

# Falcons Win Close One From Bentley

Farmington High's Falcons withstood a fourth-quarter comeback by Livonia Bentley to squeak out an 83-82 victory Friday night.

The season opener was a classic battle of experience and quickness against youth and height.

Bentley's Bulldogs are as green as their school colors this year with no returning starters. They have the height in Ed Craig, Rosenthal, Tom Guilfoyle and Dave Veach who are both 6-4 and Louis Lovett, a 6-3 guard.

Among all Bentley's tall

timber, it was Farmington's senior guard Paul White who stood out. The slinky senior pumped in 37 points, a near school record, plus quarter-backing the Farmington five.

WHITE hit Farmington's first two baskets and made a quick steal as the Falcons applied a foulout press. But it was only the beginning for White. He tallied 13 field goals and 11-12 free throws for his 37 points.

Bentley put together a great fourth quarter comeback after

trailing by 13 points, the largest lead of the game, with 4:50 left. The inexperienced Bulldogs seemed ready to fold but slipped on a press which held the Falcons to one basket in the last half of the fourth quarter.

Guilfoyle did most of the scoring for Bentley, jumping over the shorter Farmington defenders for medium range baskets. He hit four baskets in the last five minutes of the game.

A reserve scored what proved to be the winning basket for Farmington with 1:47

left in the contest. Dan Chapman scored his only two points of the game while substituting for Randy Cleveland, who fouled out.

CHAPMAN'S BUCKET gave the Falcons a 57-58 lead. The Falcons took the ball on a steal with just over a minute remaining, and wasted half the remaining time before White missed a layup.

Harold Hay hit a basket, then Guilfoyle scored the final points of the game with nine seconds on the clock.

WHITE'S SCORES plus a basket and a steal by teammate Cleveland opened a 7-4 Farmington lead to begin the first period. Then the Bulldogs' superior height began to tell on

both ends of the floor. Guilfoyle led the visitors to a 19-13 bulge but two baskets by Farmington's Dan Steinke cut the margin to 21-17 at the end of the first quarter.

Bentley held the four point lead until just over five minutes remained in the first half when Farmington staged a furious spurt which allowed them to take a 45-41 halftime lead.

White did the most damage during the rush, hitting one of his long lefthanded jump shots.

at the beginning and contributing several beautiful passes.

The half ended on a weird note with the two teams recalled from the locker rooms to replay two seconds of the half.

Bentley took the ball out of bounds at midcourt with three seconds left. The in-bounds pass went to 5-10 senior guard Dan Rice who laid it in at the buzzer.

THE CLOCK failed to

start, however, which the howling home fans were quick to point out. Bentley Coach Ken Timmons discussed it with the game officials and Bentley got another try, this time with two seconds on the clock. The turmoil went for nought, however, as Guilfoyle missed the second chance.

The merriment wasn't over yet as the Farmington team had a technical foul called on them before the start of the second half. The number on a Farmington player's jersey didn't correspond to his number in the scorebook.

Guilfoyle hit the free throw, cutting the home team's margin to 45-42. Rice added a layup to bring Bentley within one at 45-44 with 7:24 left in the third quarter.

Farmington moved out to a 56-49 lead with 4:42 left on baskets off the press.

IT WAS A DIFFERENT matter against Riverside, with a green squad learning from earlier mistakes.

Garden City started slowly with an 11-8 margin at the end of one period, then hit its stride and outscored Riverside, 22-15, in the second quarter for a 33-23 halftime margin.

The Panthers never let Riverside put together any sustained rally after that in picking up the team's first victory.

Schafer led both teams with 20 points, including 10 in the important second period, while three other starters hit double figures.

Roller contributed 13, Rich Orlandoni hit 10 and sophomore Jeff Dellarte matched Orlandoni's total.

Larry Turek's 18 points proved too few for Riverside.

	FG	FT	F	TP
White	13	11	4	27
Cleveland	1	2	1	2
Manewski	3	1	3	7
Cavell	1	1	1	3
Steinke	10	0	2	20
Chapman	1	0	0	2
Kibbey	2	3	3	7
TOTALS	21	21	22	63

	FG	FT	F	TP
Rosenthal	5	2	5	12
Guilfoyle	12	3	12	27
Lovett	4	3	2	11
Rice	3	1	1	11
Veach	3	2	1	8
Hay	3	2	4	12
Kretsch	0	0	1	0
Cox	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	31	11	33	82

## SCORE BY QUARTERS

Farmington High	17	24	21	21
Livonia Bentley	21	22	22	19

## Green GC East No Match For Veteran Edsel Ford

There is no greater test of coaching skill than to start from scratch.

Billy, Joe Young, Garden

City East basketball coach, was in this position when only one letter winner returned from a squad which posted a

15-4 mark last campaign.

Young is feeling quite happy after splitting a pair of games.

The Panthers opened with a dribbling from a good Edsel Ford team, 78-56 and then bounced back to trip Riverside, 60-49.

"Edsel Ford simply overpowered us," Young admitted, "and we just weren't ready for their veteran squad."

HILL MEYER, a 6-foot-3 guard playing his third year for the Thunderbirds, found an inexperienced Panther unit an easy target and poured in 32 points.

Edsel Ford led 36-20 at the half and the Panthers never caught up.

Sophomore Dave Jackson topped Garden City with 13 points and Rod Schafer and Mike Roller added 13 and 13 respectively.

## Agatha Topples Carmel To Tie For Top Spot

St. Agatha served notice in football that this was going to be the year for the Aggies with a Catholic League Southwest crown and a near miss in the Second Division championship game.

Basketball hasn't changed anyone's thoughts.

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Every Aggie starter did his part to engineer the upset. Tim Flamboe led the way with 20 points and 18 rebounds, while Urban contributed 12 points and 13 rebounds.

Doug Inch settled for 10 points, but seven came in a vital second period, and Mike

Murphy did his part with eight points.

Steve Niebrzydowski, the Comets' leading scorer, was held in check by an aggressive Aggie defense and could only score 13.

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## Churchill Is Beaten In Opener

Livonia Churchill gave Southgate Schafer a battle in its opening basketball game Friday before succumbing, 50-46.

Schafer led, 23-15, at halftime, but Churchill's Keith Armstrong got hot in the third quarter and scored 11 of his 24 points to bring the Livonians within one point, 33-32, going into the final period.

The Vikings, who finished in third place in the Tri-River Conference last year, had too much experience for Churchill and built their fourth quarter margin to eight points midway in the period.

Gary Clements took scoring honors for Schafer with 20 points.

from "Spartanitis" both nights. The Stevensons Spartans broke to a 24-10 first quarter lead, boomed to a 47-26 margin at halftime and substituted freely after that.

Tom Exarbus topped Stevenson with 20 points, 15 in the first half, and was followed by John Jetchick and Mike Swift with 12 apiece.

Keenan hit 14 for Thurston, two more than Marshall and Dave Hayes. The backboards also belonged to Stevenson as the Spartans held Thurston to only six rebounds in the first two periods.



GOING IN for a two pointer in the season opener against Farmington is Bentley's Dave Rice (21). The field goal gave his team the lead at the moment but the Falcons broke loose later to win by the narrow margin of a single point. Farmington's Dan Steinke (32) and Chuck Kuperschmidt (14) weren't taking any chances of committing a foul.

(Observer photo by Craig Gaffield)

## Just A Lost Weekend For Thurston Cagers

It was strictly a lost weekend for Thurston High's basketball team.

The Eagles dropped a close game at Cherry Hill, 77-70, Friday and then really hit the skids Saturday, 89-68, against Livonia Stevenson.

MIKE PASTERNAK, Thurston coach, was quite explicit about his team's performance.

"We were outshot, outplayed and outscored. We made enough mistakes to last all season," he said.

The Cherry Hill loss was hard to take. Thurston led most of the way, but Cherry Hill spurred from a 63-63 tie with six minutes remaining to win by seven points.

Larry Marshall was the lone bright light for the Eagles. He poured in 29 points, 21 coming in the first half. Next high were John Keenan with nine and Jeff Gullen with eight.

Pat Burke and Jim Kroll split 40 points evenly for the Spartans, with Kroll, a 6-foot-8 center, dominating the boards with 17 rebounds.

THURSTON SUFFERED

## Rick Drewitz Sparks GC West To Victory Over John Glenn

The Garden City West Tigers are not ready to have their basketball claws trimmed yet.

West, which last season had one of its finest years in history with a 17-3 record took up where it left off by pummeling John Glenn, 55-36.

The game opened slowly with each team notching 10 points in the first period, but West picked up steam in the second quarter and outscored the Westland squad, 19-10, and never trailed.

The Tigers added five more points to their margin in the third period and 42-32 going into the final eight minutes. The remainder of the contest proved strictly mop-up time for the winners.

GARDEN CITY was hampered by first-

game turnovers in the first half, but a polished up attack in the second half permitted the Tigers to record their 15th victory in the last 16 regular season efforts.

Rick Drewitz was high for the winners with 25 points, 14 in the final two periods, and helped Garden City dominate the boards. John Rutter and Dennis Lesyewski each chipped in 12 points.

Steve Brown and John Sturdivant were tops with eight points for John Glenn, which sustained its second straight setback.

The Rockets fell to Robichaud Tuesday, 88-61, with Brown again taking scoring honors for Glenn with 16.

The Rockets had no answer for the Bulldogs' two-man scoring punch of James Alverson, who wound up with 30 points, and Larry Dennard, who racked up 21.

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