

A First For Livonia—Two Prep Football Kings

Bentley Ties for Pennant

"We're sitting on top of the world . . ."

So goes the song . . . and how appropriate its words read for Bentley high school in football again.

There were those years when Bentley reigned year after year as kingpins in the Suburban Six League.

Then came the division of the student body . . . some stayed at Bentley, others went to Franklin.

Bentley slipped in football. In 1962, the North Livonians finished last in the league, losing all five of their games.

In 1963, Bentley still was last. But the record improved slightly as Bentley tied one and lost four.

But this week, they've been singing:

"We're sitting on top of the world . . ."

That's because Bentley in one of the great comebacks of the year in prep football in Michigan—or any other state—has bounced back to share the Suburban Six League title for 1964 with Trenton.

Each had a league record of four wins and one loss.

But, it would do well to refresh the Bentley story which was climaxed last Friday night when the team bested Allen Park, 7-0, in the tie clincher while Trenton beat R. U., 20-7, to wind up in a deadlock.

The season had started on a dull and sour note for Bentley.

First there was a loss to Farmington. Then came a tie against Dearborn.

Coach Joiner continued . . . "I guess it was in the Belleville game. When the kids discovered they could score . . . they got a new feeling. They realized right there that they could win."

"And that's what they have done."

The statistics in the Bentley-Allen Park game were about even.

Each side made six first downs. In rushing, Bentley had 95 yards to 65 for the losers. In passing, Allen Park had 63 yards net to Bentley's 32.

All of which tallied up to 123 for the Parkers and 124 for Bentley.

What about next Saturday's game with Franklin?

Joiner's only comment was: "It should be a great one . . . the best yet between Bentley and Franklin."

In the league opener against Plymouth, Bentley left the field a loser.

Around Bentley, one could hear the cries and moans:

"This will be another of those lousy years."

Such comments didn't elude Coach Larry Joiner or his players.

Joiner assembled his charges: "You're a better ball club than your record would indicate. Let's go to work."

And to work went Bentley. On successive Fridays against Belleville, Trenton, Redford, Union, and Allen Park, the Livonians paraded their mighty talents.

After each game, the Livonians (Continued on Page 3-C)

City Grid Championship Battle Saturday

Two varsity high school teams . . . and champions both.

Bentley holds a share of the Suburban Six League crown—Franklin reigns as king of the Northwestern Loop.

Now comes their head-on battle this Saturday afternoon at two o'clock at Bentley for the Livonia city championship.

The experts call the game a tossup.

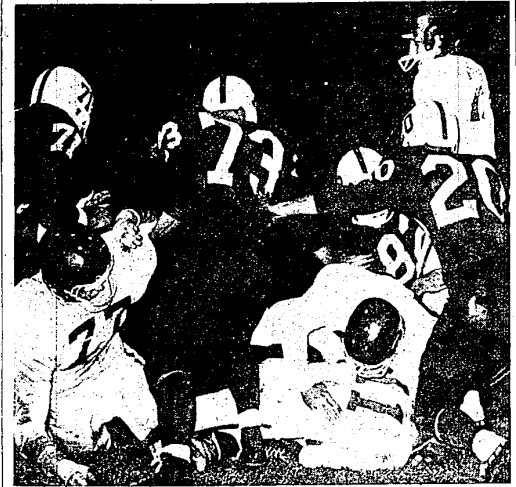
"Two great teams bumping heads," said one expert.

Nobody seems willing to guess which will win.

Bentley has won its last four starts after losing twice and tying once in its first three starts.

Franklin has won seven straight . . . without a loss.

A win Saturday for Franklin not only would mean the second title of the season for the south-siders, but also put Franklin in position to end the season with a perfect record



HARVEY JARSCH smashes across the field for the touchdown that enabled Bentley to beat Allen Park, 7-0, and wind up as co-champs of the Suburban Six League. Jarsch wears No. 11.

R. Union Bows to Trenton

Coach John Rogers knew it would be a tough year for his Redford Union high school football team in the Suburban Six League.

Going in, Rogers lamented the fact "we have too many young kids."

However, he never expected the campaign would turn out the way it did—R. U. losing all five of its conference starts.

The league curtain dropped last Friday when Redford Union lost to Trenton, 20-7.

For the sake of R. U. and also for the sake of doing neighboring Bentley a good turn, R. U. wanted to win this one.

But the strong Trenton team, which had lost only to Bentley in previous action, had too much ground power for Redford Union.

The downriver team chewed up Redford Union's forwards to the tune of 351 yards rushing. Not once did Trenton make a yard via a pass. Seven tries were attempted. All seven were knocked away.

But the ground-gaining tactics of Trenton, especially those of Elie Federico, a young man with a great future, quickly turned the pattern of play.

Federico slammed away at R. U. in the first quarter. While Trenton didn't score in the initial 12 minutes, the downriver team quickly cashed a counter on the first play of the second period when Ted Campau went in from the seven.

There was no further scoring in the first half.

In the third period, Federico was almost unstoppable. He cracked away . . . and kept on picking up yardage. Finally from the R. U. 12, he drilled his way to the goal line and that made the score read 14-0 for Trenton.

In the fourth period, Federico broke away on a 49 yarder that upped the score to 20-0.

Redford Union still has some life left.

Following the recovery of a blocked kick, Rick Barryman wasted no time flipping a 14-yard scoring pass to Mike Fritz.

But the one score merely averted a shutout on the scoreboard—not in the league standings.

Trenton piled 14 first downs to R. U.'s 10. In passing, R. U. moved 126 yards against 71 for the gridiron.

The game was a big one—remains for Redford Union. It's against Thurston this Friday night at R. U. decide the Redford Township title.

Thurston, late last weekend, has been taking its lumps along with Redford Union.

But a victory for the Township title can make a team and its coach forget a lot of things.

Friday's kickoff is set for 8 p.m.

Since previous records mean nothing in such games, this one should be "a honey" from the first whistle.

7 Area Harriers In State

Seven area entries—three from Farmington and two each from Franklin and Clarenceville—have qualified for Saturday's state high school cross country finals at Ypsilanti.

Bruce Anderson, Joe Watson and John Karwaski will carry the colors for Farmington; Tom Let and Dan Ryan for Franklin and the Buchett brothers, Larry and Gary, for Clarenceville.

Farmington and Franklin are entered in Class A and Clarenceville in "B."

The area runners will be competing only for individual honors since their respective schools didn't survive last Saturday's regionals at Cass Center Park on a "team" basis.

Birmingham Seaborn, the defending state and regional champion (Continued on Page 3-C)

Franklin Buries Raiders

The baby grew up in a hurry. Just two years ago, Franklin high school fielded its first varsity football team.

In fact, its first football team of any kind.

The initial campaign, as expected, proved a rough one for Franklin. The school didn't win a game.

Last year, Franklin began to move. The school won 5-0.

Now in 1964, in its third season of competition, the south-side Livonia school boasts:

1—The champions of the Northwest League.

2—An unbeaten-sailed eleven with just two games left on the schedule.

Franklin hauled in the league crown last Saturday in a showdown of showdowns against North Franklin.

Both teams took the gridiron at North Farmington with identical 6-0 records.

At the conclusion, there could be no doubt as to which team was superior. The final 20-0 score in Franklin's favor told the story—and the true story.

Coach Bob Bentley of Franklin, who took over the reins of the team this fall for the first time, naturally rates a few thousand bouquets.

But Bentley would rather pat the backs of his players, as he declares:

"These are the kids who have done the job for Franklin. They're great bunch. They deserve all the honors and praise they can be bestowed upon them."

It marked the fourth time in seven games that Franklin had blanked an opponent.

As in past games, Larry Vaughn and Bernie Carbo were the big wheels in the Franklin defense. But Sam Antonazzo, Roger Frayer, Ken Bratherton and Steve Karnish all did a tremendous job in slowing the high-powered North Farmington offense to almost a walk.

North Farmington's great passer Bill Oldershaw had his problems. He was rushed from all sides. When he did get a little air, he found his receivers so well surrounded that it was difficult to hit them.

Franklin broke into the scoring in the second quarter when Larry Yonish drove across from the yard out after a Ken Bratherton to Dennis Wagner on fourth down had clicked and brought Franklin to the N. F. four.

It took four plays before Yonish was able to get across the North Farmington line turned in a stout-hearted stand on the goal line.

That's the way the first half ended—with Franklin on top, 7-0, when Antonazzo made the conversion.

In the third period, Antonazzo picked off a pass on the North Farmington 38 and skipped through a mass of players to the goal line for the touchdown.

This upped the Franklin lead to 14-0.

Another break went in Franklin's favor and led to the game's final touchdown in the fourth period.

The Franklin team kicked and the ball bounced off a North Farmington defender, Karnish, hustling down field, tell the plunk for Franklin on the North Farmington 19.

On the very next play, Wagner slipped a neat pass to Antonazzo, who was all by himself and Franklin had its third touchdown of the afternoon.

A conversion by Antonazzo ended the scoring and settled the championship for 1964 in the Northwest Suburban League.

Both Coach Bentley and his rival, Ron Holland, agreed it was a hard-fought game.

"A couple of mistakes on our part hurt us badly," declared Holland, who has enjoyed a great season this fall at North Farmington.

The closest North Farmington could get during the afternoon was the Franklin 23 and the Franklin 15.

The North Farmington defense was praised by Holland. "Skip Moore, Joe Stephan, Jerry Pound and Ron Peterson all were great," the losing coach declared.

In the end, North Farmington had joined six other teams which had found Franklin too tough. Only against Redford Union has Franklin been held close. That game ended in a 7-6 score.

Bates Honored At Plymouth

John Bates was voted the most valuable member of the 1964 Plymouth high cross country team. Dave Tirlan and Bob Kreitch have been elected co-captains for 1965.

on Nov. 14 against Wayne.

A capacity throng of upwards of 5,000 is expected to turn out Saturday afternoon.

Many in Livonia are disappointed they'd rather have the game played at night.

The game presents an interesting side-light.

Mrs. Robert Bentley, wife of the Franklin coach, is on the faculty at Bentley.

"Maybe the best thing would be if the teams tied," she laughed the other day.

Which side of the field will she be on Saturday?

Mrs. Bentley wasn't saying: "Maybe the best thing to do would be to go shopping."

Secretly, she's probably going to cheer for her husband's team.

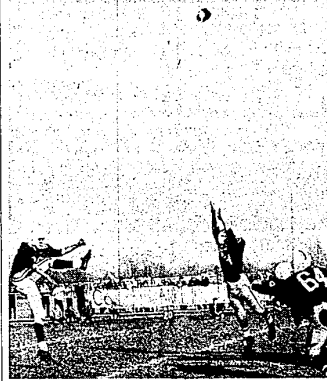
Like any wife, Mrs. Bentley knows who's responsible for the bread and butter—and maybe an extra dress or coat.



LARRY YONISH of Franklin (32) tallies for touchdown on yard plunge against N. Farmington.



STEVE KARNISH (43) of Franklin breaks up pass intended for John McDonald of N. Farmington.



NEAL THOMAS kicks for Franklin over the stretched hands of N. Farmington's Mike Maloney.

Prep Schedule

Friday's Games
Walled Lake at Plymouth, 8 p.m.
Thurston at Redford Union, 8 p.m.
Milford at Clarenceville, 8 p.m.
Southfield at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
North Farmington at Jackson, 8 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Bentley vs. Franklin at Bentley, 7 p.m.
Sunday's Game
Our Lady of Sorrows at Ann Arbor St. Thomas, 2:30 p.m.

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