

Bentley Opens Big Lead



FANCY SHOOTING: Dick Wagner (42) of Thurston goes up for a back-handed layup. 96 points to win in a breeze.

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

How true as far as Bentley high's basketball team is concerned.

Bidding to regain the Suburban Six League title, it relinquished last year to Thurston, Bentley now finds itself with a two-game bulge over its nearest rival and the worst of the school history.

In what shaped up as the "big one," Bentley showed its class last Friday night in douring Trenton, 75-69.

A victory for Trenton would have evened the race. But now it's Bentley with a 5-0 record while Trenton and Allen Park stand at 3-2.

What's more just four more conference games remain.

"We're in good shape in the standings," said coach George Fefes of Bentley.

"But we have to guard

against letting down.

"Everybody we face from now on will be gunning for us. If we just take it easy, we might catch dropped in six

points in the first quarter foul-troubled Bollin and he sat out most of the first half after picking up three fast personals.

The Bentley lead swelled to eight points by half-time. Then after the intermission, Trenton began pecking away and finally with a couple minutes gone in the third period, Trenton took the lead.

But Bentley rebounded with McCauley, Greg Coleman and Larry Grimes leading the way to regain the lead for keeps.

Free throws proved the deciding factor as Trenton made 28 baskets to Bentley's 25. In free throw shooting, Bentley netted 25 to 13 for Trenton.

McCauley with 10 baskets and two free throws for 22 points topped the winners. Maci chipped in 17 while Grimes and Coleman had ten each and Ed Ryan and Ken Bollin eight each.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Northville at Clarenceville 2 p.m.

Plymouth at Farmington 2 p.m.

Southfield at N. Farmington

Stevenson Soft Touch For Pontiac

The Stevenson high basketball team remains winless in Interlake League play.

Latest school to beat Stevenson was Pontiac Northern by an 81-47 count last Friday.

The victory helped Pontiac Northern remain a game behind Farmington in the race for league leaders.

Bud Daniels and Paul Tonemacher had 10 points each for the losers, and Jim Olson had 11. Mike Clancy pumped in 22 points to top the victors.

Pontiac rolled ahead, 26-11 after one quarter and held a 48-26 lead at half time.

The Pontiac reserves won 83-31, as Paul Van Wagner had 12 for the losers.

In the extra session the teams fought along on even terms for the better part of two minutes.

Then two free throws by Nate Lubrano broke a tie and sent Plymouth in front for keeps.

Mike Kubik cashed another charity for Plymouth and when his second try failed, Mike Stakias was there to flip in the rebound and that put the Rocks up by five points.

Only 15 seconds now remained and it made no difference that RU scored once more in the fading moments.

Stakias with 22 points on 10 baskets and three foul shots paced the winners. John Davis and Lubrano each added 17 points while Kubik gave Plymouth fourth man double figures with 10 points.

Bjork split his efforts evenly. He had 32 points overall—18 in each half.

He helped the RU team to take a 15-14 lead after one quarter and stretch the advantage to 35-31 at halftime.

In the third period, Davis and Stakias combined to bring Plymouth back on even terms as the Rocks outscored RU, 13-9.

Each side made 18 points in the final period.

Plymouth's reserve also won, 46-40.

of regulation time to produce a 72-72 tie and force the teams into an extra period.

In fact, just four seconds remained as Bjork popped in the equalizing hoop.

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It's all over now. The

Falcons will all but have

the flag wrapped up.

A Northern win would

knock the race and likely

decide the title.

Farmington "tuned up" for

Northern by beating Rose-

ville, 61-55, in a non-league

last Friday night. It was a

strange sort of a victory.

The Falcons rolled ahead,

18-13, after one quarter and led 36-21, at halftime by as

many as 18 points in the third

quarter.

Then Rossville put on the

power and twice in the final

period managed to pull even

with Farmington.

But with the chips down,

a three-point play by Greg

Davis put Farmington back in front and the Falcons managed to

square off any further at-

tempts by Rossville to en-

gineer an upset.

Dorow with 15 points and

Ames and Kilkka with 14

set the pace for the Falcons.

Kilkka notched 12 of his

points in the first half.

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