

Pulls Into Triple Tie for Top

RU Stuns Bentley in Overtime

Each season produces its surprises in any sport. As far as the Suburban Six League basketball wars are concerned, Redford Union's shock so far has been provided by Redford Union under the coaching of Milo Karbu.

Here was a team given little chance to figure in the title chase. But with half the league chase over, look at how the top three teams stand:

Redford Union	W 1	L 1
Bentley	4	1
Trenton	4	1

Something must give this Friday night because Redford Union goes to Trenton, while Bentley stays home against Allen Park.

But the league is still talking about the 53-52 overtime upset Redford Union pulled off over Bentley last Friday night.

The win was RU's fifth straight, while the loss ended a five-game winning chain for Bentley and also was only the second in 11 games for the Lions, who were ranked seventh in the state going into the game.

"I just can't believe it," said Arnold after the game. "I never figured we would be doing so well. But the kids have jelled."

Three straight steals, two by Elmsler and one by Coleman, put the Bentley team within two points of a tie. RU had the ball, but lost it with three seconds to go.

Bentley called a timeout, set up a play for Materiva. And it worked. Materiva drove for a layup and when it swished through an overtime became necessary.

The score read 53-52. Bentley controlled the ball for better than two minutes in the extra session. When a Bentley shot missed, Arnold rebounded for RU, tossed ahead to Leland Bjerke who fired in a brilliant shot to make the score, 54-52.

Bentley tried another shot—and failed.

RU moved back up floor. Bauer had the ball. Elmsler swept at the ball, came up with it . . . but as he drove for what fans thought was a teeing basket, the referee was blowing his whistle.

He had called a foul against Bentley.

Irate Coach Felles of Bentley jumped from the bench. He was slugged with a technical and Bauer wound up making three free throws to sew up the game.

Bauer topped all scoring with 16 points while Bjerke had 14 and Arnold 11, plus 16 rebounds. Materiva notched 14 and Elmsler 11 for Bentley.

The final statistics showed Bentley with 23 baskets and six

free throws. RU caged 21 from the floor and 15 charities.

Bentley's reserves won, 54-48, as Ken Bollin scored 18 points, Jim Doyle 15 and Richard Walle 11. Mark Lindman tallied 22 for the losers.

The varsity box score:

BENTLEY	B	F	R	P
Bentley	4	1	1	1
Elmsler	2	2	2	2
Felles	2	2	2	2
McCauley	2	2	2	2
Howman	2	2	2	2
Coleman	2	2	2	2
Simon	2	2	2	2
Totals	23	4	6	6

REDFORD UNION	B	F	R	P
Bauer	16	5	11	11
Arnold	11	5	11	11
Bjerke	14	5	11	11
Elmsler	11	5	11	11
Materiva	14	5	11	11
Totals	11	25	17	17

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WHO'S GOT IT? Players from Redford Union and Bentley dive for a free ball. That's Vlach Arnold (55) and Gary Faulkes (21) observe the (22) of Redford Union sprawled on the floor going on. Redford Union won in upset, as Larry Grimm of Bentley (51) and Jim

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St. Agatha Five Splits In Basketball Action

The week ended in a draw for St. Agatha high's basketball team in the Catholic League wars.

After downing St. Francis, 56-52, St. Agatha wound up a 63-53 loser to Ann Arbor St. Thomas. All of which left the St. Agatha record at three victories against nine losses for the season fast approaching its end. It took an uphill climb for St. Agatha to win against St.

Falcons Roar Twice, Gain Tie for First Slot

"Was a very profitable week-end for Farmington high school's basketball team.

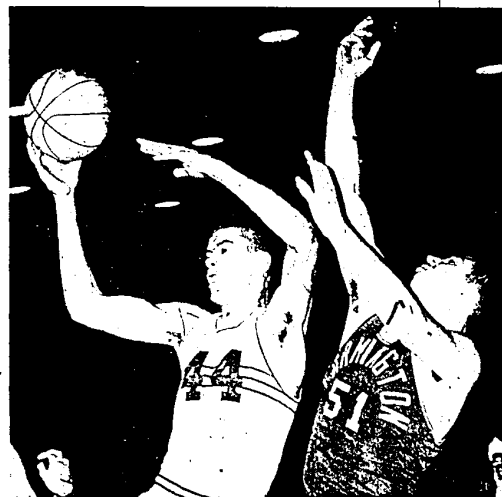
The Falcons turned in a pair of victories—beating Pontiac Northern, 68-45, and Plymouth, 64-56—to bring their overall record for the season to seven wins and four losses.

More important, the conquest over Pontiac Northern enabled Farmington to tie Northern and Waterford for the Inter-lakes League lead. All three teams have 2-1 marks.

One of the trio must topple this Friday when Waterford invades Farmington.

Farmington jumped in front, 11-6, after one quarter against Northern and kept adding to its advantage as the game progressed. In the third period, the Falcons sealed matters with 21 points to 11 for the opposition.

Mike Wilson paced the victors with 22 points on eight baskets and six free throws. Greg Duron struck for 14 points, while Mike Ames turned in a



LETTING LOOSE with a shot is Jim Scharman. Bentley's late rally produced a victory over the Rocks. Rocks' ton tries in vain to prevent the attempt. Farm-

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Poor Shots Fatal for Sorrows

One statistic told the story of the Lady of Sorrows' 68-44 basketball loss at the hands of St. Benedict in the Catholic League last Friday evening.

The Sorrows caged pumped up 21 shots from the floor during the evening.

They made only 15.

That's 21-percent shooting. "You can't win with that kind of marksmanship," said coach Bob Morris whose Sorrows team now stands 4-7 for the season with just three more regularly scheduled tilts remaining.

St. Benedict never had a problem. After one quarter the score read 15-8, for the Highland Parkers.

By halftime it was 24-22. Continued on Next Sports Page

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

They don't come greater in sports than Gordie Howe of the Detroit Red Wings.

Nor are there nicer or more humble guys anywhere.

It's currently our privilege to serve on the same committee with Howe, ex-Tiger Vic Wertz and others in connection with a campaign instituted by the Goodwill Industries of Metropolitan Detroit to collect used athletic equipment.

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- 2-It will make available through the Goodwill stores the re-sale of this equipment at lower prices than possible otherwise.
- 3-Youngsters, who can't afford to buy the equipment new, should be able to secure the refurbished items.
- 4-Youngsters, who engage in athletic endeavour, have less chance of going astray than those who don't.

Late Rally No Help To Raiders

A fine rally went for naught for North Farmington high's basketball team last Friday night.

After lagging by a 40-34 halftime score, North Farmington zoomed ahead by a point at the three-quarter mark and then shot up five points against Oak Park.

However, in the six minutes that remained, the Parkers dominated the proceedings and went on to finish a 78-69 winner and drop Franklin two games behind front-running Groves in the Northwest Suburban League chase.

"Call it rebounding, which made the difference," said North Farmington coach Dick Wilson.

"They just commanded the boards, especially when the going got tight in the last part of the game," the coach added.

In the final period, Oak Park made seven baskets and 13 free throws for 27 points, while holding North Farmington down to just 17 points.

The departure of Rick Schultz on fouls didn't help the North Farmington cause in the final period.

Schultz had made eight points, as did Bill Oldershaw, in the third period when North Farmington overcame Oak Park's halftime edge.

Then Schultz added seven more points in the last period before the referee called him for a fifth—and disqualifying—personal foul.

In all, Schultz scored 39 points on 12 baskets and six free throws. Oldershaw had a great night with 18, while Rick Lorenz produced 10. Kiri Schu-

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The Goodwill folks introduced Gordie and told them "how proud they were" to have him on the committee.

Howe arose, blinked his eyes as is habit with him, and then talked into the microphone.

"You don't know how happy and proud I am to be connected with such a venture," Howe started out.

"To lend a helping hand is the most wonderful thing any of us can do. I haven't forgotten how I was helped . . . when I was a kid . . . and when I started out in hockey . . ."

Gordie took a moment to pay his thanks to men like Jack Adams, Mr. Hockey, and present Manager-Coach Sid Abel of the Wings; to the various publicity men the Wings have had—Fred Huber, Elliott Trumbull and Ron Cantara.

"All of these men, and others, have made it possible for me to be where I am today. If I can just help one kid to better himself, than I'll really be a very satisfied man."

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