## Bentley Edges Rocks To Remain Out In Front

PLYMOUTH, by losing, all but eliminated itself from the league title chase. The Rocks now are 2-4 against conference

Bentley's fifth win in six leagues starts.

Ockerman needed a double As a result, Bentley remained one game in front of then had to whiff the final bat-

out five and walked seven to best Jon Cederberg of Plym-outh who, after yielding five

Bentley got to Cederberg for

Cederberg allowed six hits, struck out three and walked one. singled and that scored Battle. After Ken Grant walked, Hernandez doubled in two runs.

Bill Booker, a junior lefthan-der, hurled for the winners and allowed six hits while fanning 12 and walking four.

Ron Wysocki drilled in a pair of runs with a pair of to while R.J. LeRoux socked in two runs with one hit.

Redford Union scored nine runs in the first four innings and finished the day's production with four runs in the sixth inning.

### observing sports

One of the most wonderful ladies this world ever has known has left us. Mrs. Jean Hoxie has departed for greener, for

quieter pastures.

No woman ever did more for youngsters, around the globe, than Mrs. Hoxie did in her 71 years that she breathed what every day seems to become more polluted at

polluted air.

Those of us who knew Jean Hoxie must consider ourselves privileged. Anybody who played tennis under her will have to admit: "we're the luckiest people in the world."

Mrs. Hoxie spent most of her career coaching tennis around Hamtramck and the high school there.

THE OTHER EVENING she was at Northwood. THE OTHER EVENING she was at Northwood. She returned to her car and apparently suffered a heart seizure while entering the auto. The car began to roll and carried her with it...and rolled over her. A hectic life had ended under hectic conditions! But Mrs. Jean Hoxie is something we'll never forget. One's recollection is that you knew her at least 30 years. Maybe longer.

You were a bright upstart in this business of covering schoolboy sports when you ran into her first around Hamtramck, or maybe it was the Detroit Tennis Club.

Tennis Club.
Some didn't like her, because she was the "pushy"

SHE'D BRING her proteges into newspaper offices
- the old Times, the News, the Free Press.
These are the kids we're taking to Miami or
Montreal," she'd say. "No doubt you'd like a picture
of them."

Who could say no to Jean?

Who could say no to Jean? The kids were most attractive. There always was a lovely young lady or two. It was the kind of picture, a newspaper editor would use sconer or later, because eventually most of those kids would win a title and make some headlines. Jean had such a soft spot for tennis kids, that in her travels if she found one in South America or Furnor who was struggling or an orphan...she'd arrange was supplied to the way of the way of

her travels if she tound one in South America of Europe who was struggling or an orphan...she'd arrange to bring him back to the United States to live with her and her husband. At one time, 10 or 15 years ago, there must have been half a dozen or so such youngsters who called the Hoxie residence their home.

JEAN'S PROTEGES trooped just about every-

where. And she always was there.

Her Hamtramck High tennis teams won something like 20 state Class A titles.

The teams probably would have been even mightier if the state had allowed her to play a girl or two. Yes, she had gals like June Steck. Elaine Sewicki, Peaches and Plums Bartkowicz, who could

Sewicky Peacnes and Plums Barkkowicz, who could lick the daylights out of male rivals. Few years went by that Mrs. Jean didn't go abroad to stage clinics for the U.S. State Depart-ment. She traveled over 500,000 miles in this venture alone over her years. Only recently to South Amer-

ea. Her popularity was world wide. Wherever she ent, the kids loved what she had to say about ten-

It's ironic in a way that death should have come to Mrs. Hoxie just a week before the annual Michigan Sports Hall of Fame dinner scheduled for Thursday at Cobo Hall.

day at Cobo Hall. Mrs. Hoxie stood alone in the Hall — the only woman selected to the distinguished group that lists names like Earl (Dutch) Clark, Gordle Howe, Hank Greenberg, Ty Cobb, Harry Heilmann, Joe Schmidt, Horton Smith, Fielding H. Yost and many others.

THE LAST TIME we saw Mrs. Jean was a day or two before Christmas. She had come up to the Sports Department at the Free Press to remember the fel-

We happened to be standing around and Mrs. Jean

we happened to be statuting around and in 3 sear-turned to us and said:
"Here, George, this is for you...for all you have done for me in the past......."
"We looked, we said "thanks..."
The "thanks" were for something more than that bottle of gin.....She had given me a lot more than I'd ever riven her.

A wonderful woman has left us

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He allowed five hits, struck

Bentley got to Cederberg for two uncarred runs in the first inning when Ken Grant singled. All Herandez was safe on an error and both men scored when Dan Boehm also reached first on a miscue

In the second as the result of an error which put Brad Truas on. Then Dave Schantz singled and two wild pitches got him home.

IN THE THIND. Howte Chryse was safe on an error. Strenged and overall for the season, got even for an earlier loss to the safe on an error. Then Jack Mathias singled and selleville in grand style.

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Schantz walked to jam the bases. With two out. Stan Britton's bouncer was misplayed and two runs scored.

KEITH EVERETT had three singees in four trips to the plate to lead the winners.

Bentleý Second, Franklin 4th

Victory eluded Bentley in the 11th annual Western Wayne Relays at Belleville after the Livonians had won the title three of the previous

the title three of the previous five years.

This time Wayne took the crown with 36 points, followed by Bentley with 27. Belleville was third with 261- and Frank-lin fourth with 261-13. Then came Glean with 151-13.

Bentley won in three of the relays, the two-mile, the shut-tle hardles high and the shuttle hurdles high and the shuttle hurdles high and the shuttle

the hurdles high and the shuttle hurdles low. George Munday, Daryl Proctor, Chris Murden and Dan Koch formed the four-mile quartet which was timed in 8:08.4. In the shuttles highs, Mike Day, Mark Johnson, Steve Anger and Bill Johnston were

STEVENSON 76, WALLED LAKE CENTRAL II

Pole Vault: 2--Gregor. Shot Put: 1--Hanks, Distance: 13 feet,

2 inches.
Long Jump: 1--Lampkin, 2--Sharpe.
Distance: 20 fees

High Jump: 1--Bowby, J--Gregor, Height: 5 feet, 8 inshes. \$80-vard relay: 1--Stevenson ILeFevre, Basire, Johnston, Smith; Time: 1:35.8, 3-Huegli Time: 2: 03.5.

High Hurdles: 1--Peterman, 3--Bowlby, Time: 16.3 seconds. Mile: 1-Kurtis, 2-Wanner Time: 1: 26.5.

8.5. 100-yard: 1-Johnston, 3-Smith. Time 11 seconds. 440-yard: 3-Wilson.

Low Hurdles: 1-Peterman, 3-Mac-Donald, Time: 22.3 seconds. Two-Mile: 1--Pedersen, Time: 10: 99.5.

228-Yard: 1-Johnston, 2-Smith, 3-Betts, Time: 23.5

winners in 66.1 seconds. Day Dennis Ratz. Johnson and Johnston ran in the shuttle lows in 61.04 seconds.

BENTLEY WAS SECOND. the mile relays with a group comprised of Proctor, Man-day, Morden and Koch, Day, Johnson and inger finished third in the long jump relay

The Livonians also were fith in the four mide relay with John Boegler. John Tadonio. Paul Bordell and Mike McGhie and fifth in the 889-yard relay with Anger. Boy Maynes. Bill Lindabl and Mark Powell

Franklin gaided tour second-place finishes. Wayne Florida, Chris Brooks aid Mike Feister teamed for second in the pole vault relay, Jim Kostsea was runnerup in the individual two mile in the excellent time of 3: 474 and the 889-yard relay of Jim Ridley, Terry Harris, Ken Yuhasz and Mike Filarceki were just beaten at the wire

In the four mule relay it was Curt Steinhauer Dave Buck man. John Dawe and Mark Vorloff who teamed up for second second

Franklin placed fourth with Ken Yuhasz, Filarerki, Mike McKindless and Tim Tippett in the 440-yard relay and fourth in the mile relay with Harris, Ridley, Mark Lehto and Mike Jinnette



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Churchill Routed By Foe

Lack of production in the field events virtually ruined Churchill High's track team against Waterford Mott.

In the four field events, Churchill managed just one point and wound up an 80-38 loser.

Mark Maloney was the star for Churchill. He won the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

Dennis Kurtis, who lost to his brother Doug of Stevenson earlier in the week, came back to win the two-mile against Mott in the good time of 10:08.

How Churchill placed:

center

\$30-yard: 2-Warner. High Hurdley: 2-Oljace Mile: O'Hagen. 100-yard: 1-Maloney. Time: 10:25 econds. seconds. 140-yard: 1--Barker, 2--Garrett Time: 51.8 seconds. Low Hardles: 2--Oljace.

Two Mile: I-Kurtis, Time: 18:88. 220-yard: 1-Maloney, Time: 21 sec

onds. Long Jump: 3-Faugh

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# Thurston, Groves In Showdown Monday

There'll be a showdown on the baseball field Monday. Matched will be Thurston and Birmingham Groves and to the winner not only will go this particular game, but likely the Northwest Suburban League title as well.

Both have been locked in a tight duel for the top slot . . . and this will be IT. They won't meet again this season.

Thurston stayed in the thick of this product is fifth look.

Thurston stayed in the thick of things, posting its fifth loop win in six starts — the lone loss was to Groves — by decisioning John Glenn.

Another league encounter saw Franklin topped North Farmington, 4-2.

route for Thurston as he gave up five hits, struck out four and walked two to best Bob Briggs on Glenn, who was tagged for 10 hits. Briggs walked three and fanned five

Thurston scored once in the first on singles by John King. John Keenan and Dennis Poppenger.

In the third after King was safe on an error, Keenan dou-bled and Munson singled for two more runs

Dennis Benedict singled along with Ron Barringer in the fourth. After Keenan walked to fill the bases, a triple steal was pulled for another Thurston run.

FRANKLIN CASHED a pair of runs in the sixth innning to break a 2-2 tie and win over North Farmington. The win was Franklin's second in six league starts and hoisted its overall record to 8-5.

Then in the seventh, Poppenger, Munson and Gordon Eszes all singled for the final Thurston run to up the team's overall record to 11-4.

FRANKLIN CASHED a parior of runs in the sixth imming to

A single by John Grills started the winning outburst. Dick Adam was safe on a field-er's choice. Then Tony Kos-teva, who pitched for the winners, actually won his own game with a single that chased in Grills.

Franklin took a two-run lead in hird when Kouris walked two men and both scored on a single by foo bildinakworth.

The Raiders railled in the foot of the rail was the result of a contraint when Dave-cond and scored and a sacrifice and scored on McCoy's second single of the garne.

#### Stevenson Blazes Victory

Bob Johnston and Bill Peterman each swept to two victories while Doug Kurtis ran to a new school record in the mile as Stevenson High's cross country team crushed Walled Lake Central, 76-41.

Johnston won the 100 and 220-yard dashes and also was on the victorious 880-yard re-

Peterman triumphed in the high and low hurdles.

Kurtis, who has been concentrating mostly on the two-mile this season, where he is yet to lose in dual competition, clicked off a 4:26.5 in the mile.

How Stevenson placed

trotter could come back to that form again.
In 14 starts in 1989, Sharp Cat broke gait more often than not and ended the year with one first, a second and a third for carnings of \$4,714 For those who know how much it costs to have a standardbred trained and driven, the sum of \$4,714 isn't nearly enough.

But Don and Billie Bidwell still had confidence the speedy son of Sharpshooter would come into his own this year. He trained well during the win-

Cranbrook

Cranbrook High's track team turned in an overwhelm in performance in crushing North Familion, 8236. In an on-Fabel with the manned and the separation of the separa

length in front, coming from the fourth spot in the stretch drive. To those who may be interested...Sharp Cat paid \$8.80 for a \$2 win ticket.

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EDDIE MILLER. veleran race caller at the Hazel Park received in an any south when the heavy cold that almost lass completely recovered from the heavy cold that almost lass completely recovered from the heavy cold that almost lass completely recovered from factions and the same time. Do you will the winers with the numbers 37 and 7-3 and 7

Routed By Cranbrook

ter dates.

They have presented a list of reasons to the Commissioner which they believe show why racing should be expanded through the winter on practically a year round basis. It will be interesting to see what happens.

FROM THOSE WHO should know comes a few names of runners that could be worth a wager on their next appear-ance at the DRC. Mind you it's no guarantee, but just a bit of information may be useful. ful.

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