

Bentley Unbeaten In Loop Play

If the state tournament is anything like the Suburban Six League race turned out for Livonia Bentley, well, they'll be really going wild along Five Mile Road.

Some Guests!
Michigan State basketball uniforms were stolen from their locker room prior to the Ohio State game at Columbus and the Spartans wore the "Buckeyes" scarlet and gray road uniforms in upsetting their hosts, 82-70.
"I think those uniforms inspired them," Spartan coach Gus Gankas said afterwards. "They played like they thought they were Jerry Lucas or John Havlicek."

Bentley wrapped up a perfect league campaign by downing Redford Union, 62-47.
It gave Bentley a 10-0 mark, plus its 11th outright title in 19 years.
Now come the state districts, with Bentley making its debut Wednesday at Farmington High.
REDFORD UNION streaked into a 17-12 lead in the first period before the Bentley offense and defense went to work in the second period, by outscoring RU, 22-6, as Lou Lovett rifled in 14 points.
The teams then played an 11-11 third period and Bentley had a 17-13 edge in the fourth.
Coach George Fefles of

Bentley gave his subs a chance to play, but in the end it was three regulars—Lovett, with 21 points, Tim Bollin with 14 and Dave Beach with 12—who led the way.
Bob Shaner had 14 points and Mickey Robinson 12 for the losers.
The win gave Bentley an overall 15-2 record for the season.

Sorrows To Seek State Mat Honors

Our Lady of Sorrows will count on six hopefuls Saturday in the defense of its state Class C-D wrestling title at Lansing Waverly High School.
Sorrows came up with the six qualifiers in placing second in the regional at Adrian.
While Sorrows scored 80 points, VanderCook Lakes posted 102 to take the team laurels.
But Coach Greg Doty, of Sorrows, feels his six qualifiers are strong enough to repeat as state champs.

"Remember we were second as a team in the regional last year and still won in the state meet," he said.
"Four Sorrows" wrestlers won regional titles. They were led by Paul Osestoski, at 105 pounds, who pinned the four men he faced in upping his season record to a brilliant 33-2. Osestoski now has pinned 29 of his rivals this season.
Nick Hofses, 234 for the season, took the title at 115 pounds while Pat Van Dusen, 244, captured the 138 pound

crown and Jeff Main made it 22-9 for the year in taking the 167 pound class crown.
John Osestoski qualified for the state by placing third in the 98 pound class as did Steve Thelsen at 126. John Osestoski now has a 26-6 record, Thelsen 24-7.
Country Day School qualified four for the state meet.
Dave Cornell won at 155 pounds, while Ticky Berman was third at 112 pounds, and Bob Poplack and Andy Bueser fourth at 98 and 105 pounds, respectively.

PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER. Why don't they permit hands to play at state tournament basketball games?
Seems to us tourney officials are looking out on something when the musicians, who can add to the color of the evening during the regular season, are told "no soap" when the tournament begins.

Top bet to finish 1-2-3 in the forthcoming state Class A high school swimming meet has to be Birmingham Groves which at last count had won 15 straight dual meets. Glancing over the latest state prep ratings, Groves swimmers would monopolize an all-area team.

How does one explain the success story of swimming at the Birmingham schools? One answer has to be the junior high program in the system.

Not too long ago when two of the junior high rivals clashed head-on, the pool was "sold out." To accommodate all fans interested, closed-circuit television was set up in the next door gym.
Now when do you ever hear of that happening for a schoolboy sports event...much the less one involving two junior highs? But it did...in Birmingham.

IT'S AMAZING HOW the world changes...how we as humans quickly forget.
Some four years ago, just about every sports buff was burned up because Cassius Clay, now Muhammad Ali, refused to follow orders and enter the army when his number was called in the selective draft.

There was general agreement that the various boxing officials were correct in stripping Ali of his world heavyweight title.
The courts still are battling over a decision. But the sports world suddenly has forgotten all of this. Ali is back in the good graces of all...and come Monday night more people will spend more money than ever to watch Ali fight Joe Frazier for the world crown in New York.
Closed circuit will bring the fight into almost every corner of the world. People will pay over \$150 for reserved seats in New York...they'll spend \$20 to watch on closed circuit.
That Ali hasn't gone into the army...well, so what? We sure are quick to forget.

REMEMBER THE COLUMN we wrote about classes in officiating, sponsored by Oakland Community College at Troy High School?
OCC athletic director Pin Ryan reports that more than 20 have enrolled in the umpire's sessions...and now Ryan has started a weekly course for baseball managers at Troy High.
The managerial sessions began this week, but they'll still accept late enrollees for the 10-week program.
Sounds to us like something worthwhile if you plan to manage or coach a Little League team during the coming summer.
So many of the LL managers and coaches go in cold with no previous background in how to direct or handle a group of kids.
Now through OCC they can school themselves for guiding a team. If you're interested, contact Pin Ryan.

FORGET IT IF YOU don't have your tickets for the state high school basketball finals at Crisler Arena in Ann Arbor on March 27.
They're sold out again...which is nothing unusual.

IT WAS QUITE A year for area high school basketball teams in league play.

Bentley (Suburban Six), Southfield (Southeastern), Birmingham Groves (Northwest Suburban), Garden City East (Mid-Wayne) and Garden City West (Tri Rivers) all wound up as league champs.
That didn't leave much for other teams which competed against Observerland cagers during the winter.

THE SUBURBAN SIX LEAGUE becomes the Suburban Eight next fall with the additions of Dearborn High and Dearborn Edsel Ford.
The Dearborn schools have been noted over the years for great teams...and speaking of Dearborn High...its swimming team along with Ann Arbor Huron should fight it out with Groves for the state title 10 days hence.

WHEN IT COMES to leagues, we'd still like to see teams from the same community in the same loop...like all the four Livonia teams together.
Strange that nobody seems to object to team playing in the same hockey league, but they don't want them together for football, basketball, baseball, track, etc., etc., etc.

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INTER-LAKES

W. L.	W. L.
W. Lake C. 10 0	Lafayette 2 8
W. Lake C. 8 4	Farm. 2 8
W. Lake C. 8 4	W. Lake C. 2 8

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN

W. L.	W. L.
Bentley 10 0	N. Farm. 2 8
Southfield 8 4	W. Lake C. 2 8
Southfield 8 4	W. Lake C. 2 8

SOUTHEASTERN

W. L.	W. L.
Southfield 8 4	W. Lake C. 2 8
Southfield 8 4	W. Lake C. 2 8

SUBURBAN SIX

W. L.	W. L.
Bentley 10 0	Trenton 2 8
Bentley 8 4	A. Park 2 8
Bentley 8 4	A. Park 2 8

MID-WAYNE

W. L.	W. L.
O.C.C. 10 0	Taylor 2 8
O.C.C. 8 4	L. W. 2 8
O.C.C. 8 4	A. Park 2 8

TRI RIVERS

W. L.	W. L.
G.W.W. 10 0	M. Vale 2 8
G.W.W. 8 4	C. Hill 2 8
G.W.W. 8 4	E. Lake 2 8

WAYNE OAKLAND

W. L.	W. L.
W. Lake C. 10 0	Clarkston 2 8
W. Lake C. 8 4	Clarkston 2 8
W. Lake C. 8 4	Clarkston 2 8

WESTERN SIX

W. L.	W. L.
Mott 10 0	H. Thompson 2 8
Mott 8 4	W. Lake C. 2 8
Mott 8 4	W. Lake C. 2 8

GC East, West Win Final Games

What a shame that Garden City East and Garden City West are in the same district basketball at Livonia Franklin.
Something will have to give early between these two arch rivals, both of whom wound up as champs in their individual leagues.
West repeated as kings of the Tri Rivers League in posting a 12-2 conference slate.
East shared the Mid-Wayne League flag with Inkster, each winning nine of its 10 conference encounters.
Overall, West had a 14-2 record, East 14-3, as Garden City proved itself the No. 1 hotbed of area basketball this winter.

NEITHER TEAM had much trouble in its final regular-season game. West stormed past Crestwood, 59-58, and East blasted Riverview, 90-66.
The West-Crestwood game was settled in a hurry when West ran up 31 points in six first half minutes in the opening period. Gary Nustad and Mike Kilbourn each had 10 points in the first period when Crestwood tried in vain to utilize stalling tactics.
By halftime the score was 50-18 and West had a 29-point edge going into the final period.
The winners fired in 21 out of 34 shots in the first half, but "cooled off" slightly in the second half, making just 13 out of 28.
Nustad enjoyed a career

high with 28 points while Kilbourn and Kirk Lewis each had 17. Dennis Leszczynski picked off 19 rebounds for the winners.
East rushed on top 'o' Riverview, 29-18, in the first period and from then on dominated every other period.
Dave Jackson was the No. 1 performer for East, scoring 39 points and grabbing 18 rebounds. He personally outscored the entire Riverview team in the first period when he tallied 19 points as Riverview had to settle for just 16. Jackson made eight of his first nine shots from the field.
Jack Hayes added 18 for the winners while Craig Pughish tossed in 10. The winners shot at better than a 50 per cent clip by sinking 32 out of 60.

Bulldog Tankmen Win 9th Dual Meet

Bentley High's swimming team, already dual league champions, should wrap up the overall conference title in the Suburban Six League meet to be held Thursday and Friday at Schoolcraft College.
Bentley made it 9-1 in dual action in the league by downing Redford Union, 56-47.
The only way Bentley can miss out on the overall title is to finish third or worse at Schoolcraft.
All of which isn't likely to happen despite the fact that the collision of the six schools in the same pool figures to produce a hectic battle for honors.
"It's seldom that we have so many really balanced teams," said Coach Ralph Deets of RU. "A break here or there, and there's no telling who might come out on top."
Steve Grant and Blake Lawless each engineered two victories in Bentley's win over Redford Union. Grant won the individual medley and the butterfly while Lawless triumphed in the 50 and the 100 freestyle races.
Redford Union's freestyle relay quartet of Mike Stokley, Keith Charles, Peter

Kochevar and Randy Reed teamed to set a varsity record in beating Bentley. The RU time was 3:35.3, chopping .045 seconds off the former mark.
The results:
MEDLEY RELAY: 1-RU (Smith, Blackman, T. Stokley, Charles), Time: 1:50.8.
200-YARD FREE: 1-M. Stokley (RU), 2-Pughish (RU), 3-Kochevar (RU), Time: 1:57.4.
INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY: 1-Grant (RU), 2-Bentley (RU), 3-Kochevar (RU), Time: 2:12.2.
50-YARD FREE: 1-Lawless (RU), 2-Cornally (RU), 3-Bentley (RU), Time: 23.8.
DIVING: 1-Schub (RU), 2-Bentley (RU), 3-Pughish (RU).
100 BUTTERFLY: 1-Grant (RU), 2-Reed (RU), 3-Moonradian (RU), Time: 68.7.
100 FREE: 1-Lawless (RU), 2-Cornally (RU), 3-Houghton (RU), Time: 52.2.
400 FREE: 1-T. Stokley (RU), 2-H. Michaels (RU), 3-Lessiter (RU), Time: 4:14.3.
100 BACKSTROKE: 1-Pughish (RU), 2-Bentley (RU), 3-Miller (RU), Time: 1:5.8.
100 BREASTSTROKE: 1-Singler (RU), 2-Warner (RU), 3-Blackmore (RU), Time: 1:07.2.
FERTILE RELAY: 1-RU (M. Stokley, Charles, Kochevar, Reed), Time: 3:35.3 (school record).

Harrison Drops Final To Mott

It was a battle of contrasting records Friday night when Waterford Mott wrapped up a perfect regular season by downing Farmington Harrison, 76-42.
The win was the 16th without a reversal for Mott as it not only rolled to the Western Six League title, but also assured itself a spot in the top 10 Class A ratings.
Meantime, Harrison ended its first season of competition with a 3-13 record. But Harrison didn't have to be ashamed of its accomplishments.
Playing minus seniors because the school hasn't any, Harrison caused most of its rivals plenty of troubles.
Mott, however, seized a 15-6 lead in the first period and with Dave Miller scoring 18 points and Bill Ziem 14 coasted the rest of the way.
Joe Thomas with 13 points and 11 rebounds topped Harrison. Ed Frankel and Jeff Seidoff each hit for eight points in a losing cause.
Mott shot a blazing 47 per cent on 29 out of 62, while Harrison clicked on 17 of 46 for 28 per cent.

Falcons Triumph; Stay Out Of Cellar

There was no cellar finish for Farmington High's basketball team in the Inter-Lakes Conference. The Falcons made sure of that by downing Waterford, 77-47, in the final game of the season.
It was only the second win in 10 loop starts for Farmington, which pushed Waterford into the cellar with a 1-9 conference slate.

The Falcons found four men in double figures—Paul Kupferfermidt 17, Chapman 15, Dan Seinke 14 and Baker 13.

A disastrous third period ruined the night for North Farmington in the final regular season game of the season.
After the Raiders took a 21-13 lead in the first period and left the floor at the half with a 34-32 edge, Oak Park turned the table with a 27-11 blast in the third period which proved

enough as the Raiders went on to win a 79-70 thriller.
North Farmington stormed back in the final period with a 31-19 thrust, but a last second shot missed the mark.
The losers enjoyed some of their best balanced scoring of the season. Rich Herpich clicked for 19 points, Craig Dhue 16, Drew Mahalic 14 and Mike Gow with eight points and Rick Fuelling with two rounded out the North Farmington scoring.
Oak Park had five men in double figures, topped by Rich Seid and Ed Bradford with 16 apiece.

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North Runs Into Drought And Loses To Parkers