

2 Victories Over Franklin Win Puck Crown For Bentley

Orchids are in order for Livonia Bentley High's hockey team.

With a pair of back-to-back victories over Franklin, 3-1 and 2-1, Bentley sewed up the Greater Livonia League title at the Ford Arena.

Meantime, Stevenson took second place honors with a 2-1 victory over Churchill.

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teams and the huge crowd, there was little else to do.

SO, THE TEAMS came back at it again Wednesday with the final five minutes played and Bentley making the score, 3-1. Then, in the regularly scheduled game, Bentley won 2-1.

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Brian Said accounted for the Franklin goal in the extended game while Oke Flintall, the exchange student from Sweden, scored one goal on Saturday and another Wednesday. Tim Duda scored the other Bentley goal.

Dennis McLean and Flintall tallied for Bentley while with

Bob Kroll accounted for the Franklin goal in the official game on Wednesday. Stevenson took a 1-0 lead against Churchill on a goal by Paul Hylak and won it on a tally by Dale Marczak in the final period.

Don Ryan accounted for the lone Churchill goal.

Stevenson then went outside the league to down the powerful Detroit Benedictine team, 3-2, as John Koivuhalmi scored two goals and Don Finn the other.

Finn, John Rogan and Frank Gussio all picked up assists for Stevenson against Benedictine.

First Year Harrison Gains Spot In Finals

It was too much to expect that Farmington Harrison might win over Inkster in Friday night's Class B regularity final at Northville High.

Inkster happens to boast one of the area's basketball powerhouses, tying Garden City East for the Mid-Wayne League title.

But whether Harrison won or lost against Inkster, the Farmington cagers already had carved quite a niche in the annals of the state prep basketball tournament.

PLAYING ITS first tournament game -- the school opened last fall -- and with seniors on its varsity, Harrison came through a winner over Clarenceville, 57-55.

Very few new schools, especially when they still lack a senior class, can go against an "old" team and win the first time out.

Ridgers Lose To Delta In Tournament

Orchard Ridge basketball players from Oakland Community College's Farmington campus, faded out of competition in the opening round of the regional tournament at Delta College.

Seeded into the regional on the basis of their 19-6 season record, the Ridgers couldn't cope with a team they had whipped twice during the regular season.

Beating Clarenceville was no easy task. Harrison had to rally from a 44-43 deficit entering the final period after leading by eight points in the third stanza. Phil Halstead hit on nine of his 19 points to bring Clarenceville back.

With Rick Hughes and Joe Thomas leading the way, Harrison finally went ahead for keeps on a jumper by Hughes with just over a minute to go. Then Hughes added a free throw with nine seconds left to ice the proceedings.

Harrison enjoyed balanced scoring with Thomas getting 19 points, Hughes 13, Jeff Sieloff and Jim Mason 12 each. Halstead fouled out in the fourth period after firing in eight baskets and three foul shots for Clarenceville. Chip Meyerellis had 13 in a losing cause.

Sieloff pulled in 14 rebounds and Thomas 12 for the winners.

Harrison (57)	G	F	P
Doer	0	0	0
Thomas	6	7	19
Sieloff	5	2	12
Mason	4	4	12
Hickey	0	1	1
Hughes	5	3	13
Totals	20	17	57

CLARENCEVILLE (56)	G	F	P
Meyerellis	4	5	13
Wiedie	4	5	13
Walstead	8	3	19
Tyler	4	2	10
Flower	1	0	2
Watson	3	2	8
Hickel	0	0	1
Totals	31	13	55

Harrison	15	14	14	57
Clarenceville	13	12	19	55

ONE DOWN but play continues in tournament game between Redford Union and Thurston. Mark Helenbart, of Thurston, goes to the floor with an injured knee while teammate Pat Woelke (43) tries to block Mark Kenney (52) from taking a shot. (Photo by Enno Korthals)



Eddie Lubanski finally is convinced that he made the right decision years ago when he gave up a promising career in baseball as a

pitcher to concentrate on bowling.

At the time he was in the farm program of the St. Louis Browns and appeared

headed for the majors. He tired of the bus rides and turned to the lanes with considerable success.

The crowning point came this week when he was named to the ABC Hall of Fame by the bowling writers of the nation. In a competition where you must obtain 75 per cent of the vote Eddie was the only bowler named.

Aside from the fact that he is the top average bowler in the ABC with a 204 mark for the past 20 years, Eddie is famed for other reasons. He is the lone bowler who ever posted perfect games back to back on television and he is a disciple of the two-finger ball.

He will be inducted into the Hall of Fame with appropriate ceremonies during the ABC at Cobo Hall.

FAR AWAY from the highly competitive all star ranks, Marion Ladewig, rated by many as the greatest of all women bowlers, finally is getting some enjoyment out of the game.

She bowled with her league team in the women's state tournament at Ark Lanes West last weekend and was a far different Marion than the one who won eight All-Star championships.

Gone was the serious look of concentration and she was having a ball while bowling games of 191, 175 and 171 for a 537.

She now bowls in two leagues a week and is averaging 187.

THE THUNDERBIRD Inn team bowled its fourth series in the 3,000 circle during the week, pacing the Bowlerettes Monday night with a 3024.

Previous to that the team posted a 3153 to lead the nation and also is credited with counts of 3100 and 3033.

Pat Lisowski, well known in Observeland, was high Monday night with a 671.

AL KOWALSKI missed the charmed 700 barrier by a single pin in the Garden Lanes Classic. He posted a 699 to beat out Tom Ranes by six pins.

Other high scores included Larry Brandt 688, Jim Pierce 687, Bob Martin 661, Rich Kossell 656, Bob Greiner 658 and Don Radkey 655.

LOIS McALLISTER showed the way in the Livonia Ladies Classic with a 579-69-648. This series included a high single of 217-23-240.

Gerry Wilson took second high single with 204-20-234 and Betty Moeller third with 183-37-222.

Jerry Pollard again paced the Wheelwright league with a 595 while single game honors went to Bob Schultz with 234, Carroll Warkup with 221 and Mike Howe with 207.

Fred Vitall posted the lone 700 series in the Westland Classic when he linked games of 244, 241 and 229 for 714. Tony Loicano landed the runnerup spot with a 690 and Earl Van Ness was third with 674.

BOB SWOISH now realized what it is to be so near and yet so far from fame on the lanes.

Competing at Merri-Bowl he had 11 strikes for his greatest thrill. Then, with visions of a perfect game, his hopes were dashed when a balky No. 10 pin refused to fall and he had to settle for 329.

In the Teen Classic Don Mueller was third with a 225 in 558, while Gary Myles took top honors with a 203 in 584 and Terry Driscoll placed second with a 201 in 580.

THE GIRLS had a great time at Mayflower going away above their averages.

Marilyn Scott, a 146 average bowler in the Tuesday Coffee League, linked games of 172, 164 and 223 for 559.

Jackie Sepulveda, in the St. Mel's loop went away above her 147 average with games of 241, 150 and 155 for 546.

Tony Blackburn, a 131 average bowler, posted her first 200, beating the double century by two pins.



DRC Lists \$4 Million Stakes Program For '71

Offering the richest stakes program ever in its 22 year history, has had its effect in bringing a record number of stall applications and new stables to this area, as the Detroit Race Course prepares to open its 150 day meeting Saturday, March 13.

Total purse distribution for the season will top the \$4 million mark, with the schedule calling for 18 stakes races totaling \$475,000.

ONCE AGAIN the highlight will be the Michigan Mile, which continues to carry \$100,000 added prize tag, and will be contested Saturday, June 19.

The program also includes the Milette, the companion race to the Michigan Mile, for fillies and mares, with a \$40,000 added purse, that will run Saturday, July 10.

The Big Perfecta (Big P) which was introduced last season with great fan approval, will again be offered on the fifth and sixth races.

Women's State Pin Standings

Here are the official standings of the Women's State Bowling Championships after four weeks of competition:

FIVE-WOMAN TEAM EVENT	
Handicap Division:	
Motown Records, Detroit	3016
Flower Lanes, Detroit	3000
Service Unlimited, Detroit	2988
Father's Women's Apparel, Detroit	2966
Anchor Mfg. Co., Gd. Rapids	2933
Team Actual	
Motown Records, Detroit	2840
DOUBLE EVENT	
Handicap Division:	
Dorothy Batson-Judy Upton, Farmington - Detroit	1270
Maria Harrington-Ellen Greenhalgh, Detroit	1263
Betty Shalborn-Doris Foglia, Livonia	1256
Lola LaCier-Brendy Nygata, Farmington & Pontiac	1253
Theresa Nicholson-Barbara Stone, Mt. Clemens	1247
Doubles Actual	
Randa Oriniche-Jackie Hopkins, Gd. Rapids	1131
Hopkins, Gd. Rapids	712
Wideman-Platts, Ann Arbor	685
Ann Bush, Warren	681
Sandra Henig, Harrison	684
Freder Van Der Bosc, Lansing	684
Singles Actual	
Pat Patterson, Troy	640
ALL EVENTS	
Handicap Division:	
Ray Patterson, Troy	1987
Wanda Matthews, Bay City	1981
Evelyn Van Der Bosc, Lansing	1822
Charlesa Rozema, Gd. Rapids	1891
Theresa Nielsen, Rogers City	1891
All Events Actual	
Ray Patterson, Troy	1771

In addition there will be the customary daily double on the first two races, and perfecta wagering on the final race each day.

The DRC will run nine races daily Monday through Friday, with 10 races on Saturdays and holidays. Post parade weekdays is 3:30 p.m. and 2:10 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays.

The entire stakes program is as follows:

MONDAY, April 19--The Curtains Up, \$10,000 added, six furlongs. SATURDAY, April 24--The Starlette Handicap, \$15,000 added, fives and sixes. SATURDAY, May 1--The Licentia Handicap, \$15,000 added, six furlongs. SATURDAY, May 8--The Grand Neighbor Handicap, \$15,000 added, mile and 70 yards. SATURDAY, May 15--The Sawney Stakes, \$15,000 added, mile and 70 yards. SATURDAY, May 22--The Frontier Handicap, \$25,000 added, mile and sixteenths. Team Actual: 2840. Double Event: 1270. Handicap Division: 1263. Double Actual: 1131. All Events: 1771.

SATURDAY, May 29--The Lady N Ladies Stakes, \$15,000 added, six furlongs. SATURDAY, May 31--The Memorial Day Handicap, \$25,000 added, mile and sixteenths. SATURDAY, June 5--The Mile Trial, \$25,000 added, mile and sixteenths. SATURDAY, June 12--The Rose Leaves Handicap, \$25,000 added, mile and sixteenths. SATURDAY, June 19--The Michigan Mile and One Eighth, \$100,000 added, mile and one eighth. SATURDAY, June 26--The Damask Stakes, \$25,000 added, mile and sixteenths. SATURDAY, July 3--The Fire Creeper Handicap, \$20,000 added, six furlongs. MONDAY, July 5--The Independence Day Handicap, \$20,000 added, six furlongs. SATURDAY, July 10--The Milette Handicap, \$40,000 added, mile and eighth. SATURDAY, July 17--The Lake Huron Handicap, \$25,000 added, mile and sixteenths. SATURDAY, July 24--The Graduation Stakes, \$25,000 added, six furlongs. SATURDAY, July 31--The Detroit Handicap, \$25,000 added, mile and sixteenths.

Sorrows Defeated In Overtime Game

Close doesn't count.

Ask the Our Lady of Sorrows basketball team which failed to survive the first round of the Class C district basketball tournament at Dearborn St. Alphonsus.

Sorrows appeared to have wrapped up against Novi. With less than a half minute to go, Sorrows led, 53-51, and had the ball.

Novi had led, 32-24.

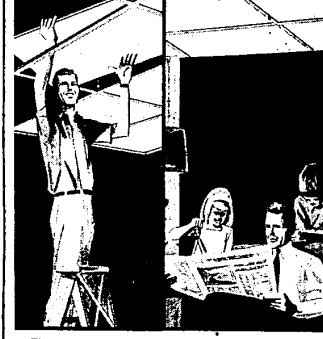
Once in overtime, Boyer added five points to finish with 16 and help crush Sorrows. Bob Vivian led the winners with 19.

Chris Centers had 15 for the winners, followed by brother Tom Centers with 13. Ross Bergeron clicked for 10, Dan Blouin eight, Bill Doyle five, Jim Harte 3 and Dan Fieten three.

Sorrows managed to hit only one shot in overtime and 20 for 46 in the game. Novi clicked on 24 of 60 in the game.

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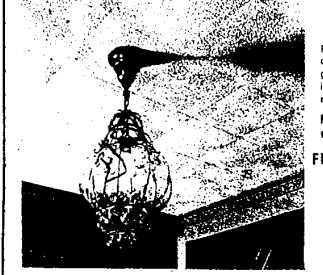
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