

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 night when Bentley topped Allen Park, 56-63, 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, 19-11, in the first period to seize what appeared a commanding and safe lead, Allen Park rallied to tie the game at 60-60 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 won what a close shave.

said George Felles, the Bentley coach. "We were ready 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.

Sophomore Tim Bollin again was the statistical leader for Bentley. He scored 17 points and added 10 rebounds as Lovett scored 15 and Brian Dehmrose 10 to give Bentley three men in double figures.

Fezzy 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.

Dehmrose 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 7:18 left. Denny McLean picked up the assist.

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

BENTLEY PUSHED the count up to 3-1 when Kirk

Ramsay punched the puck in the net with 1:57 to go. Assistant was Ake Fintull.

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

Bentley's Don Coombe made the score 4-2 in the

Bulldogs favor with a goal at 1:05 left when Kurt Karlson rifled the puck home.

The Spartans roared right back at 9:35 on the strength of a successful shot by Kotwahne. Finn got credit for the assist.

Bentley wound up the scoring with 1:05 left when Kurt

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 basket goal. 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.

Mahalic was involved in a center jump, leaped high to tap the ball to Gow who dribbled for the two pointer that looked so big.

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 break the tie.

Rick started to dribble, 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.

FRANKLIN suddenly lost its poise as North applied

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

Mike Peterson tapped in a rebound and Tim Driggs connected it to make it 49-30. Rick Graham gave the Patriots a bit of life when he hit from the side for a 42-30 lead.

Then 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 a free throw, then connected on a fast break after grabbing a bad pass. Rick Davis then bashed 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.

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

It was a game of contrasts with Franklin hitting a hot streak in the second quarter that netted 23 points and a halftime lead of 35-21.

That seemed safe enough inasmuch as the Raiders were having trouble finding the hole and were guilty of numerous turnovers.

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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 Mauthe)

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