

Bentley Champions in Thriller

Talk about drama, excitement and tense moments in sports!

These and more all were wrapped into the 1967 Greater Livonia Les Anders Invitational baseball tournament won by Bentley, thanks to a final-inning run that engineered a 2-1 conquest over Redford Union in Tuesday night's championship duel.

Bentley climaxed a four-game march to the crown when with the bases loaded and one out and the score tied at 1-1 in the bottom of the seventh and final inning, Wayne Kruger dropped a squeeze bunt.

ED RYAN, A STAR all season for Bentley, roared down the line from third. As he hit the dirt, the throw to catcher Bill Fahey of Redford Union barely had him beat.

But in the collision at the plate, the ball popped from Fahey's big glove.

The tournament was over! Bentley, a dark-

horse, had capped the championship trophy in the tourney sponsored by the Livonia Optimist Club, the Livonia Recreation Department and the Observer Newspaper Group.

It marked the second time in a row that Bentley had rallied to emerge victorious. Twenty-four hours

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TO THE CHAMPS — Dick DeVries of Livonia Optimist Club presenting trophies to coach Marty Klozik, infielder Ed Ryan and members of Bentley high's baseball team after

they captured Les Anders Memorial tournament. The Livonians squeezed past Redford Union, 2-1, in the title game.

previously, the Livonians had squeezed past Northville, 3-2, in earlier action.

Again against Redford Union, Bentley's pitching hero was Bill McAlpine, a senior right-hander. He had decided Thurston and Stevenson in starting roles and then delivered the big hit and some clutch pitching against Northville.

NOW IN THE SHOWDOWN with RU's Tom Booker and Dale Bierke, McAlpine flipped a two-hitter and struck out 11 batters.

He was airtight after RU jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the first inning when Red Ferguson walked, stole second and came around on an error.

Bentley knotted the score in the fourth inning when Don Montroy singled, took second on a wild pickoff attempt, third on Greg Colton's sacrifice and

scored on Greg Macy's high-bouncer to short.

Neither team was able to seriously threaten from that point until one was out in the Bentley seventh. Ryan singled and went around to third when McAlpine was safe on a wild throw. Paul Sorenson was intentionally walked to load the bases.

Kruger then got the call as a pinch hitter and did what he was supposed to—bunt the ball. Ryan did the rest.

It was accounted for the only other Bentley hit of the game when he singled in the second. However, he was promptly doubled up for the final out of the inning.

Bentley had to fight back from a 1-0 deficit in the last half of the sixth inning to eliminate Northville. Then McAlpine had to cool off Northville by fanning the last batter with the bases loaded in the seventh frame.

There were two gone in the sixth when Sorenson slashed a double to start Bentley's winning surge. Walks to Bob Running and Dave Gorton loaded the bases.

Up to the plate stroled McAlpine. He took two strikes, then bounced a single up the middle. Sorenson walked home and Running dashed in after him.

When the Northville first baseman threw badly on the relay attempt, Gorton streaked over the plate with what proved the winning run.

Northville was by no means dead. A single, a walk, a fielder's choice, and out at the plate on an attempted squeeze play, another single and a hit batsman produced one run and left three aboard with two out.

Facing leadoff hitter Pat Hall, McAlpine served up three quick strikes to preserve the victory for Gorton who had worked the first six frames.

Redford Union had shoved over three runs in the top of the sixth to overtake and beat Wayne, 6-4, in the other half of the semi-finals.

Hits by Lee Bierke and Henry DeLonge, a walk and an error figured in the RU uprising. Dale Bierke with the help of Booker picked up the victory.

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MOST VALUABLE — Pitcher Dan McAlpine, the key figure in Bentley's drive to the Anders' tourney crown. He pitched in all four of the Bentley conquests, including the finale.

Observing SPORTS

By George Maskin

To Marty Klozik, baseball coach at Bentley high school, it was a thrill he'll never forget — his team's 2-1 victory over Redford Union in the finale of the Livonia Invitational prep tournament.

Klozik clutched the big trophy, awarded to the champs, and danced in the sand at Henry Ford Field like he never had before.

"You have to be proud of these kids," declared Klozik. "A half dozen runs — that's all that kept us from the league title this year."

"When you lose so many close ones, your boys might get discouraged. But our boys felt all along they were a good team — a championship team — and they sure proved it with the chips down in this tournament."

One other matter made Klozik flash a big smile: By the time 1968 rolls around, Bentley should have its own baseball diamond.

"You know, we've been orphans for a couple of years," the coach added. "We have had to play and even practice very often away from the school."

"But now plans have been initiated for us to have our own home."

THE 1967 LIVONIA INVITATIONAL was a "hum-dinger" in every sense of the word.

Most of the games went right down to the final out before the outcome was decided. Only twice in the 13 contests staged was the winning margin by more than five runs.

Dick DeVries, representing the Livonia Optimist Club which co-sponsors the tourney with the Livonia Recreation Department and the Observer newspapers, said he already was looking ahead to next year.

"This has to be one of the finest ventures our club participates in each year," said DeVries. "We do a lot of work for youngsters in the community. It sure makes you feel proud to have a part in a tournament which produces such exciting and wholesome entertainment."

The crowds this year set an all-time high, the chilly weather notwithstanding.

PERHAPS TAKING HIS CUE from the baseball tourney, which involved 12 of the 14 high schools served by the Observer papers, Coach Jerry Young of Farmington high suggests a similar meet for the area's track teams.

"What I'd like to see happen," said Young, "is that each week in the Observer you list the top six performances by area trackmen each week."

"Then at the end of the season, these six boys could square off in a special meet. It really would be something — an All-Observer track spectacle!"

Young's idea has tremendous merit. It would add further interest in a sport which sometimes does not attract the crowds it should.

The Farmington coach would shift the meet from community to community.

"We have some dandy track plants in the district," he added. "And many are equipped with lights, too."

SHORT STUFF: Wonder what can be done about the "dust bowl" at Livonia's Ford field? The slightest puff of wind kicks up a storm of dirt.

John Schroeter, shortstop on Bentley high's baseball team, came to the Bulldogs well-schooled. His dad, Herb, long has been the diamond coach at Dearborn high school and also has guided teams in Livonia's summer program for several years.

Best wishes to departing basketball Coach Quigley of Farmington high. Jack is leaving for a new position in northern New York state. Quigley once was a draft choice of the Detroit Pistons after he had starred in basketball at Michigan State. "I sure wish I could have played a little in the pro ranks," he says.

The word is out that when Livonia's fourth high school opens its doors it will join Dearborn, Dearborn Edsel Ford, Wayne, Melvindale and Ypsilanti Central from the old Huron-Rouge league, which disbanded recently because of differences with Lincoln Park, the sixth member.

'Show-Up' Suburban Six NW Trackmen Shine

It was the Northwest Suburban League over the Suburban Six League in the first head-on meeting of the two circuits' track events.

The Northwest group, which includes North Farmington and Franklin, rolled up 66 points to 59 for the Suburban Six, whose members list Bentley, Plymouth and Redford Union from the area.

Individual honors went to Bentley's Ken Jackson and Doug Thomas and Glenn's Wayne Holman. Each won two events. Jackson clinched a brilliant season of campaigning in the high and low hurdles by hitting the wire in the blazing times of 14.6 and 19.7 seconds, respectively.

His effort in the low sticks set a new school record, one of two such standards Jackson chalked up during the festivities held at Belleville High. Although placing third in the long jump, his leap of 21 feet, 2 1/2 inches eclipsed the previous school's high.

Thomas, a sizzler all season in the dashes, copped both the 100 and 220-yard dashes as he was clocked in 10.2 and 21.7 seconds, respectively.

Glenn High's Holman turned in his victories in the high

jump and the pole vault, soaring 13 feet, 6 inches in the latter event.

Two other school records were chalked up by Bentley's Frank Miller in winning the shot put with a toss of 53 feet, 6 inches, and by North Farmington's Ross Smith, who leaped 22 feet, two inches in the long jump.

Smith is the exchange student from Australia who this week wrapped up his year of athletic competition in the United States. He starred for North Farmington's football team last fall.

Franklin's Jack Collins clicked off a fine 1:59.3 to win the 880-yard dash, while Glen Duck of Thurston showed himself as the area's premier miler by winning 4:26.3.

The results:

Shot Put: Frank Miller (Bentley), 53 feet, 6 inches. (Thurston), Elias (Plymouth) Distance: 53 feet, 6 inches.

High Jump: Holman (Glenn), 6 feet, 6 inches. (Thurston), Derry (Plymouth), 6 feet, 6 inches. (Bentley), 6 feet, 6 inches.

Long Jump: Smith (NF), 22 feet, 2 1/2 inches. (Thurston), Jackson (Bentley), 21 feet, 2 1/2 inches. (Plymouth), Young (Trenton), 20 feet, 6 inches. (Franklin), 20 feet, 6 inches. (Groves), Trenton, 20 feet, 6 inches. (Thurston), Leadville (RU), Clark (Franklin), 20 feet, 6 inches.

Result Same For Rivals In Baseball

Three-hit pitching by Dan Wolfman enabled Farmington to best North Farmington, 3-1, in the final baseball game of the season for the two teams.

The win also gave the Falcons the mythical city crown for 1967.

Wolfman served up 12 strike-out pitches against his cross-town rivals.

Jerry Tinkle, a two-sport star, knocked in two runs with a single in the last game for Farmington. His belt sent over Dana Kitzbridge and Joe Himmelsbach.

Mike Thompson singled in Al Kikka in the sixth for the third Farmington run.

Mike McCoy buried for the losers and accounted for one of the North Farmington hits. Rick Scott singled in Tom Snyder, who had walked, with the Raiders' only run of the game.

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Plymouth, RU Clash

It'll be Plymouth vs. Redford Union Monday to decide the Suburban Six League baseball championship.

Plymouth, 7-2, is assured of no less than a share of the crown.

Redford Union, 6-3, must win to gain a tie for the flag.

Both teams will lead with their pitching aces as Plymouth turns to lefty Dan Camp and RU to Dale Bierke.

Plymouth scored a 9-4 triumph over RU 10 days ago in the first meeting between the two teams.

Monday's game will lower

the curtain on the area's 1967 schoolboy baseball season.

Lady Golfers Called to Fire

Livonia women golfers interested in playing in the Recreation Department's weekly tournaments at Edl Wyld are urged to contact course or recreation officials.

The calls to call every Friday morning during the summer months.

Guest Speaker

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Trojans Subdued In Track Finals

It was 50-50 when it came to taking first places in the various events.

But greater depth enabled Bloomfield Hills to best Clarencville for the Wayne-Oakland League track championship Wednesday evening at Clarencville.

The Hills posted 75 points to Clarencville's 68 1/2.

Third place went to Milford with 30 points, followed by Northville 19 1/2, West Bloomfield 18, Holly 13, Brighton 3 and Clarkston 0.

One of the highlights for Clarencville was a new record in the 880-yard relay although the Trojans' quartet of Jim Stearns, Tom Harbottle, Mike Nye and Ron Ray placed second.

Their time was 1:31.55 compared to the old school mark of 1:32.9.

Harbottle was the top pointman for Clarencville with a victory in the high hurdles, a second in the low hurdles and a third in the long jump along with running a leg on the 880-yard relay.



FALCON STANDOUTS — Five star members of Farmington high's Interlakes Conference track champs. From left: Front — Gary and Larry Williams, twin brothers. Back — Bob Donovan, Chris Brown and Mike Hines. Brown won 100 and 220-yard dashes for second straight year in the league meet. (Story on page 4.)