

Franklin, Bentley Cagers Face Showdown for 1st Place

Powerful Groves Is Next Test

Franklin or Birmingham  
One or the other will stand No. 1 by Friday night in the Northwest Suburban High School League's basketball chase.

Each will put a 30 conference record on the line in a head-on duel scheduled for the Franklin gym with the tipoff at 8 p.m. Friday.

Groves also will be staking an overall unbeaten mark. The Birmingham team has won seven in a row this far this season. Franklin has coupled four of its six in overall action.

To get ready for Friday's collision, both Franklin and Groves fashioned almost identical victories last Friday evening.

While Franklin turned back John Glenn, 76-55, Groves had too much for North Farmington, 78-57.

Franklin hopped off to a fast 21-9 start against Glenn and by half time had built up a 42-21 edge.

Coach John Hartwig of the winners was encouraged by the showing of Earl Neely, making his debut for Franklin. A transfer student from West Virginia, Neely promptly grabbed off top honors for Franklin with six baskets and four free throws for 16 points.

"Earl is a good dribbler and ball handler," said Hartwig. "He'll help us in many ways on the attack."

At Jose and Pat Katosh also delivered in double figures for Franklin, nailing 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Headaches against Groves will center around trying to contain Mike Hafferty in particular. Hafferty ranks among the league's leading scorers.

He has 17 against North Farmington, while Rick Whitlow and Greg Love each had 18.

Groves also may have a little too much size for Franklin along with some superiority in the rebounding department.

Against North Farmington, Groves took an 18-13 lead after one quarter. It was 34-28 at halftime and then Groves outscored North Farmington, 40-20, in the second half.

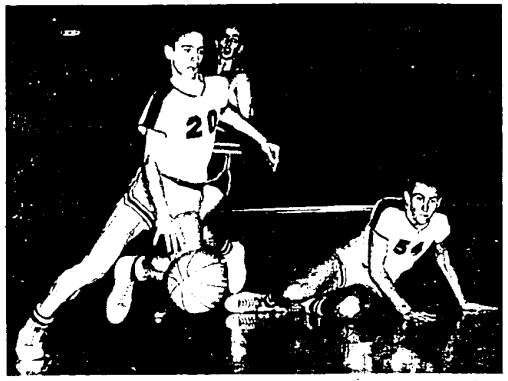
Thurston  
Scores Easy  
Swim Win

Thurston High's swimming team had little trouble scoring a 7-26 victory over Escor in a dual meet last week.

The Thurston swimmers won every event, except the 100-yard free style and tied a school record pool record by 3:34.8 in the 400-yard free style relay.

Bill Zeeb, Bill Barringer, Ron Smith and Chris Hudson combined to swim on the relay quartet.

Thurston winners:  
Medley Relay: 1—Thurston (Harris, Owens, Sansone, Ricket), Time: 1:53.5.  
300-yard free style: 1—Kelther, Time: 2:10.7.  
50-yard freestyle: Smith, Time: 24.1 seconds.  
Diving: Maxwell.  
100-yard backstroke: Glover, Time: 1:07.3.  
400-yard freestyle: Kelther, Time: 4:45.2.  
100-yard breaststroke: Owen, Time: 1:09.2.



DOWN BUT NOT OUT is Franklin High's Al Jose (54) as teammate Pat Katosh (20) dribbles away with the ball during a tense moment in the game with Glenn High. It turned into an easy victory for the Livonians.

St. Agatha Divides in 2 Games

The first week of the new year produced a pair of high-scoring games for the St. Agatha high school basketball team.

One ended happily for the Townshippers, the other in gloom.

Against Immaculate Conception, it was all St. Agatha with the final score reading, 84-73, after the Townshippers got going in the second half.

Immaculate Conception held a 42-37 halftime edge before Mike Wleziak and Pat Timmons went to work to turn the tide in St. Agatha's favor.

Mike fashioned 10 points and Timmons nine in the third period to send St. Agatha in front for keeps.

Pat Murphy dropped 20 points, Timmons 19 and Dan Pavlet 17 to pace the winners. Dennis McKenna caged 13 and Wleziak 11 to give St. Agatha five double-figure scorers.

Brown and Tim Bourke netted two points each to round out the winners' production.

In the reserve action, it was 65-51 for St. Agatha as Dan Blackmore 11.

Three nights later, St. Hedwig poured it to St. Agatha, 100-54, in one of the ugliest totals ever fashioned against a St. Agatha team.

St. Hedwig jumped in front, 25-12 after one quarter and led 57-21 at halftime.

All 12 of St. Hedwig's performers scored with Rick Opalinski getting 16 to lead the way. Timmons dumped in 24 to top the losers.

The reserve game also went to St. Hedwig by an 85-63 score. Chuck Costello and Mike Lilley each tallied 19 for the losers.

St. Agatha plays at St. Francis Xavier of Escor this Friday night.

What's Doing at DPR? New Schedules Out  
The new Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation schedule of winter term leisure time activities are now available by contacting this agency between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at GA 1-2000.

The schedule includes adult and children's classes, clubs, and athletic activities.

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

The modern means of travel certainly permit the jamming of so much into so little.

Like the other week when we flew out of Detroit Metro Airport with the Pistons with our first stop Friendship Airport in Baltimore.

Some 35 minutes after our plane had hit ground, we were in what to us has to be the most thrilling of all U.S. cities—our national capitol, Washington.

There's something about driving along Pennsylvania and peering at the big dome of the Capitol... or turning down a few streets to ride in front of the White House... or spotting the Washington and Lincoln Memorials which send a flash running down your back.

This is the heart and soul of the greatest country in the world... you don't even get mad when you see the Internal Revenue Building and realize that within a few weeks the moment of decision with Uncle Samuel will arrive and you'll have to settle up with millions more.

Your drive takes you behind the Capitol to take an upward look at the new DC Stadium where the Senators and Redskins play and then over the Potomac past the Pentagon and after a few wrong turns to the Arlington Cemetery where hundreds come daily to mourn the late President Kennedy and visit the tombs of the Unknown Soldiers.

On the way to meet old Times' colleague, Jake Berson, you pass many of the foreign embassies, including the Russian on 16th St. You're wrong, if you had the impression guards stand outside of the building.

Into Silver Spring, Md., and to the Berson home. Before cutting back on the highway, past the University of Maryland at College Park, the race tracks at Bowie and Laurel and into Baltimore where at their very fine city center, the Bullets turned their might on the Pistons.

The day over, there's really little time to sleep. By 7:50 a.m. on Sunday it's time to hop out of the sack, load up... bid your fare wells to son Douglas, who's heading up toward Boston, and rush for another plane, this one bound for the world of fantasy at Miami Beach, Fla.

Most of the ride down is over the ocean. You get to see very little.

Finally, our plane cuts westward and banks southward over the mainland of Florida.

The clouds are thick, but as if from a signal from the pilot, everything clears as we pass to the west of Cape Kennedy.

All of the launching pads clearly are in view. So are the new structures from which some day will come the rocket that takes an American to the moon.

Southward we go... the plane dropping altitude all the time. We pass Vero Beach, where the Los Angeles Dodgers train... and then go directly over the Yankee Stadium of the South at Fort Lauderdale, where the ex-World Champs drill. The field is ready for Mantle, Maris and Co.

Nearby is the Pompano Park race track, operated by the same folks who boss harness racing at the Detroit oval on Middlebelt and Schoolcraft each summer.

The plane keeps dropping... and then comes touchdown at the Immense Fort Lauderdale airport where were told most of the millionaires have their private craft settle as they come to Florida for some sunshine.

It was around 38 in Baltimore and raining when we boarded our plane. At Fort Lauderdale it was hot, sunny and a cloud in the sky.

Stationing wife and daughter were there. Ditto for father-in-law.

The drive into Miami Beach caused your eyes to pop as you note all the new buildings and hotels that have risen since you last visited the Beach 20 months ago. (Cont. on Second Sports Page)

Trenton Guards Rated 'Key'

It'll be "Showdown Time" in the Bentley High Gym Friday night.

Bentley goes against Trenton with undisputed possession of first place in the Suburban Six League riding on the outcome.

One couldn't ask for a match pitting two more evenly balanced teams.

Each has a 3-0 record in the league.

Overall, both are 8-1.

Bentley's lone setback was administered by state Class B champ River Rouge, Trenton fell before the might of Ann Arbor High.

Both teams tuned up for their head-on clash by literally "murduring" opposition last Friday evening.

Bentley stormed through Belleville, 88-34.

"It all depends on how our guards handle their guards," said Coach George Fefles of Bentley in looking ahead to the Friday clash with Trenton.

Fefles had in mind a couple of gentlemen by the name of Dave Fisher and Dan Stanley, two of the mightiest blackliners in prep action this winter.

The Bentley coach was very satisfied with his team's showing against Belleville.

"We hit on 35 out of 80 shots, which is good hitting... we also rebounded well and the kids gave a fine team effort," declared Fefles. Bentley rolled on top, 21-14, at the end of the first period and then stopped Belleville without a basket and just four free throws in the second period.

This made it possible for Bentley to engineer a 40-18 halftime edge. Even with free substitutions, Bentley upped its margin to 67-25 after three periods.

Everybody on the Bentley cash in on the scoring.

Bob Slater led with 14 points, while Fred Matavia was next with 13.

The rest of the Bentley contingent was under double figures, as follows:

Don Sommerman, Mike McCauley, Ken Bowman and Morris Scherrera, eight each; Gary Faulkes, Greg Coleman and Mike Morsma, six each; Larry Grim four and Nick Bonder two.

Plymouth never had much of a chance against Trenton. The downriver team took a 23-12 lead at the end of the first period, held away by 40-24 at halftime and coasted the rest of the way.

Ten Trenton players scored with Fisher's 18 and Slater's 13 tops.

In the first half alone, Trenton fired up 37 shots from the floor and made 20. From the foul line, Trenton cashed nine out of ten before intermission.

Plymouth entered the game with star tenth grader Mike Stakas limping because of a sore ankle. Stakas played briefly, but still topped his team in scoring with 10 points.

Jim Scharmen was a workhorse on the boards for the Bucks and also came through with eight points.

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GOING IN FOR SHOT is Redford Union's Ron Bjerke (50) backing away from the action to Bauer (24) despite efforts of an unidentified avoid any possibility of committing a foul.

Allen Park guard to stop him. That's Leland

strikes coming on a 12-18 footers.

"You can't hope to win when they shoot that way against you," said Coach Cal Krupa of West.

West overall scored on 19 of 54 tries in the game, but Schaffer finished with 30 for 58, which is better than 50 percent.

West did emerge a slight winner in rebounds with 40 to Schaffer's 37.

Gary Slade was the only West player to score in double figures. He made seven baskets and one free throw for 15 points.

Bo Ardell tallied seven, Ford Simpson, Bob Gamache and Bill Johnston five each, Bruce

for Waterford after the teams had been tied at 14-14 after one period and 35-35 at the half.

Each side made only two baskets in the last eight minutes.

But... and what a "but" - Farmington clicked on only five free throws in those last eight minutes, while Waterford missed 13.

That was the difference. Except for the charity tosses, the teams played on an even keel. Farmington tied in 42-41 edge in rebounds and the mix takes were virtually the same.

In losing for the fourth time in eight starts, Farmington was led by Greg Dorroch with 15 points. Mike Wilson notched 13, making 11 of his points on free throws; Steve Moore tallied 12. Mike Austin 11, Bob Gilbert three and Dan Miracle two.

This Friday, Farmington played at home, hosting Ward Lake in another league game.

Schafer 'Derails' West 5

Garden City West high's basketball express ran into a derailment last Friday evening.

After winning three straight in as many starts before the holiday break in Tri-Rivers League play, West knocked off by Schafer, 80-47, in a battle of the unbeaten for first place.

It wasn't much of a game.

West scored only one basket and four free throws in the first period and quickly fell behind, 24-6.

Another disappointing period—the third—killed off whatever hopes West had of pulling out their big battle for the lead.

In the first period, Schafer tossed in 12 out of 17 shots from the floor with nine of them

Toward and Bret Feigler three apiece and George Domanski two.

For Schafer, the big guns were Jack Marola with 24 and Jim Casanova with 18.

West's reserves came through with a 58-46 victory to give the Garden City school a split on the evening's proceedings.

It'll be West vs. Riverside at West this Friday night.

Bjerke wound up as top scorer for the winners with 20 points on nine baskets and two free throws.

Arnold followed with eight hoops and one charity for 17 points.

Ron Bauer and Malloy each netched nine. Doug St. John and Bill Fahey and Carl Ruchonon one each.

In the reserve action, it was Bentley over Belleville, 25-12, as Dan Doyle scored 13; Jeff Adams drilled in 23 points for Plymouth, which lost to Trenton, 58-50. St. Louis to Allen Park, 58-52.

A polarizing final period enabled Our Lady of Sorrows to gain a split on its action last week.

After losing to Royal Oak St. Mary's, 83-68, Sorrows found itself on the short end of a 31-47 score after three quarters against St. Rita.

Then came a big explosion, led by Tim Doyle to put Sorrows over the hump and bring the Farmington school home a 12-59 victory.

Doyle bagged nine points in the closing period and ended the game with a whopping total of 37 points on 17 baskets and five successes from the free-throw line.

He was the only member of the Sorrows team to score in double figures. Far back were Jerry Turner with nine points and Frank Carrico with nine.

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Against Royal Oak St. Mary's, Sorrows fell behind, 20-10, in the first period and never was able seriously to challenge.

Doyle again was the top scorer for Sorrows, this time with 11 baskets and five free throws for 27 points. This meant that in one week, Doyle scored 64 points.

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Foul-Line Trouble Beats Farmington

It helps to be able to sink free throws.

Farmington high's basketball team discovered why Friday night in losing its Interleague League opener to Waterford, 68-57.

The contest was a strange one. And a rough one.

Each side made more free throws than baskets.

Waterford notched 20 hoops, but was simply brilliant from the charity line, making 25 out of 32. That's better than the professional teams do.

Farmington was held to 17 baskets but slipped in 23 out of 38 chances from the free line.

"Yep, those misses on free throws hurt us," moaned Farmington coach Jack Quigley.

Farmington was in the game until the last period. At the three-quarter mark it was 51-48.

This Friday, Farmington played at home, hosting Ward Lake in another league game.

RU at Best

While Bentley bows Trenton this Friday Plymouth returns home to take on surprising Redford Union, which boosted its Suburban Six League record to 2-1 last Friday night.

Redford Union turned in what coach Milo Karhu described as an "100 percent effort."

"It was tremendous the way the kids played all the way," added Karhu.

Redford Union fell behind, 18-15, after one quarter, but with Bill Arnold scoring nine points in the second period, the Townshippers jumped back to a 33-30 halftime battle.

The RU lead was extended to 44-38 after three periods and then Randy Malloy won a couple of steals and seven points and Leland Bjerke with six points helped to break the game open in the final quarter.

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Franklin Natadors Set Marks

Franklin high swimmers fashioned their new school record in winning part of a dual meet with a 7-13, in a Northwest Suburban League dual meet last Friday night.

Ron Barclay (butterfly), Judd Kingsbury (400-yard free style) and Tom Bates (breast stroke) fashioned the marks. Bates also won the individual medley to score the meet's lone double triumph.

The results: 1—Franklin (Kingsbury, Zelek, Halquist, Henderson), Time: 1:56.3.

200-yard freestyle: 1—Young (F), 2—Ward (F), 3—Baderburg (G), Time: 2:17.3.

50-yard free: 1—Halquist (F), 2—Schneefield (G), 3—Adkins (G), Time: 25.2 seconds.

Individual Medley: 1—Bates (F), 2—Hanson (F), 3—Pettit (G), Time: 2:22.2.

Diving: 1—Zwickler (F), 2—Fregier (F), 3—Green (G), 100-yard butterfly: 1—Barley (F), 2—Lane (G), Time: 59.9 seconds (School record).

100-yard freestyle: 1—Arnold (F), 2—Ferguson (F), 3—Adkins (G), Time 54.9 seconds.

100-yard backstroke: 1—Higgs (G), 2—Barley (F), 3—Ogden (G), Time: 1:09.09.

400-yard freestyle: Kingsbury (F), 2—Barbu (G), 3—Joyer (F), Time: 4:26 (school record).

100-yard breaststroke: 1—Bates (F), 2—Zelek (F), 3—Pettit (G), Time: 1:07.5 (school record).

400-yard freestyle relay: 1—Glenn (Scheerer, Gile, Rowe, Glendon), Time: 4:17.4.

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Thurston at North Farmington  
Charnerville at West Bloomfield  
Trenton at Bentley  
Redford Union at Plymouth  
Our Lady of Sorrows at St. Francis de Sales  
St. Agatha at St. Francis Xavier (Escor)  
Chaves at Franklin  
Glenn at Franklin