

Bentley Has Only 3 Holdovers But Looms As Contender

The loss of nine out of 12 from his squad might shake up most high school basketball coaches.

If George Fefes of Bentley High is "shook," he isn't saying so . . . or looking that way.

The fact is, Fefes sees no reason for the basketball fortunes at Bentley to drop.

"We have the tradition here for winners and it passes down from year to year," said Fefes who has turned out Suburban Six League champs in three of his five years as Bentley's head coach.

Bentley also has a history of winning district Class A championships, the most recent of which was last season.

"Once you start with winners, they come easier and easier," Fefes said. "The boys take pride and more pride in following in the footsteps of their predecessors."

IT HELPS, too, that of the three returning veterans on the Bentley team, one is Ken Bollin, who stands 6-6 and hauled down All Observer, All Suburban and All League honors last season.

Bollin is back as a senior after a fine sophomore season and a brilliant junior campaign. He's a strong scorer and a powerful rebounder. On top of that, with his size, he commands the situation—almost like Wilt Chamberlain does for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Back with Bollin are Dan Doyle, who stands 6-2, and Jim Powers, 5-10.

The reserves have graduated some fine talent for this year's Bentley varsity.

Players like Ron Hurelbut,

Gary Haughey, Leroy Watson, Tim Malone and Mark Chaisson, all figure in Fefes' rebuilding plans.

Watson is the same gent who sparked as a runner for Bentley high's football team this past fall.

Discussing the 1967-68 outlook, Fefes said:

"THE FIRST three games

us, or maybe a bad one. We open with Farmington, then play Edsel Ford and Trenton, all tough customers."

Fefes doubts that the 1967-68 team will be as "tough" as last year's team.

"But will be more aggressive," he said.

Another thing that Fefes likes about the team is the

drills so far.

"Of course, it may be different once we start playing, but generally what a team does in practice carries over into the regular season," Fefes said.

Based on what he says, Fefes obviously figures Bentley again will be the team to beat for the league crown the school won



CHAMPIONSHIP HOPES of Bentley High, perennial power in the Suburban Six League basketball race, rest with these three veterans who go over season prospects with Coach George Fefes (right). Bentley will have ample height in (from left) Dan Doyle, Jim Powers and Ken Bollin and is expected to rank with the most outstanding quintets in southeastern Michigan.

Franklin Cagers, Wrestlers Open Seasons On Dec. 5

Franklin High winter sports teams won't open their campaigns until the first week in

December, it has been announced.

Both the basketball and wrestling squads start operations against Wayne High, the cagers on the road and the wrestlers at home, on Dec. 5.

Meanwhile, the swimmers wait until Dec. 9 to begin their action in the Suburban Relays.

The Franklin cagers will play four games before the Christmas break, including two in Northwest Suburban League action.

Franklin schedules:

BASKETBALL
December: 5--at Wayne, 8--

Groves, 15--at Thurston, 19--at Edsel Ford.

January 5--at Romulus, 12--North Farmington, 13--Hedford Union, 13--at Oak Park, 23--Bentley, 26--Glen.

February: 2--at Groves, 3--Plymouth, 9--Thurston, 16--at N. Farmington, 20--Fordson, 23--Oak Park.

March: 1--at Glen.

WRESTLING
December: 5--Wayne, 8--Garden City Invitational, 12--Dearborn, 21--at Garden City West.

January: 9--at Garden City East, 12--at North Farmington, 18--Oak Park, 20--quad-rangular with Bentley, Stevenson and Catholic Central, 26--at Glen, 30--Romulus.

February: 2--Groves, 6--Northville, 9--at Thurston, 13--Crestwood, 15--Southfield, 17--League meet, 27--at Clarksville.

March: 1--regionals, 8--state meet.

SWIMMING
December: 9--Suburban Relays, 12--Wayne, 15--Garden City East, 19--at Garden City West.

January: 11--Stevenson, 18--Ypsilanti, 23--Bentley, 26--at Glen, 30--at Roosevelt.

February: 2--Groves, 6--Garden City West, 9--at Thurston, 13--Robichaud, 17--at Plymouth, 20--at Redford Union, 24--Western Wayne meet.

March: 1-2 League meet, 15-16--State meet.

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