H).
- 100 YARD BREASTROKE. 1. Howell (H) - 1:04.9; 2. Gessler (LC); 3. Hoehner (H).



CHURCHILL'S BIG MAN, Don Braun (53) scored 23 points, hauled in 18 rebounds and intimidated the Bentley Bulldogs, like Pete Gabel (53) in Churchill's 64-52 victory. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

West dunks Schafer; Cherry Hill tops East

Garden City West captured seven first places en route to its second Tri-River swim victory over Southgate Schafer, 107-63. East, meanwhile had its troubles with Cherry Hill as the Panthers fell, 89-83.

Sharon Burlingame paced West with firsts-in the 200 individual medley and 100 backstroke.

Cherry Hill's narrow win over East was its 50th triumph in 51 dual matches. Results:

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- 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY. 1. Garden City West, (Ed Martin, Chris Boehnlein, Keith Buckner, Bruce Havel) - 1:59.5; 2. GC West - 2:02.4; 3. Schafer - 2:05.3.

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- 200 YARD MEDLEY RELAY. 1. Garden

- 200 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Heintz (B) - 2:01.3; 2. Morris (GCW); 3. Sandin (GCW).
- 100 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY. 1. Sharon Burlingame (GCW) - 2:28.4; 2. West (B); 3. Young (GCW).
- 50 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Bruce Havel (GCW) - 24.8; 2. Becker (GCW); 3. Soehlein (GCW).
- DIVING. 1. Scott Worthy (GCW) - 62.8; 2. Morgan (GCW).
- 100 YARD BUTTERFLY. 1. Heintz (B) - 1:02.5; 2. Hyder (B); 3. Buckner (GCW).
- 100 YARD BACKSTROKE. 1. Sharon Burlingame (GCW) - 1:08.8; 2. Martin (GCW); 3. Bob Burlingame (GCW).
- 100 YARD BREASTROKE. 1. Bruce Havel (GCW) - 1:13.1; 2. Boehnlein (GCW); 3. Martin (B).
- 400 YARD FREESTYLE RELAY. 1. Schafer - 4:08; 2. GC West - 4:18; 3. Schafer.

- City East, (Chuck Cooper, Mark Cooper, Mark Blanchard, Frank Filus) - 1:50.2; 2. Cherry Hill - 1:52.3; 3. Cherry Hill - 2:00.0.
- 200 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Dale Swazene (GCE) - 1:58.3; 2. Schntzlein (CH); 3. Konarz (CH).
- 200 YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY. 1. Kay McDonald (GCE) - 2:17.3; 2. Farrell (CH); 3. M. Cooper (GCE).
- 50 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Bob Anderson (CH) - 24.5; 2. Dave Swazene (GCE); 3. Filus (GCE).
- DIVING. 1. Walt Brennan (CH) - 228.6; 2. Slemieniak (CH); 3. Lynch (GCE).
- 100 YARD BUTTERFLY. 1. Dale Swazene (GCE) - 1:00.5; 2. M. Blanchard (GCE); 3. Farrell (CH).
- 100 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Bob Anderson (CH) - 55.8; 2. Filus (GCE); 3. Dave Swazene (GCE).
- 500 YARD FREESTYLE. 1. Kay McDonald (GCE) - 5:37.8; 2. Schntzlein (CH); 3. Konarz (CH).
- 100 YARD BACKSTROKE. 1. Chuck Cooper (GCE) - 1:04.8; 2. Mark Cooper (GCE); 3. Koglichatz (CH).
- 100 YARD BREASTROKE. 1. Tom Hill (CH) - 1:08.8; 2. Mark Blanchard (GCE); 3. Wein (CH).

Prep Schedule

TONIGHT (Friday)

- BIRMINGHAM SEAHOM** at Southfield
- RIVERSIDE** at **GARDEN CITY WEST**
- GARDEN CITY EAST** at **THURSTON**
- ST. AGATHA** at **MT. CARMEL**
- DIVINE CHILD** at Bishop Borgess
- BENTLEY** at Allen Park
- CHURCHILL** at Waterford Mott
- MILFORD** at Clarenceville
- WALLED LAKE CENTRAL** at Farmington
- FARMINGTON HARRISON** at **WL WESTERN**
- FRANKLIN** at Oak Park
- JOHN GLENN** at North Farmington
- NORTHVILLE** at Plymouth Canton
- PLYMOUTH SALEM** at Trenton
- BELLEVILLE** at Redford Union
- BLOOMFIELD LAHSER** at Southfield Lathrup
- STEVENSON** at **WATERFORD**

TUESDAY (Jan. 29)

- BENEDICTINE** at St. Agatha
 - BISHOP BORGESS** at Thurston
 - JOHN GLENN** at Farmington
 - KETTERING** at Farmington Harrison
 - SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP** at **SEAHOM**
- Probable Winners in Bold-Face Caps
(Tuesday's Predictions, 7-0; Overall Mark, 128-35)

Cage Results

- Churchill 64, Bentley 52
- Borgess 74, Sacred Heart 70
- Northville 64, C'ville 52
- GC East 46, Melvindale 45
- Stevenson 62, Canton 44
- Southfield 82, Wyandotte 58
- Dearborn 79, Lathrup 65