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Bentley Uses 'Bench' To Save Plymouth Win

By FRED DELANO

Al Siterlet and Brent Boegler came off the bench to lead a fourth quarter Livonia Bentley comeback that produced a 64-60 victory over Plymouth Friday, keeping alive the Bulldogs' hopes of moving into a tie with Redford Union for the Suburban Eight basketball title.

With all teams having only two games left in the league schedule, the showdown will come this week when RU invades Bulldog country in quest of the triumph that would give the Panthers an outright championship.

RU stands at 9-1 and Bentley 7-3 and the latter's only chance is to win the last two starts; with Redford losing again in the Feb. 25 finale. That last night's action will see Bentley at Dearborn and Belleville at Redford.

The Bulldogs started off as though they would blow Plymouth off the court, shooting over the Rocks' zone for a quick 10-1 lead in the first three minutes.

Led by seven points from Jim Szilagyi, the Rocks cut the margin to 18-15 by the end of the first quarter and still were down by three points, 31-28, at the half.

minutes after the second half opened and before the third quarter ended at 47-47 the score had been tied six times, with Plymouth leading ahead on four occasions.

Throughout the second half the Rocks did a masterful defensive job against Bentley's six-foot-seven Tim Bollin, limiting him to two points, but they couldn't match the punch Siterlet and Boegler provided with nine points between them in the final period.

Halfway through the last quarter Bentley had moved to a 59-50 edge, and a late spurt sparked by Ron Egloff and Tim Van Wagoner wasn't enough to pull the Rocks back even.

Both Coach John Farrar of Bentley and Dick Bearup conceded that the Bulldogs' bench strength was the difference between the ball clubs. Earlier in the season Bentley had beaten Plymouth, 48-45. Although the Rocks were without regular center Jeff Jacobs, who was in bed with the flu, Bearup didn't fall back on his absence as an alibi.

Egloff, Szilagyi and Van Wagoner shared scoring honors with 16 points each, Bollin topping the Bentley output with 15.

LOOKING AHEAD TO Friday's crucial game against Redford Union, Farrar commented, "our kids are definitely up and I think we

can knock them off." In their first encounter this season, RU won, 62-61.

Box Score:

BENTLEY (64)			
Wells	3	3	9
Graves	2	2	6
Rolin	4	7	15
Bawulski	2	0	4
Chasson	5	2	12
Siterlet	3	1	7
Boegler	4	2	11
Totals	23	18	64

PLYMOUTH (60)			
T. Van Wagoner	6	4	16
Egloff	5	7	16
Szilagi	5	6	16
T. Van Wagoner	3	1	7
Dryas	0	1	2
Claas	0	0	0
Smith	1	1	3
Normal	0	1	1
Totals	20	28	60

Score by quarters:
 BENTLEY: 18 13 16 17-64
 PLYMOUTH: 16 13 19 13-60



ROCK REBOUND - Plymouth's Ron Egloff hauls in rebound against Brent Boegler of Bentley. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Chargers Baffled In Title Quest

By TOM DONOHUE
 Observer Sports Editor

The stage was set for a championship cage warup but Churchill didn't follow the script and dropped its first Western Six battle to Waterford Mott, 54-51.

Churchill boasts a 5-1 league mark with Farmington Harrison and Walled Lake Western remaining on the schedule. Mott is second at 5-2 with Northville left on Feb. 25.

The Chargers can clinch at least a share of the title with one victory in the remaining two games, and can wrap it up with a sweep.

"We are still in the lead," said Charger Coach Pat Montagano. "Somebody has to beat us and we are the type of club that will come back after an upset loss."

In a peculiar first quarter with the Chargers jumping out to an early lead and Mott sagging back on defense in a tight zone.

"We held the ball out and were waiting for Mott to come to us," said Montagano.

Churchill had control of the ball and the lead and held the ball for a three minute span with Mott struggling in its defense.

"The refs warned Mott that it had to come after the ball,"

added Montagano. "There is a rule that states a team behind has to go after the ball, they set back and a technical was called."

"We were just attempting to get Mott out of its tight zone and come to us."

CHURCHILL was ahead at the end of the quarter, 17-9 and hit on eight of 20 from the floor to lead at the half, 33-24.

Mott came on strong in the third quarter and caught the Chargers with five minutes remaining. Mott fought to a 42-40 lead going into the final stanza and it was nip-and-tuck until the final seconds.

With 27 seconds showing on the clock, Churchill was down 50-49, and Bruce VanWagoner passed ahead to Phil Damaska who scored on a three point play but the refs disallowed the play because of an out-of-bounds violation called after the play was over.

THE CHARGERS missed on five opportunities at the line in the final minute to drop a three point decision.

"The roof just fell in on us in the final quarter," concluded Montagano.

Churchill scored a respectable 45 per cent from the field on 14 of 39 shots while Mott hit on 15 of 55 for 27 per cent. The Chargers connected

on 24 of 36 free-throws and Mott made good 23 of 37.

MARK REED hauled in 13 rebounds with Churchill outbounding Mott, 31-29.

Churchill stands 195 overall and hosts Farmington Harrison Friday. The Chargers topped Harrison in the first round, 62-51.

Groves Swims Past Thurston In NW Battle

Birmingham Groves swam to a North West Suburban win over North Farmington, 71-54.

Two of its swimmers setting pool records.

Birmingham's Mark Colville established a North Farmington record in the 50 freestyle at 23.0, and Groves' Don Lindsay set a pool record and a Groves school record in the 400 freestyle with a time of 4:05.2.

Don Dodge, John Buchan, Dan Williams, and Rick Keidan combined for a Birmingham victory in the 200 medley relay with a 1:48.9 time and Groves took the 400 freestyle relay at 3:57.6 with Mark Wood, Matt Jermol, Bill Thompson and Rick Clarke.

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Mason, Harrison	13	92	63	247	19.0
Schaner, Redford Union	14	102	59	263	18.7
Hayes, GC East	13	63	111	237	18.2
Lekovich, Farmington	12	93	23	209	17.4
Radwin, North Farmington	14	97	49	243	17.3
Halstead, Clarenceville	12	79	46	204	17.0
Bollin, Bentley	16	104	59	267	16.6
Bawulski, Bentley	16	111	41	263	16.4
Churches, St. Agathe	17	103	67	273	16.0

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL

THURSDAY
 Brother Rice vs. DePue in Catholic League semi-final at U-D Memorial Building, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Taylor Center at GC East
 Franklin at John Glenn
 Harrison at Churchill
 Groves at N. Farmington
 Farmington at LeVine
 Clarenceville at Clarkston
 Redford Union at Snyder
 Thurston at Oak Park
 GC West at Cherry Hill
 Plymouth at Trenton
 Stevenson at Pontiac
 Bentley at Eastfield

MONDAY
 Clarenceville at Andover

TUESDAY
 GC East at Lathrup West
 Country Day at Harper Woods
 LaBar at Groves
 Franklin at Harrison
 Stevenson at Ford-Dr
 Southfield at Andover

WEDNESDAY
 Bentley vs. Churchill at Ford 3:30 p.m.

THURSDAY
 Belleville at Southfield 4 p.m.

FRIDAY
 Franklin vs. Stevenson at Ford 7 p.m.

Bentley vs. Eccles at Ford, 8 p.m.

WRESTLING

THURSDAY
 Country Day at Walled Lake

SATURDAY
 Country Day at Southfield

TUESDAY
 Lippett at Country Day

SWIMMING

THURSDAY
 GC West at Riverside
 Thurston at Franklin
 Redford Union at Plymouth
 John Glenn at Groves
 Lincoln at Churchill
 Trenton at Bentley
 Oak Park at N. Farmington

FRIDAY
 Stevenson at Farmington
 Pontiac at Stevenson

SATURDAY
 Western Wayne Invitational

MONDAY
 Andover at Southfield

TUESDAY
 GC West at Cherry Hill
 Clarenceville at Madison Heights
 Churchill at GC East
 N. Farmington at Franklin
 John Glenn at Wayne
 Thurston at S. Lathrup

BOYS' GYMNASTICS

WEDNESDAY
 Harrison at Oak Park
 N. Farmington at Fire Rock
 Farmington at Clarenceville

SATURDAY
 Clarenceville Invitational

GIRLS' GYMNASTICS

WEDNESDAY
 Groves at Farmington
 Harrison at Oak Park

FRIDAY
 Taylor Center at Clarenceville

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 Plymouth at Trenton

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