

Unbeaten Bentley Tops Allen Park

Over the years, Bentley High's basketball team has been known for its clutch finishes.

It certainly was the case Friday when Bentley topped Allen Park, 66-63, to begin its Suburban Six League schedule on a high note and also stretch its overall winning

streak for the young season to three without a setback. Despite the fact Bentley had outscored Allen Park, 19-5, in the first period to seize what appeared a commanding and safe lead, Allen Park rallied to tie the game at 66-60 with two minutes to go

when Dave Eskia slipped in two free throws. THEN WITH THE heat on, Bentley went to work to make sure the score read right for them at the end. Lou Lovett cashed one basket and a free throw. Dick Boehm followed with a pair

of free throws and Bentley soared ahead by five points and had the game in the bag. "My what a close shave," said George Pefles, the Bentley coach. "We were really for this one. We were sky high. . . and we played very well during the first quarter."

Allen Park didn't make a point for four minutes. THE PARKERS struck back to trail 39-31 at the half and were eight points down when Keith Fuzzy paced the comeback that eventually tied the score.

Sophomore Tim Bollin again was the statistical leader for Bentley. He scored 17 points and grabbed 19 rebounds as Lovett scored 15 and Brian Desmore 10 to give Bentley three men in double figures. Bentley with 22 points was the leader for the Parkers.

The strong Bentley defense held Allen Park to only nine baskets in the first half, but the Parkers made headway with 12 successful free throws.

Desmore had 10 points and Bollin eight in the first half for the winners. The Bulldogs suffered a reversal in shooting form from one half to another. In the first two periods, they clicked on 14 of 27 for 51 per cent; in the second half Bentley made only six out of 18 for 33 per cent.

Bulldog Sextet Opens Play With Triumph

Bentley overpowered Stevenson, 5-3, in their opening contest of the Livonia Hockey League. Both did all their scoring in the first two periods.

Bentley's Doug Moulds opened the fireworks with a goal with 11:30 left in the

opening period. Teammate Tom Smith tallied with 7:19 left. Denny McLean picked up the assist.

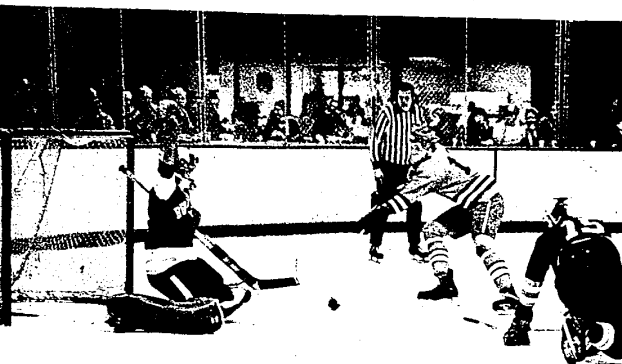
Stevenson's Paul Peters scored with 5:46 to play, Don Finn getting the assist.

Ramsay punched the puck in the net with 1:57 to go. Assisting was Mike Pimul.

With 14:01 to go in the second frame, Stevenson's Frank Geluso scored with an assist from John Koivhalme.

Bulldogs favor with a goal at 13:38. The Spartans roared right back at 9:35 on the strength of a successful shot by Koivhalme. Finn got credit for the assist.

Bentley wound up the scoring with 1:08 left when Kurt Karlson lifted the puck home.



Field Goal At Buzzer Wins For Franklin

By ARTEE

Only those fortunate enough to stay for the finish can relate the amazing story of Franklin High's victory over North Farmington Friday. . . and even those who saw the final play still don't believe what happened.

It was that kind of a basketball game. The football buddies, Mike Gow and Drew Mahalic, who were key figures in the Raiders' drive to the state high school grid championship, clocked for a play that gave North a 62-61 lead with 11 seconds to play.

Franklin came, roaring up

court and apparently lost everything when a pass went awry and was batted out of bounds by a Raider with only four seconds showing on the clock.

COACH BOB VISSER called a time out to discuss final strategy. Apparently the move was to get the ball to guard Rick Davis for a quick pass under the basket to who ever got loose. But Rick started to dribble. He couldn't find anyone loose and left fly from the foul line just as the final whistle sounded.

The ball arched through the cords and Referee John Sandman signaled a basket that snatched victory from North and gave it to the stunned Patriots, 63-62.

There was a moment of silence and then the entire Franklin squad raced out on the court to pound the back of Rick with 25 points and a half time lead of 35-21.

That seemed safe enough inasmuch as the Raiders were having trouble finding the hoop and were guilty of numerous turnovers. Then the tides of fortune turned in favor of the Raiders midway through the third stanza when they trailed 40-28.

FRANKLIN suddenly lost its poise as North applied

pressure and a series of turnovers reversed the game that quickly.

Dave Peterson tapped in a rebound and Tim Driggs connected from the corner to make it 40-30. Rick Graham gave the Patriots a bit of life when he hit from the side for a 42-30 lead.

The Franklin ran into a scoring drought while the Raiders tallied 10 consecutive points to whittle the deficit to 42-40. It started when Peterson was fouled and converted twice. Gow connected on a fast break after grabbing a bad pass. Rick Herpik banged one in from the corner. Mahalic was fouled and missed twice. Herpik found the range from outside the foul line and Driggs dunked in two free throws to put the Raiders within two points of a tie with 1:57 remaining in the quarter.

Mike Graham brightened Franklin's hopes with two successive field goals before Peterson. Herpik and Mahalic hit to knot the count, 46-46, as the period ended.

THE FINAL eight minutes was a seesaw affair with the lead changing hands constantly. Steve Cass put Franklin in front, 46-46. Peterson and Gow tallied and the Raiders led 50-46. Tony Kasita knotted it for Franklin, 50-50 and then Tim Dietz made one of two free throws for a 51-50 margin.

Mahalic tapped in a rebound and North Farmington went ahead 52-51. Dietz whipped in a rebound, 53-52. Gow scored, 54-53. Davis and Kasita tallied and Franklin led, 57-54 with 2:50 on the clock.

Herpik brought North within a point again at 2:23 only to have Kasita score again and give Franklin a three point edge. Gow stole the ball and dribbled in to make the score 59-58 with 1:27 to play.

Peterson brought the North rosters to their feet when he hit from underneath for a 60-59 count with 43 seconds remaining.

Then it was Rick Graham's turn and Franklin had a 61-60 edge with 21 seconds to play. That's when the Mahalic to Gow play worked to perfection and North apparently had the victory in hand, 62-61 with only 11 seconds on the clock.

All of which led up to the amazing shot by Davis at the buzzer and the triumph for the Patriots, their first in the Northwest Suburban Conference.

Gow topped the Raider scoring with 15 points followed by four others in double figures; Mahalic 11, Peterson 10, Driggs 10 and Herpik 10. Kasita was the big gunner for the victors with 14. Dietz was next in line with 13 and the Graham twins, Rick and Mike, each had 10.

SCORE!!! It's a goal for Stevenson High as Paul Peters blasts the puck past the Bentley High goalie after shaking off the defensive maneuvers of an unidentified Bentley defenseman (15). Bentley came on

strong to win its opening game in the Livonia High School hockey league, 5-3. (Observer photo by Harry Maute)

Inkster Press Too Much For East

By BOB MCLELLAN

For three quarters it looked like Garden City East was going to upset Inkster, but the home squad threw up a terrific defense in the final period and came out on top, 76-65.

It was the first loss of the season for Coach Billy Joe Young's Panthers. His Garden City quintet had whipped Edsel Ford in a non-league contest and thumped Taylor Center in its Mid-Wayne Conference opener.

For Coach George Thompson's Vikings, it was the Inkster school's third straight win and 28th consecutive victory in league play. Inkster had romped over Riverview and Ecorse and is bidding for its third straight Mid-Wayne crown.

10 turnovers in the final frame.

The Vikings caught up with the Panthers, 57-57, with 5:50 to go, dropped two points behind on a bucket by Jackson, but then heaved in four field goals in a row to maintain the lead the rest of the way.

Young conceded it was Inkster's all-court defense that hurt his team. "We got beat the only way I never thought we could," he confided. "We expected Inkster to press us that way and had spent 20 minutes the day before the game preparing for it."

Garden City couldn't fault

its shooting. East hit 15 of 21 from the free throw line and 25 of 49 from the field.

IN ATTRIBUTING the damage to the last quarter miscues, Young pointed out that East had 21 turnovers against Inkster but only 17 all told in the Panthers' two preceding games.

He also cited the Vikings' speed as another factor in the loss.

"You'll seldom see a team that big and fast," he observed. Thompson's boys hit only 10 of 18 attempts from the charity stripe but connected on 33 of 66 from the floor.



INKSTER'S EARTH FAUST, who gave an excellent display of outside shooting, led all scorers with 30 points. He was helped by teammate Ron Grayson, who notched 17 markers, and Marvin Glaze, who pumped in 12 points and picked off 20 rebounds. Glaze, 6'4" senior, has pulled down 99 rebounds in three games.

DAVE JACKSON, 6'3" junior, paced the East attack with 25 points and 15 rebounds. He was aided by Jack Hayes, another junior, Greg Puihes, the Panthers' senior football standout, who tallied 14 markers apiece.

The Panthers jumped off to a 10-10 first-quarter lead and held a 34-31 edge at the half, mostly on the strength of some fine shooting by Hayes. He poured in all 15 14 points in the first two periods.

In the third stanza, Jackson dumped in 11 points and Puihes tallied eight to give East a 55-50 badge. Then the bubble burst.

Inkster unwrapped a scrambling, full-court press that fouled the Panthers into

THINGS LOOKED GREAT for North Farmington after this play when Mike Gow (34) scored on a breakaway. That's Tim Driggs (15) coming in too late to block the shot. The basket gave the Raiders the lead with 11 seconds to play. Then came the amazing finish with Franklin tallying at the buzzer to win. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

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