

# Bentley Beats Trenton To Hold Lead

It's still Livonia Bentley, No. 1 in the Suburban Six League's basketball race. Bentley made it 4-0 in conference action but had more trouble than expected in downing Trenton, 57-49. Trenton is one of three teams in the league tied for the cellar.

Defensive play was the difference. Bentley held Trenton to 12 points in each of the first two

quarters, then 11 in the third and finally gave up 14 in the final period.

Trenton resorted to slowdown tactics in hopes of pulling an upset. But they didn't work the way expected.

IT WAS A STRANGE sort of a shooting game, too. Bentley hit on 32 per cent of its tries

from the field in the first half, but boosted its successes to 51 per cent in the second half.

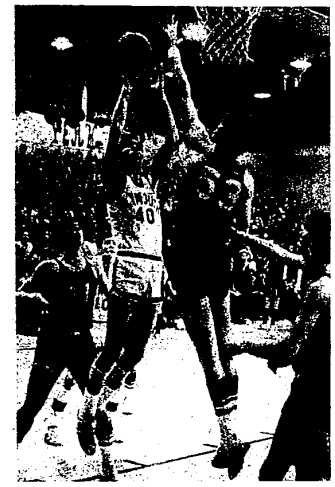
Trenton clicked at a 50 per cent clip in the first half, but slumped to 39 per cent in the second half.

Trenton took a 12-11 lead in the first period, before Lou Lovett led Bentley into a 27-24 halftime edge. Then Bentley counted 20 points in the

third period to increase its lead to 47-33 before Trenton rallied in the final period with a 14-10 edge.

Lovett paced the winners with 15 points while Brian Dinsmore had 10 along with 14 rebounds; Tim Bollin tallied eight for the winners.

Mark Bennett with 16 topped Trenton.



FIRING OVER the outstretched hands of Redford Union's Mark Kenny (53) is Plymouth High's Dale Siefker (40) to get two points that helped the Rocks upend the Panthers. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

## North At Best Against Eagles

"Our best game yet..." Coach Bob Dean was talking after North Farmington High's basketball team crushed Thurston, 88-74.

"We've been improving

and seem finally to have arrived," added Dean whose charges now are 2-2 in North-west Suburban League play and 5-4 overall.

The game actually was

much closer than the final score indicates.

THURSTON LED, 18-16, after one quarter but North Farmington rebounded for a 39-37 edge at the half when

## Plymouth Rally Beats RU

By FRED DELANO

Mark Kenny, Redford Union's six-foot-six pivotman, went on a 13-point fourth quarter scoring binge at Plymouth Friday night that twice put the Panthers out in front, but the desperate Rocks rallied for the second straight victory to pull the fat out of the fire, 67-62.

The homecourt victory kept Plymouth hot on Bentley's heels in the Suburban Six basketball race, the Livonians now being 4-0 in the league to the Rocks' 3-1. Redford is third at 2-2, with Trenton, Belleville and Allen Park all knotted at 1-3.

Kenny alone was almost more than Plymouth could handle. Playing in the hole where he could utilize his superior height for layups, he warmed to his task as the evening wore on, getting five points in the first period, four in the second and eight in the third before his closing burst of 13 to close the night as the game's top scorer with 30.

AFTER THE ROCKS had dominated play for two and a half quarters to build a 42-32 lead, Redford suddenly broke Plymouth's defense to trail by only four entering the final period, 46-42.

Two buckets by Kenny, a layup by Mickey Robinson and a three-pointer by Dean Naudi offset two free throws by Plymouth's Charley Wolfe and a jumper by Casey Jones to put Redford in front, 51-50, with 5:50 to play.

Plymouth rallied, just as it had at the five-minute mark against Trenton the week before, with Wolfe and Dave Van Wagoner hitting two free throws each to restore the Rock lead, 54-51.

Kenny cut it to one point from underneath and immediately followed with a tip-in to make it 55-54 for Redford, but Wolfe's reverse layup put Plymouth on top, 56-55. Three more points by Kenny gave the Panthers a 58-56 lead, and after Van Wagoner and Naudi traded baskets it still was Redford by two, 60-58.

Wolfe scored on a rebound to tie it up, and at the two minute mark Kenny leaped from under the hoop for his last basket of the night, to put Redford in front 62-60.

In the frantic time remaining Wolfe dumped one in on a perfect pass from Casey Jones and then came right back on a rebounder to make it 64-62.

PLYMOUTH'S FIVESOME of Wolfe, Jones, Van Wagoner, Howe Schryer and Scott Taylor then played keep-away for the last 64 seconds,

## GC West Wins Twice To Share Loop Lead

Look who's back sharing the top in the Tri Rivers League.

Garden City West, champions of the past two years, came through in the clutch last week with a pair of big victories and now shares the top slot with Riverside, with a 3-1 record.

In what amounted to a "must" game against Riverside, which hadn't lost previously in the league, West won a thriller, 48-46, and then

came back to trounce Cherry Hill, 77-47, three nights later.

GARY NUSTAD emerged as the hero against Riverside when he sank four free throws in the closing moments to lift West from a 44-43 deficit to a 47-44 advantage.

Nustad wound up with 17 points while Mike Kilbourn had 11 and Dennis Leszczynski had 10.

Then against Cherry Hill, when West ran its league winning streak to four straight, Leszczynski drilled in 35 points and nailed 20 rebounds.

It was a prep career high for Leszczynski, who the week before had clicked for 34 points in a game.

Nustad again sparked, this time with 18 points while Andy Solovey accounted for 25 of the losers' points.

West held only an 11-10 lead after the first quarter, but then started to press in the second period and broke away to a 30-20 halftime edge as Leszczynski fired in 15 points during the eight-minute span.

Leszczynski came through with 10 more points in the third period to put the game out of reach.

West hit on 29 out of 67 shots while Cherry Hill made only 15 of 24.

Overall, West now has a 6-1 record.

## Stevenson Still Threat In League

There's a strange thing about the Livonia Stevenson High basketball record.

The team has won only three out of nine this season, but all triumphs have come in Inter-Lakes League play.

As a result Stevenson, with a 3-1 conference mark, is tied

with Walled Lake Central for second place, a game behind leading Pontiac Northern in a three-way battle for the crown.

Stevenson literally found itself in a "must" situation against Walled Lake Central. A victory was essential if

Stevenson was to remain in the race.

THE VICTORY came in surprising fashion, 80-71, as Ron Hoekstra led a four-prong attack with 22 points while Ted Exarhos chipped in with 20. Dale Haberman 19 and Kelly Smith 10.

Coach George Van Wagoner was particularly pleased that Hoekstra started to shoot. An unselfish-type player, Hoekstra had been passing off more than the coach preferred in previous games.

Stevenson, the defending league champ, stormed ahead, 24-16, in the first period when Hoekstra tossed in 11 points.

Walled Lake, which was unbeaten in the league prior to Friday, cut the gap to 36-33, at the half before Stevenson hit on eight straight shots in the third period to pull away to a 64-47 lead as Haberman tossed in 10 points and Hoekstra nine more.

## Parkers One-Two Punch Beats Glenn

A case of too much "Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside" ruined John Glenn High's basketball team as Oak Park rolled to an 85-72 victory in the Northwest Suburban League.

Nate Kerner, who stands 6-7, commanded things in close for Oak Park, while Rick Seid hit from the outside.

While Kerner had 30 points and 16 rebounds, Seid drilled in 23 points.

In addition, the loss of Tim Harlow with a slight concussion in the fourth quarter also hurt Glenn's chances. Harlow is the starting Glenn center and led the team with 21 points and nine rebounds.

His injury fortunately was not serious and he is expected to be ready to play again this week.

Glenn started fast, taking a 22-16 lead. But Oak Park was on top, 43-37, by the halt in front, 66-52, going into the final period.

Dave Wyrabekiewicz had 12 points and Terry Marchand 11 for Glenn, which now has lost three of four in league play.

Overall, Glenn has a 4-5 record.

Free throws helped decide the game. Stevenson had 22 in 27 tries to Walled Lake's 11 for 17.

Hoekstra and Haberman each grabbed 10 rebounds for Stevenson while Exarhos pulled down seven.

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Final Standings

| Team        | W | L | T |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| Bentley     | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Trenton     | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Plymouth    | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Redford     | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Belleville  | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Allen Park  | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Thurston    | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Cherry Hill | 0 | 4 | 0 |

Scoring Leaders

| Player             | Points |
|--------------------|--------|
| Mark Kenny         | 30     |
| Dale Siefker       | 20     |
| Casey Jones        | 15     |
| Charley Wolfe      | 15     |
| Tim Harlow         | 12     |
| Dave Wyrabekiewicz | 12     |
| Terry Marchand     | 11     |
| John Glenn         | 11     |
| Mike Kilbourn      | 11     |
| Dennis Leszczynski | 10     |

Box Score

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