

Salem girls nip Livonia Bentley in overtime

By BOB GROSS

Salem and Livonia Bentley took their show on the road Thursday to Southfield.

The script was the same. But the ending was different — the Rocks defeated Salem, in overtime, for the first time in three meetings, 43-41. This game was for all the marbles. The win gave the Rocks the Southfield Regional championship. "I don't know what to say about the game," said Salem coach Bob Blohm. "I'm happy we won."

Bentley coach Tom Lang, "and Bob's team played a good game. All of our games have been like this. Whoever scores last usually wins it. That's what happened tonight."

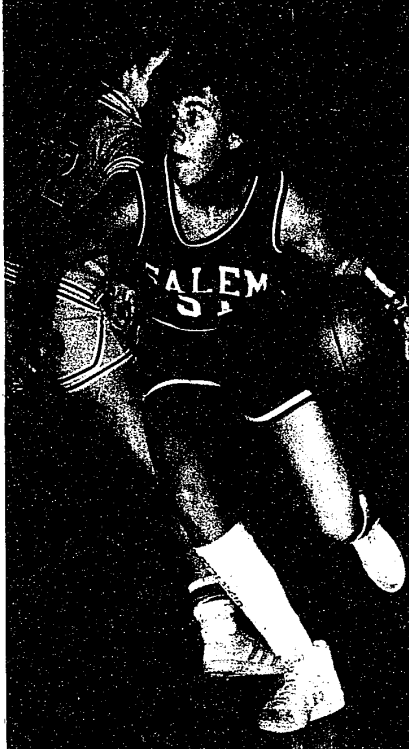
Salem PUT the game away with seven seconds left in overtime. The Rocks cleared out the left side of the floor for Eileen Moore. She went baseline on Bentley's Carla Campbell, beat her by half a step, then scooped the ball up and off the backboard for the game winner. "Eileen's got that ability," said

Blohm. "She can make that one-on-one move." Salem held onto the ball for almost the entire overtime before Moore made her shot.

"In the last 2:10," said Blohm, "we called a timeout. We were going for that one-on-one shot." Thursday's game could've gone either way. Bentley had plenty of chances to put the game away before it ever got into overtime. Ann Roy had a shot from in close with less than two minutes left in the close 41-39 Bentley, but Salem's Cheryl Sobkow got a piece of it.

CAMPBELL ACTUALLY scored with 55 seconds left, but she was called for traveling and the basket was not allowed.

Bentley still had a 41-39 lead with 13 seconds left. But Salem's Carol Ross cut into that lead by sinking the second of two free throws. Bentley got the ball back, and Salem alertly fouled Campbell. She missed the front end of a one-and-one. The Rocks got the rebound and sent it up court quickly to Cheryl Sobkow who was fouled on her move to take the basket by Lori Swanson. Sobkow sank the first of two free throws, with two seconds left, sending the game into overtime. The teams traded shots in the opening minute of the overtime, then Salem went into its ball control act.



Salem's Cheryl Sobkow drives against Bentley. (Staff photo by Art Emanuele)

Andover edges Lahser

LATHRUP 81
SEAHOLM 60

Bloomfield Hills Andover needed overtime to slip past archrival Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 52-48, in the season-opening basketball game for both teams Friday evening.

Andover held 32-29 lead heading into the fourth quarter, but the Knights rallied to tie the score at 44 at the end of regulation time. Andover outscored Lahser 8-4 in the extra session.

Three players scored in double figures for the Barons, led by Robin Peterson's 18 points. Bill Ammerman had 10 points and seven steals, and Bob Graczyk had 10 points and seven rebounds.

Lahser's Brian Keenan and Steve Stratton had 12 points each. Lahser won the junior varsity game. Andover will host Royal Oak Dondero in a non-league game tomorrow evening. Lahser will play at Southfield tomorrow.

KIMBALL 58
GROVES 48

Kimball raced to a 12-point halftime lead and hung on for a non-league victory over Groves on Friday.

Kimball had a 22-20 halftime lead, and outscored the Falcons 18-10 in the third quarter to tie the game.

Mike Kenealy, an outstanding runner back on the state-ranked Knight football team, scored a game-high 20 points on nine baskets and two free throws. Teammate Tim Austin added eight baskets for 16 points.

Senior captain Jeff Miller led Groves with 13 points. Junior Scott Norman added five baskets and a pair of free throws for 12 points.

"We were down by 20 points in the third quarter, and we closed to within 10 points," said Groves assistant coach Ron Grubbs. "Kimball was able to get a lot of second shots."

Kimball shot 40 percent from the floor, and Groves shot 30 percent.

The Falcon junior varsity won by 20 points, 50-30.

Southfield-Lathrup scored 24 points in both the first and last quarter to open its boys' basketball season with an easy 61-60 victory over Birmingham Seaholm Friday evening.

The Chargers outscored the Maples 24-18 in the first quarter, and held a 35-30 halftime lead. Lathrup outscored Seaholm by 16 points in the second half.

Paul Bobbit, an exciting junior forward, scored a game-high 30 points and hauled down 14 rebounds. Terry Bobbit, Paul's brother, chipped in with 14 points.

Lathrup's Sam Gunn and Rich Denno also scored in double figures with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Seaholm's Rob Jeske scored 23 points, and teammate Mike Chew added 21.

The Maples won the junior varsity game, 52-40. Lathrup will play a non-league game against Ferndale tomorrow at the Eagles' gym. Groves will host Seaholm in a non-league game tomorrow evening.

OL ST. MARTY'S 83
LADY OF THE LAKES 56

Orchard Lake put on a tremendous offensive show Friday evening to defeat Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, 83-56.

Ed Okuniewski led the Eaglets with 23 points and 15 rebounds. Teammate Hiram Harris had 16 points, and Marty Vucinaj added 10.

Jerry Cairns had a team-high 21 points for the Lakers, and Dan McMahon added 12.

The Eaglets shot 35 of 61 from the floor for 54 percent.

The Lakers hit 20 of 49 shots for 41 percent.

The Orchard Lake win came in the first round of the Pontiac Catholic basketball tournament. The win qualified the Eaglets for the championship game that was played Saturday evening against either Madison Heights Bishop Foley or Pontiac Catholic.

"I WASN'T concerned until they scored," said Lang. "Too many things can happen in basketball."

Bentley led most of the way, taking a 14-9 lead in the first quarter.

Salem started to come back in the second quarter, but the Rocks were stymied by two technical fouls — one on Blohm and one on the bench in general.

"First of all, the T's were not planned," said Blohm. "When you're playing a great basketball team like Bentley, you don't want to put your team at any disadvantage. It wasn't planned, believe me."

Bentley's Roy sank three of four free throws on the double technical, giving her team a 19-14 lead.

Salem started coming back in the third quarter. The Rocks actually took the lead, 32-32, on a basket by Jan MacKenzie at 2:19.

BUT KIM ARCHER scored for Bentley at 2:09, and the Bulldogs ended the quarter with a one-point lead.

Bentley went into a spread offense in the fourth quarter, with Lisa Parsons penetrating with the ball down the middle and dishes off to the forwards.

Moore led all scorers with 15 points. Sobkow joined her in double figures with 14.

Archer was high for Bentley with 13 points. Roy had 10.

Salem now goes onto the quarterfinals at Lincoln Park against Suburban Eight League foe Trenton. Game time is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Stevenson opens cage season by ripping RU

You talk about balanced scoring attacks — Livonia Stevenson certainly had one Friday during its 75-56 boys' basketball victory over Redford Union.

John McLaughlin added nine points and Kevin Spala, Bill Keyes, Jon Huddy, Gary Biermann and Pat Martin all chipped in eight.

RU and teammate Rocco Rucinski added 14.

It was almost like two different ball games during the first half. Stevenson shot 24 of 44 after the first quarter. RU cut the gap to 37-28 at the intermission.

Each team produced 16 points during the third quarter and Stevenson outscored its guest 22-12 during the last eight minutes to win going away.

"You're an unknown quantity when you come into a new year. We still are," said George Van Wagoner, coach of the Spartans.

Stevenson used pressure defense — full court zone press and full court man-to-man press — to get out to such a big early lead.

The Spartans also prevailed in the JV preliminary 50-19.

CC—SOUTHFIELD

Greg Wendt, who played in Barry Spencer's shadow much of last season at Pontiac Central, definitely was the star of the show Friday for the Shamrocks against Southfield.

The 6-foot forward scored 35 points and

hailed down 19 rebounds to spearhead CC to a 67-57 non-league victory.

Bernie Holowicki, coach of the Shamrocks, said that with Spencer graduated, Wendt will have to carry the bulk of the load until some of the younger players gain experience.

"He (Wendt) played tough," Holowicki said. "Our supporting cast will have to get better."

Mike Maloski and Jim Harding each scored eight points apiece for CC.

"I think Dave Rodriguez, a starting guard, handled the ball well for us," Holowicki added.

The Shamrocks had a decisive edge only during the opening quarter when they outscored their guest 17-10.

CC was defeated in the JV game 49-44.

BORGESS—CRESTWOOD

Redford Bishop Borgess opened its season with a 55-49 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Larry Mulka, a guard, netted 18 points for the Spartans. Bob Smedley, center, collected 17 points and 16 re-

bounds. Paul Bielowiec, forward, scored eight points and had eight rebounds.

"He (Mulka) is our point guard and

he just kind of kept it under control," said Borgess coach Bill Croteau.

Borgess also won the JV game 52-32.

Farmington boxscores

MERCY 47 — MOTT 33

LADY OF MERCY (47) — Denise Basford 5, 2, 4, 12; Mary Ellen Cox 3, 0, 0, 6; Suzanne Dietz 4, 0, 6, 8; Kelly Fortescue 1, 2, 5, 4; Kathy Landry 4, 1, 1, 9; Meg Mallon 0, 0, 6, 6; Karen Shook 1, 0, 0, 2; Carolyn Burr 0, 0, 0, 6; Karen Rashid 0, 0, 0, 0; Marcy McGarrigle 0, 2, 2, 2; Peggy Fitzgerald 1, 0, 0, 2; Karen Borch 1, 0, 0, 2; Sarah Basford 1, 0, 0, 2. TOTALS: 20, 7, 12, 47.

WARREN MOTT (33) — Wendy Malczewski 1, 2, 4, 5; Carrie Pestina 1, 0, 0, 2; Lois Schinnerer 1, 1, 3, 8; Sue Lawson 5, 1, 4, 11; Diane Thomas 1, 0, 0, 2; Karen Barr 1, 0, 0, 2; Vickie Pestia 2, 2, 4, 6; Lisa Stevens 0, 0, 0, 0; Deanna Berger 0, 0, 0, 0; Cindy Macintosh 1, 0, 0, 2. TOTALS: 17, 13, 33.

TOTAL FOULS — Mott 14, Mercy 14.

POULED OUT: None.

MERCY 17 10 6 14 — 47

MOTT 0 7 10 16 — 33

HARRISON 45 — N. FARMINGTON 43

FARMINGTON HARRISON (45) — Dale Sklar 0, 2, 4, 2; Klay Dillon 1, 0, 0, 2; Goran Vasovski 6, 1, 3, 13; Dave Trombini 1, 0, 0, 2; Steve Holata 8, 0, 1, 16; Gus Kobajski 2, 0, 2, 4; Tom Solomon 1, 1, 2, 3; Bruce Yeager 0, 3, 6, 3. TOTALS: 19, 7, 18, 45.

N. FARMINGTON (43) — Jeff LaBelle 1, 0, 0, 2; Steve Young 1, 0, 0, 2; Matt Rood 6, 0, 1, 12; Bill Gravias 1, 0, 1, 2; Mark Bowditch 8, 1, 3, 17; Jim Cravley 5, 0, 0, 6; Ken Wisemaster 1, 0, 0, 2. TOTALS: 21, 1, 5, 43.

TOTAL FOULS — North 17, Harrison 10.

POULED OUT: None.

HARRISON 12 10 12 11 — 45

N. FARMINGTON 14 6 16 7 — 43

FARMINGTON 58 — BENTLEY 51

FARMINGTON HIGH (58) — Jerry Lihardt 10, 9, 0, 2; Pete Mantyla 2, 4, 6, 8; Paul Kobel 2, 0, 0, 4; Kevin Nichols 2, 0, 0, 2; Mike Wozniak 1, 5, 7, 7; Ken Faulkner 1, 0, 0, 2. TOTALS: 19, 26, 27, 58.

LIVONIA BENTLEY (51) — Greg Diggs 1, 0, 0, 2; Rich Dinmore 2, 0, 0, 4; Mike Cavichio 5, 0, 1, 10; John Kiger 1, 0, 0, 2; Mike Schneider 6, 0, 3, 12; Kevin Holowicki 5, 0, 0, 10; Mike McCorry 1, 2, 2, 4; Rob Nicol 1, 0, 0, 2; Doug Gates 0, 3, 4, 3; Pete Veach 1, 0, 0, 2. TOTALS: 23, 5, 0, 51.

TOTAL FOULS — Bentley 22, Farmington 14.

POULED OUT: Diggs (LB), Holowicki (LB).

FARMINGTON 14 9 16 19 — 58

BENTLEY 10 12 8 21 — 51

Figure skaters reveal dreams

(Continued from Page 1C) When his coach moved to the Detroit area from Ohio, Dye followed him north. "My mother would like me to live at home but I've got to keep pushing it to make it."

Although Dye says he's been approached by the Ice Capitals for a contract with the outfit, he says he's holding out for the Olympics.

CAROL FIELDING, mother of 12-year-old Leslie Fielding of Bloomfield Hills, talked of the family's role in a young figure skater's life.

"I guess we all contribute," said Mrs. Fielding. "I provide the transportation and her dad provides the money to be there. Skating takes over your life when you practice six days out of seven, that's a lot of your time."

As the mother of a skater, she finds it's best to sometimes ease back and let her daughter take over.

"I think I get more nervous than Leslie about a competition. The more I

stay out of her way, the better she does. She's a real trouper, so resilient. We didn't have a good week but I found out Leslie bounced back from defeat better than her mom."

Approaching a competition such as the regionals, skaters say they decrease their practice time just before the event, and prepare themselves emotionally.

"There's always a certain amount of tension right before an event you've been working toward all year," said Bowser. "In the final days, we practice even less. By this time, you're fully prepared and there's no reason to dwell on things you've already got down."

"I'm usually super critical when I coach but when we get to a competition, I ease up a little," said Johnny Johns, a Troy coach who brought 13 students to the regional competition. "The kids can feel the pressure themselves."

"One of the coach's main goals is to keep a kid up because the competition is never over until the end of the week," added Seror.

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