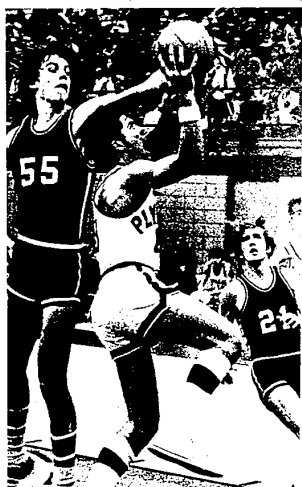


Franklin Topples Plymouth In Overtime



By FRED DELANO

Come-from-behind victories are becoming a trademark for Livonia Franklin, which went into overtime Tuesday before pulling out a 73-67 basketball triumph over Plymouth and thus spoiled the Rocks' hopes of clinching their new gym with a winning performance.

The Patriots made it 2-0 in non-league competition by putting on an even greater rally than they had in beating Wayne, 72-65, in their opener.

Trailing Plymouth, 61-55, with 3:53 to go in regulation time, Franklin outscored the Rocks 9-2 in that stretch to leave things knotted at 63-61 after four periods, and then stormed to a 10-4 margin in the three minutes of overtime.

The surprising Rocks from the Suburban Eight loop, with four juniors in the starting lineup, had a chance to upset Franklin's Northwest Suburban contenders at the 63-63 point, when they successfully controlled the ball the last 44 seconds, waiting for the last shot.

Apparently misjudging the

time in the final seconds, they failed to work the ball in close and were left with Steven Bobb's long jumper from beyond the key at the buzzer.

It missed and in the extra period six-foot-seven Tim Dietz and Karney Derderian teamed for a quick six Franklin points before Plymouth could score again.

DIETZ paced the Patriot attack with 19 points, followed by 14 for Rich Davis and 12 by Derderian. Ron Egloff matched Dietz's 19 point output in Plymouth's losing cause, Dave Van Wagoner and Jim Szilagyi following with 15 and 14.

It was Plymouth's second straight loss, having dropped an earlier contest to Walled Lake Central, but Coach Dick Bearup found an optimistic note in his team's having out-rebounded Franklin, 27-31.

"The pressure bothers them yet, but we're going to make some progress. Missing seven of 10 free throws in the fourth quarter against Franklin killed us, just as we were hurt when we made only nine out of

22 at Walled Lake," he said.

After having seen his own club trail 11 times, including the halftime (36-32) and third quarter (50-49) breaks, Coach Bob Visser of Franklin said he was "disappointed we didn't control the game better than we did."

"We proved by coming from behind again that we can turn it on, but the timing isn't there yet," said Visser. "We're getting in spurts."

He admitted, however, that Plymouth's strength with a young team in the rebuilding stages surprised him, "Plymouth is going to win a lot," he commented. "Their guards are better shooters than I expected."

He referred to a pair of juniors, Robb and Szilagyi, whose combined total was 23 points.

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL

TUESDAY
Farmington at Harrison
Country Day at Holy Rosary
St. Agatha at St. Hedwig
Melvindale at Garden City West
Taylor at John Glenn
W.L. Central at North Farmington
Kimball at Southfield Lathrup

FRIDAY

Belleville at Bentley
Oak Park at Birmingham Groves
St. Thomas at St. Agatha
Bishop Borgess at Sacred Heart
Churchill at Warren Sterling
DeLaSalle at Brother Rice
West Bloomfield at Clarenceville
Stevenson at Farmington
Northville at Harrison
North Farmington at Franklin
Garden City East at Wayne
Garden City West at Schafer
Thurston at John Glenn
Edsel Ford at Plymouth
Redford Union at Trenton
Southfield at Kimball
Walled Lake at Southfield Lathrup

HOCKEY

WEDNESDAY
Country Day vs Stevenson at Ford, 8 p.m.
Franklin vs Ann Arbor at Ford, 3:30 p.m.

Box score:

FRANKLIN (73)	FO	FM	FA	TP
Davis	8	2	5	14
Derderian	6	0	1	12
Dietz	8	9	11	19
M. Graham	3	2	3	8
R. Graham	3	1	3	7
Cass	1	0	0	2
Lee	1	0	0	2
Neumann	1	0	0	2
Loch	2	3	5	7
	28	17	28	73

Score by quarters:

Franklin	19-13-17-14-10-73
Plymouth	18-18-14-13-4-67

Trojans Score 106

It was a record setting basketball night at Clarenceville as the Trojans crushed Crestwood, 106-61.

It was the second win for Clarenceville in as many starts and the 106 point total breaks last year's record of 98 points against Waterford Kettering. The Trojans still lost that contest, 102-98.

"Last year Crestwood beat us 96-57," said Clarenceville Coach Ralph Weddle. "The kids remembered that game and they put it all together to get back at them."

CHIP MEYRELLES scored the first basket for the Trojans on a 15 foot jumper and Jackson's action at Northville Downs Saturday night.

Thimble, the leading lady in the class, drew the four post. In anything but a harness race, a young lady surrounded by a group of handsome males might feel right at home, but it's not admirers that surround Thimble, and the four-time winner in the series will be out to vacate her position for one at the head of the pack, at least at the wire, if not sooner.

first quarter lead with Meyrelles popping in 19 of the 26.

The 6-3 forward led all scorers with 23 points, seven assists and 17 rebounds. The Trojans jumped to a 53-25 halftime lead and shot to a 75-33 third-quarter lead.

GREG SAARELA scored the 100th point for Clarenceville and the Trojans topped Crestwood by 45 points.

"We started out pressing and our defense ended up scoring half of our points," said Weddle. "I was more pleased with our defense than the offense and we out-rebounded them 42-22."

Clarenceville had five

players in double figures with Meyrelles pacing the attack with 29. Bob Tyler scored 19, Jim Hoyer 17, Phil Halstead 15 and Saarela 13.

Greg Lis and Ken Hols led the Crestwood attack with 16 points each.

THE TROJANS shot 56 per cent from the floor compared to 44 per cent by Crestwood. Clarenceville totaled 22 of 38 from the line while Crestwood scored on 23 of 31.

"We had 29 assists at the boys were just passing the ball something fabulous," said Weddle. "They really played together and only had 11 turnovers."

Some of the Livonians you'll see in action against the Lassies are: James McIntire (Whittier); Fred Price (Churchill); Jim George (Holmes); Roger Springstine (Bryant); David Fuller (Dickenson); Daniel Freeman (Dickenson); Jim Komala (Dickenson); Doug Doney (Stevenson); Bill Demery (Stevenson); Doug Johnson (Stevenson); and Don Albertson (Bryant).

Bentley Edges Spartans, 56-53

By TOM DONOHUE
Observer Sports Editor

Bentley ran into foul trouble, but hung on in the closing minutes to edge rival Stevenson, 56-53, for its second basketball win of the season.

STEVENSON jumped to a 4-0 lead early in the first quarter with Dale Haberman and Jim Macy scoring, and it wasn't until the three minute mark that Bentley finally got on the board with Tim Bollin scoring.

Both squads were cold in the opening minutes but the Bulldogs came to life and scored eight straight points to lead at the end of the first quarter, 14-0.

Both sides totaled 14 points in the second quarter and Bentley held a 28-24 lead.

"We were playing good basketball," said Bentley Coach John Farrar. "But the ball wasn't going in and we wasted many chances to break the game wide open."

Stevenson came on strong in the third quarter, outscoring Bentley 18 to 13 and the Bulldogs were in serious foul trouble.

Bollin collected four fouls in the third quarter and Farrar was forced to pull his star center. Ron Bawalski also picked up his fourth foul as well as Gordie Chaisson who fouled out early in the fourth quarter.

"We were in serious trouble," said Farrar. "We had four starters out of the lineup."

KELLY SMITH scored for Stevenson in the closing minutes of the third quarter and the Spartans had bounced in front 42-41. Bentley's Al Siteril opened the fourth quarter with a freethrow and a field goal and the Bulldogs were up 46-42 and were never behind again.

"After we regained the lead, I went into a control type of game," said Farrar. Bentley was up 46-45 midway through the fourth and the game saw back and forth but Bentley managed to hold the lead.

With one and a half minutes remaining, Brent Boegler scored on a layup and Bentley was up by four.

"Our sixth, seventh, and eighth men really came through for us," added Farrar. "Siteril, Boegler and Don Nourse kept us in the game."

BOLLIN was high scorer for Bentley with 13 points followed by Bawalski with 12 and Dan Weiss with 11. Bentley collected 38 rebounds with Bollin hauling in 13.

Smith paced the Spartan attack with 19 points followed by Haberman with 16.

Bentley shot 19 of 52 from the floor for 37 per cent while Stevenson shot 21 of 69 for 30 per cent. Bentley scored 18 of 25 from the line while Stevenson totaled 11 of 24.

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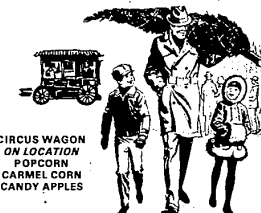
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