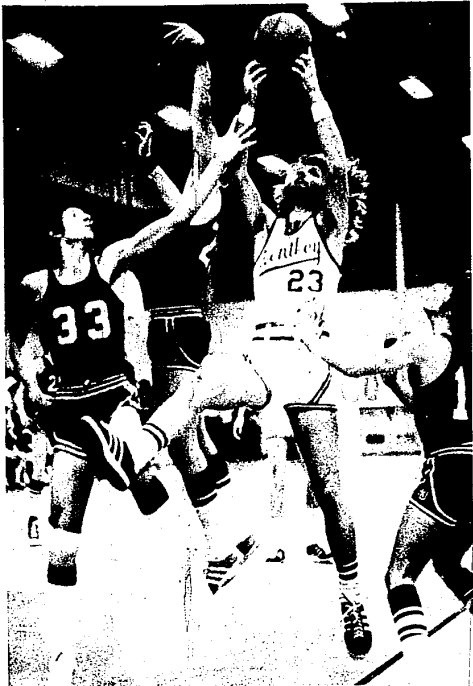


RU Cagers Shake Off Bentley, 66-62



UP FOR GRABS — Bentley's Brent Boegler (23) contends with Redford Union's Bob Eland (33). Rick Pomaville (24) and Ron Campbell (11) for the loose ball. Boegler got this rebound but RU won the Suburban Eight match. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

By FRIED DELANO

If you put a once-scarred panther in the same pit with a hungry bulldog, stand back. When two like that go at it tooth and jaw, it's no place for a wayward pedestrian. That's the way it was in the gym of the Livonia Bentley Bulldogs Friday with the Panthers of Redford Union finally shaking off their tenacious foe to score a hard-fought 66-62 Suburban Eight basketball victory.

Although officials called only 27 personal fouls, this belied the rugged, elbow-flying brand of under-the-board basketball which turned as the Panthers came from behind to run their season's mark to 11-1.

RU came from seven points down after three periods with a 29-point burst in the final eight minutes, getting the lead for keeps at 64-62 with only 13 seconds left on the clock.

It was Bob Eland's driving layup under the outstretched arm of Bentley's Tim Bollin that turned the tide, a last-second basket on a steal by Gary Fulks adding extra icing.

Bentley started the final period with a 45-38 margin but in less than four minutes Fulks, Eland and Jerry Petch brought the Panthers even at 50-48.

A steal by Redford's Glen Richmond, who fed to Fulks for the bucket, gave the Panthers a 62-60 edge with 43 seconds left, but two free throws by Boegler turned it into another tie at 62-62. Then came Eland's decisive

marker, followed by Fulks' steal and it was all over for Bentley.

It was a battle which saw the score knotted 10 times, and through the second and third periods the edge was all Bentley's. Paced by Bollin and Boegler, the Bulldogs showed excellent scoring balance and after leading 34-30 at the half stretched their lead to 10 points five minutes into the third stanza.

Redford went the distance without the service of its flustered guard, Scott Bjerge, but Fulks and Eland took up the scoring slack with 26 and 16 points respectively.

BOLLIN was high man for Bentley with 19, followed by Boegler's output of 15.

For the Panthers, who will take a 6-1 Sub-8 record into Friday's home game against Belleville, this was the eighth straight victory. None of the last four has been by a margin of more than five points, Coach Carl Andrews' club consistently demonstrating brilliant fourth-quarter rallying power.

Bentley is now 5-5 overall and 3-2 in the league. This leaves the Bulldogs in fourth place behind Allen Park, RU and Plymouth going into Friday's game at Dearborn.

RU CANNED 29 shots from the field to Bentley's 26 and missed only one of nine free

throws. Bentley was 10 of 15 from the line.

"Our kids played better than they had in recent games, but Redford was too physical for us," said Bulldog Coach John Farrar. "I was impressed by how well Redford shot from the outside."

Andrews, pointing out that the Panthers' last three games have been away from home, said, "They've done what we asked them to do — win on the road. What's more, they did it with Bjerge missing two of those games and Fulks one because of flu. They are a

wonderful bunch of kids to work with."

REDFORD UNION (66)

Boegler	FG	FT	TP
Pomaville	6	0	12
Petch	4	0	8
Eland	7	2	16
Fulks	11	4	24
Richmond	1	0	2
Sander	0	2	2
Totals	27	8	52

BENTLEY (62)

Bollin	FG	FT	TP
Boegler	5	6	15
Newall	3	0	8
Bracke	5	2	12
Dawson	5	0	10
Totals	26	10	62

Score by quarters: Bentley 10 14 14 28 66; Redford Union 10 14 14 28 62

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It's Snowmobile Drag Rally Time

It's snowmobile drag rally time! The Northville Jaycees are putting on their first annual rally on Sunday, Feb. 4. The rally is open to all amateur snowmobilers in Northville and surrounding areas. Registration will be conducted the day of racing at 10 a.m. The rally will be held

snow or no snow, at Six Mile and Beck Road. Admission will be \$1, with registration \$2 per entry. There will be trophies in all classes including power puff and junior ages; 10 through 15. Michigan International Snowmobile Association rules will be in effect.

Glenn Remains On Top; NF Tumbles, 64-59

By TOM DONOGHUE Sports Editor

The Northwest Suburban basketball race is living up to all expectations with the tangle sure to go down to the final week.

When the dust cleared last weekend, Westland John

Glenn remained the unbeaten survivor in the unbeaten ranks.

The Rockets stretched their mark to 10 with a 61-59 victory over North Farmington. The other previously unbeaten club and defending champion, Franklin, fell to Oak Park.

"We played one heck of a 30 minutes of basketball," said Dean. "Those last two minutes just did us a job."

"We lost that game, Glenn didn't win it," exclaimed Dean. "We had Glenn right where we wanted them, and just threw it away."

Glenn jumped ahead after the first quarter, 16-14. North did two things in the second quarter to make Dean a very happy coach at the half.

The Raiders moved in front of Glenn, 32-27, and at the same time accomplished just what they knew they had to do for victory. That was to get Glenn's big man, Dave Carlington, in foul trouble.

THE 6-4 SENIOR who is averaging over 20 points a game picked up his third foul early in the second quarter and sat on the bench to think about it at the half.

Davis put Carlington back in to start the third period and North worked on him right away. Carlington was called for No. 1 and it was back to the bench with North leading after three quarters, 42-39.

Glenn's Jeff Brittain also was in trouble with three fouls.

CARLINGTON went back into action with five minutes remaining and fouled out two minutes later.

The score swung back and forth and was tied seven times in the fourth period. With 1:20 remaining, Dave Ellsworth hit two free throws for North to tie it at 59-59.

LOU DODD then missed a one-and-one situation for North and Glenn's Rick Aro promptly put the Rockets up on a rebound bucket, 61-59.

ARO THEN stole a stray Kim Gasior pass and Jim Kholman hit two from the line

for Glenn with 25 seconds left to push the margin to 63-59.

North was called for traveling and J.P. McBride was fouled. If he hit one of two at the line and the Rockets had survived foul trouble to upend the Raiders from North.

"It was a complete team effort," said Davis. "The kids knew they had to do it without the big man in there and that's just what they did."

Glenn came up with only six turnovers in the contest, in what Davis believes to be his all-time low.

North Farmington hit 27 of 55 from the floor for 49 percent while Glenn shot 40 percent from the floor, 26 of 64. The difference was a goal of 12 of 18. North hit on five of nine chances.

THE BOARDS belonged to Glenn, 38-25. Brittain hauling in 12 for the winners.

Glenn now stands 9-2 overall and hosts Franklin Friday.

"If we can get by Franklin, we will have some breathing room," added Davis. "But we are keeping our eye on Garden City East. They are starting to put it all together now."

North is sporting a 7-4 overall record and hosts Garden City East Friday.

"We have our hands full now," said Dean. "We can beat any club in this league if we decide to play a full 32 minutes of basketball."

"Glenn is going to lose two games yet and we can't afford to drop another."

"I wouldn't be surprised to see Franklin beat Glenn Friday, even though Glenn is a much stronger team."

"We are out after Glenn, we are not throwing in the towel yet!" finished Dean.

N. FARMINGTON (69)

	FG	FT	TP
Parker	7	0	14
Gardner	4	1	2
Ellsworth	5	3	13
Fredericks	8	1	17
Dodd	3	0	5
Totals	27	6	59

JOHN GLENN (64)

	FG	FT	TP
Brittain	6	4	16
Aro	10	4	24
Kholman	0	2	2
McBride	3	1	2
Carlington	0	0	0
Kalany	2	1	4
Totals	26	12	59

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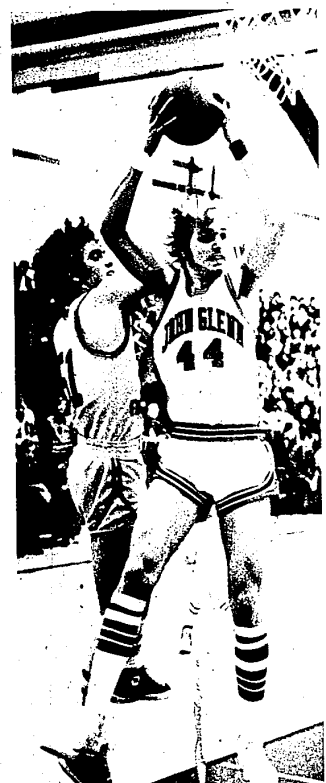
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ROCKET REBOUND — John Glenn's J.P. McBride (44) grabs this one away from North Farmington's Chuck Foster (51). Glenn also grabbed the victory away from North, 64-59. (Observer photo by Harry Maethe)