

Finals Prove Nightmare for Bentley '5'



A SAD SAD STORY: This scene on the Bentley bench typifies the night the Bulldogs had against Catholic Central in the regional finals. Bentley never could get untracked and was crushed, 75-43, in the title game.

Pulls Off Stunning Surprise

Rocks' Relay Captures State Title

It had been a long and unfruitful winter for the swimmers of Plymouth high. For coach Dick Greitzinger, it was a series of frustrations as he returned to his alma mater where only a few years earlier he had starred and set a flock of records.

But Greitzinger and his charges refused to concede a thing.

Even after a poor showing in the Suburban Six League meet the Rocks kept their spirits high.

Came last weekend's state Class A meet, Plymouth was able to take a medley relay team, plus single qualifiers in the butterfly and the 50-yard free style.

"That's all we could take," said Greitzinger, "because nobody else on our team could meet the qualifying standards."

When the Rocks reached Lansing, they heard how their medley relay team had been seeded No. 18.

Varsity athletic letters were awarded to 11 basketball players and 12 members of the swimming team at the Schoolcraft College winter sports award banquet Wednesday night, March 8, at the college.

Letter winners were approved by athletic director Marvin Gans and the faculty board of athletic control of which William Ryan is chairman.

Carl Robie, University of Michigan swimmer who recently set new NCAA and Big Ten records in the 500 yard and 1,650 yard free style, and the 200 yard butterfly, was speaker of the evening. Robie, a prelaw senior at the U. of M., was a silver medal winner in the butterfly event in the 1964 Olympics.

Letters were also presented to seven cheerleaders by Miss Sharon MacLaren, faculty sponsor of the group.

Basketball letters were presented by coach Bob Leggat to Larry Duffield, Phil Demski, and Joel Terwin, all of Livonia; Don

Crainford, Plymouth; Lance Hahn, Northville; Steve Moore, Farmington; Tim Krug, Novi; John Talmot, Highland Park; Dave O'Donnell, Allen Park; Jim Smith, Detroit; and Jeff Stevens, Dearborn Heights.

Swimming coach Gordon Young presented letters to Robert Lescoe, George Jackson, and George Water, all of Livonia; James Lundstrom and Terry Winner, both of Northville; Doug Jaskierney, Plymouth; Darrell Knox and Larry Fitzgerald, both of Garden City; Mike Nicolin and Dave Thomas, both of Farmington; and Mike Poole and Mike Ferrell, both of Detroit.

Miss MacLaren presented cheerleader letters to Joyce Cardenas, Lynda Palmer, Jean Miller, Penny Buckingham, and Cathy Stager, all of Livonia; Linda Secord, Northville; and Kathy Rowden, Detroit.

Dr. Eric J. Bradner, college president, and John H. Brinn, vice-president for instruction, extend official greetings of the college to the letter winners.

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No Match for Catholic Central

A nightmarish finish! What else could they say at Bentley high school as they looked back at what happened in Friday night's Class A regional championship game at Franklin against Catholic Central?

It was the Shamrock's of Catholic Central 75, the Bulldogs of Bentley 43.

For over a decade, Bentley had known some great and wonderful moments in basketball.

League titles and district titles... they had all come the way of the Livonians.

True, there had been losses over the stretch. But nothing ever had happened like this. Bentley just couldn't get going against Catholic Central, which in winning its ninth regional title advanced into this Wednesday night's state quarterfinals against a

Hamtramck team which went four overtimes to down Birmingham Groves, a team very familiar to area schools.

What went wrong with Bentley against Catholic Central?

Basically, the Livonians just weren't able to muster their running attack. Catholic Central succeeded in stopping Bentley's swift attack, which explains why the Livonians were able to make only two baskets in the first and three in the third period.

The scoring for Bentley wasn't much better in the other two periods.

Coach George Fettes of Bentley, after taking his hat off to Catholic Central, couldn't remember when his forces ever had suffered through so much misery.

"Imagine just two baskets and two free throws in the first quarter," declared Bentley.

"Imagine our going three, four and six minutes without a basket. It's hard to understand why."

"Catholic Central had a fine team. But we did, too."

"It's just a shame that if you're to have a bad game somewhere along the long season's grind, it would come at this particular time when you have no second chance to rebound."

Once in the state tournament, of course, one defeat spells elimination. You just have to win and win... if you're to reach the coveted contest for the state title this coming Saturday night in Michigan State's Jensen Field House.

Bentley had bounced through the district at Franklin and then kayoted out Farmington, 58-54, with a strong finish in the first game of the Franklin regionals.

So, now it was Bentley vs. Catholic Central.

A turnaway crowd of more than 3,000 jammed the bright Franklin gym. Those who got into the gym were asked to squeeze together to make available a few extra seats.

Nonetheless, hundreds had to stay outside in the corridors and learn from crowd reactions what was going on.

Most of the cheers came from the Catholic Central side.

The game started with a quick CC basket. Then Larry Grimm scored for Bentley and the score stood tied at 2-2.

A tight game appeared in the offing.

But before Ken Bollin was able to register another point for Bentley some 2 1/2 minutes later, Catholic Central had upped its total to nine.

After Bollin's conversion, CC picked up six more straight points until Mike McCauley notched two free throws with nine seconds left in the quarter.

Bentley made two of 11 from the floor in the first period as Catholic Central roared ahead, 15-6.

The second period story didn't improve for Bentley.

By halftime, Catholic Central had rolled ahead by a 34-17 score.

Came the third period, McCauley registered a hoop for Bentley in the first minute. That made it, 24-19!

Then came the strangest of all moments for Bentley. A jump was called at the Bentley defensive end.

The ball went up and Dan Doyle grabbed it for Bentley. In his confusion he turned for the basket and made a perfect layup.

Only one thing was wrong. Dan had scored for Catholic Central, not for Bentley.

More confusion followed. A CC player grabbed the ball and heaved it the length of the floor to one of his mates in the clear. Another basket... in the wrong hoop!

However, Bentley didn't benefit.

The referees halted play and had a little straightening out to do.

They ruled that CC had illegally played the ball into play. The wrong basket by CC was washed out, the score remained, 36-19, and Bentley got the ball.

But all that happened was that CC's lead mounted to 48-27 in the three quarter marker.

In the end, Ron Gutowski had 24 points to lead the winners. Rick Ferri followed with 12 and Gerald Wudowski nine.

No Bentley player registered in double figures. It was Coleman, Doyle and McCauley with seven each.

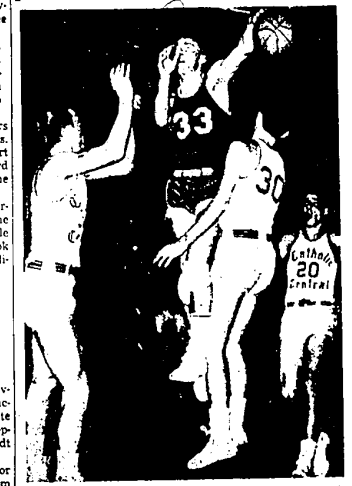
Two nights before in the



TRYING HARD to get off a shot is Bentley's Ken Bollin. But try fell short, as did his team in regional final against Catholic Central.

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SURROUNDED CAGER: Bentley's Mike McCauley (33) found himself encircled by three Catholic Central players as he tries to pass off. This is what happened all evening for the Bulldogs.

Observing SPORTS

By George Mackin

Memories... memories... memories... They come flooding back on this week when the end comes to Michigan's annual "March Madness," which is better known as the State High School Basketball tournament.

As your car wheels up the road to Lansing, how can you forget the days of the past:

- When they had no expressway to Lansing-East Lansing? When from Howell on up, it was a two-way road.
- When they played the entire final program in one session, starting with the Class D game around 5 p.m. and winding up around midnight with the Class A struggle?
- When games had to be played in the gym at Michigan State's Jensen Field House because they had no decent facilities close by for the semifinals?
- When President John Hannah of Michigan State University directed traffic outside the arena on final night while state police and other officials kept an eye on the rising and flooding Red Cedar River? Another inch or so of rise and the finals would have to be called off, because water would have poured on to the arena floor.
- When a guy by the name of Dave DeBusschere played for Detroit Austin against one Chet Walker of Benton Harbor in the Class A championship game. Now some years later, it's still DeBusschere vs. Walker when the Pistons tangle with the Philadelphia 76ers.
- When a kid by the name of Allen from Jackson tossed in a desperation shot from midcourt at the buzzer to beat Flint Central?
- When Flint Northern stalled through most of the overtime period and lost the game on a charging foul? Could it have been that somebody was protecting the referees?
- When we scooped the world by reporting in

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Trotters Ready for Early Start

Michigan's earliest racing season in history opens on Saturday, March 25, when Wolverine Harness Raceway opens its doors for the first of 56-night programs.

Wolverine operates its meeting at the Detroit Race Course, Middlebelt and Schoolcraft Roads, in the northwest Detroit suburb of Livonia.

For an entire month, Wolverine will be the only race track-harness or runner-operating in Michigan. The Wolverine meet continues through May 31.

The other two harness programs in the Detroit area include Northville Downs, Thursday, June 1 to Wednesday, August 2 (54 nights); and Hazel Park, Thursday, August 3 through Saturday, October 7 (57 nights).

Following the Hazel Park campaign, the trotters and pacers move outstate to Jackson for 54 nights starting Monday, October 9 and concluding on Saturday, November 9—the latest closing for any meet, harness or thoroughbred, in the state's annals.

The two thoroughbred tracks, Hazel Park and the Detroit Race Course, have been allotted 84 days each with the former opening on Monday, April 24 and closing on Saturday, July 29. The DRC will begin its 84 days on Monday July 31 and end on Saturday, November 4.

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