

Bentley Alone on Top

It's taken Bentley high's basketball team only three games to assume undisputed leadership in the Suburban Six League.

Three straight victories, while the others have fallen somewhere along the line, have turned the trick for Bentley.

Returning to league play after finishing second to Southfield in a holiday tournament, Bentley showed its best defense and best teamwork of the season last Friday in rushing past Plymouth, 68-40.

Plymouth, idle throughout the vacation period from game action, showed the effects of the schedule break.

Before the Rocks knew what hit them Bentley had piled up a 22-8 lead in the first period in which Greg

Macy pumped in nine points and Ken Bollin added six more for Bentley.

In the meantime, Bentley stopped Plymouth on three baskets and two free throws in the first eight minutes of action.

Matters improved for Plymouth in the second period. The Rocks scored 16-13 in the period. But in the final two periods, Plymouth was

held to eight points each time as Bentley added to its margin.

The victory ran Bentley's season record to 7-2 and was paced by Bollin who engineered 18 points on six baskets and six free throws. Macy hit with 13 points and Ed Ryan tallied 10, eight of Ryan's points coming in the third period when Bentley pumped in 19 points to put the game out of reach.

Mike Kubik topped the free throwers with 16 points. He hit six baskets and four charity shots.

Bentley fired in 37 baskets, almost twice as many as Plymouth which made only 13. Free throws were even. Each side had 14.

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SIX HANDS ON BALL as Plymouth's Jim Ellison (41), battles Bentley's Dan Doyle (34) and Jim Powers (10) for a rebound in this spirited action in Friday's game. Bentley remained undefeated in league play with a one-sided 68-40 triumph.

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Prep Cage Schedule!

FRIDAY'S GAMES	
Bentley at Belleville	Holly at Clarenceville
Trenton at Plymouth	Walled Lake at Farmington
Franklin at Glenn	Thurston at Oak Park
Ferris at St. James at Sorrows	Groves at North Farmington
Southgate at Garden City	
West	
Richquad at Garden City	
East	

SATURDAY'S GAMES	
Bentley at Flint Southwest	

Falcons Pushed By Stevenson

The anticipated breeze never materialized for Farmington high school's basketball team.

As defending champs in the Interlakes League, the Falcons obviously might have looked down at Stevenson when the two teams met last Friday night.

Stevenson is new in the league this year. There are no seniors on the varsity.

But the youngsters who make up the Stevenson team made life very interesting at times for Farmington, now 3-0 in the league and the undisputed leaders.

After Farmington roared ahead, 18-8, in the first quarter, Stevenson cut the differential to 32-24 at halftime and trailed by only four points going into the last period.

"I kept telling my boys that Stevenson was ready to spring a big upset," said coach Jack Quiggle of Farmington.

But in the last four minutes of action and then still at just four points, Farmington's Falcons put on the steam and with Mike Ames, Greg Dorow and Tom Wirtz hitting baskets and

with good success—11 out of 14—at the foul line, the Falcons pulled away to win by 11 points.

Ames had hit for 19 points in the first quarter, and fired more in the second. But Jim Olsen with five points in the second and eight more in the third paced Stevenson in its comeback.

Ames and Dorow provided Farmington with its big one-two punch.

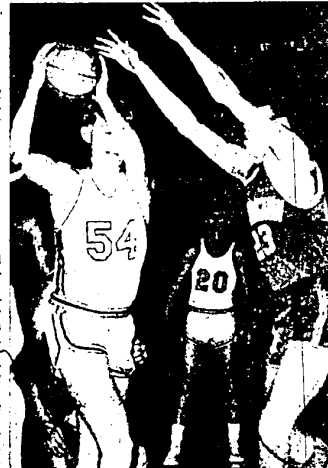
Ames tossed in eight baskets and nine free throws for 25 points. Dorow had seven hoops and six free ones for 20. Wirtz was the only other Farmington player in double figures, registering eight of his ten points on free shots.

Olsen had 17 to lead the losers.

In reserve play, Farmington triumphed, 32-22, as Ken Schultz led the winners with 11 points.

The varsity box score: FARMINGTON STEVENSON

Ames	19	Dorow	20
Wirtz	8	Olsen	17
Thompson	5	Ames	19
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OPEN YOUR EYES: Bud Daniels (54) of Stevenson clamps his eyes closed as he finds himself guarded by George Grimaldi (23) of Farmington. The close game finally was won by Farmington which now leads the Interlakes League.

Observing SPORTS

By George Maklin

Take heart, friends. Sure it's not easy digging the car out of the snow, or wrapping up the kids with enough clothes to protect them from the cold.

Who likes those big heating bills? But, it won't be for long. Yes, sir, baseball has to be just around the corner.

In fact, it's here—this week. The Tigers are busting back into the spotlight, even before the football folks get through with their Super Bowl effort and long before the Pistons and Red Wings finish up their operations.

On this very evening, the first of a couple of baseball standings takes place in town. The Baseball Writers will play hosts to new Tiger manager Mayo Smith, his staff and some of their star athletes.

Thursday night, they're going to shift—meaning these Tiger officials. The club itself will entertain at the premier sports party of the season—at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel.

Once these initial festivities are over, spring training can't be far away. Less than a month. And when the Tigers go to Lakeland, all of us can start to smile. Our own spring has to be just around the corner.

On the subject of baseball, like a lot of others, our heart turned heavy the other evening when the news came from Houston, Tex., that Johnny Keane, the former Cardinal and Yankee manager, had died unexpectedly of a heart attack.

We didn't know Keane. Just once, did we have the privilege of sitting in his company at a luncheon tossed in his behalf by the baseball writers.

Keane had come to the Yankees from the Cards and his new team was slumping along. He could have offered a million alibis.

Collegians Start Over, Drop Two

It was like starting all over again for coach Bob Leggett and his Schoolcraft college basketball team.

Off for almost a month because of final semester examinations and the Christmas holidays, Leggett's team scrubbed his forces last week.

He found only four of his original 12 players had survived the examination period.

"So we had two days to rebuild and two days of work we couldn't do the job," explained Leggett.

As a result, Schoolcraft was no match for Oakland University, 105-54, but two days later showed considerable improvement in Bowling Green, 76-54.

In each case we simply ran out of gas," said Leggett. "But I sure was proud that the boys gave me 100 percent. That's what counts most with me."

Against Oakland, Schoolcraft stayed close for 14 minutes. At that point the score was tied at 24-24.

Then Oakland rolled in 19 straight points and it was a romp the rest of the way.

John Felmet had 20 points in a losing cause.

Against Muskegon, Steve Moore from Farmington was high for Schoolcraft. Moore picked up 16 points.

Schoolcraft plays twice at home this week, entertaining Kellogg Wednesday and Muskegon Saturday night. Home for Schoolcraft is the community center in Northville.

Hot Shots Hand West 1st Defeat

Garden City West high's basketball team no longer tops the Tri-Rivers league by itself.

West was dumped from sole possession into a triple tie last Friday when dunned by Lowrey, 78-69.

But Coach Cal Kruga of the West team had no complaints when the game was over. All of which is unusual for a losing coach.

RU Wins—After Score: What's a Safe Lead?

What's a safe lead in basketball?

One really never knows as shown in how Redford Union high's basketball team managed to squeeze past Belleville, 57-56, last Friday night.

A close one! No question. But in the third quarter, who would have thought the game might end that way. Redford Union had a 14-point bulge in spots.

Paced by the Brothers Neely and Wicks, Redford Union had come from a 12-12 deficit after one quarter to lead 30-27 at halftime and then storm up by 14 points in the third stanza.

A few passes went astray for Redford Union and Belleville was on the move.

Before the RU team knew what had hit them, Belleville was leading, 51-50.

Then the Bjerkie boys struck. Lee, the senior, hit two baskets. Dale, the sophomore, tossed in a pair of free throws.

But there could be no relaxing for the Townshippers. Just as the game ended, a Belleville player fired a long shot. The ball swished the net and many thought that Belleville had pulled out the game by a point.

But the officials ruled the shot was taken a split second too late.

Redford Union had been saved—saved by the bell, as it were, after the game had all indications of developing into a runaway.

The Bjerkie shot scoring honors for the Townshippers. Lee dropped in 11 baskets and one free throw for 23 points. Dale had four hoops along with five charities for 13 points.

Bill Wiers hit for four baskets and eight points—all in the second period when RU made its first comeback.

Tony Kimble netted seven, Dennis Fifield four and Bill Fahey two.

Showdown Nears For Franklin '5'

The "big one" comes up a week from Friday night in the Northwest Suburban prep basketball league.

That's when Franklin and Birmingham Groves will square off and all indications point to them taking the floor against each other with unblemished conference records.

While Groves plastered Thurston last Friday night, Franklin had an easy time with Oak Park, 65-52.

The game was about as lopsided as the score would indicate. Franklin rolled in front, 19-7, after one quarter led, 34-15, at halftime and went into the final period with a 55-27 bulge.

"We were working the border better," declared coach John Hartwig in describing the efforts of his Franklin charges who now stand 5-0 in the league and 4-2 overall.

The Franklin defense also rated some orchids. In the first period, Oak Park made only two baskets. The Oak Park output went to three hoops in the second period and rose in five in the third.

Tom Reich got Franklin started with eight points in the first period. Earl

Sport Shorts

Terry Dischinger, the Detroit Pistons all-star of two years ago who was plucked for military duty after the 1964-65 season, still is serving at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. Present plans call for Dischinger's two-year "hitch" expiring in August.

Rookie center Dorie Murray, of the Detroit Pistons, plans to reenroll at the University of Detroit at the end of the current season to complete his work toward a degree in engineering. Murray still has a year to go in the five-year program required for students to receive their diploma.

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