

What A Finish! Churchill Nips Bentley



PICTURE TELLS STORY - With five seconds showing on the scoreboard, Churchill's Mark Reed (44) jumps above Bentley's Brent Bogler (22) for a two-point shot that bested the Bulldogs, 64-63. Bentley's Eric Bracke (24) failed to get in front of the game's final shot with another Bulldog, Alex Charns (12) completely out of the play. (Observer photo by Harry Mauth)

By TOM DONOGHUE Sports Editor
The Churchill Chargers have done it again. A short jumper by Mark Reed with five seconds remaining pushed Churchill past Bentley in a non-league city rival game clash, 64-63.

And for Churchill, which is enjoying winning a lot more than losing this year, it was its second upset victory over a city rival.
The now 8-3 Chargers upended Franklin two weeks prior, 65-60.

FOR BENTLEY, there wasn't much Coach John Farrar could say.
This was the Bulldogs' fourth straight loss after opening the new year with a win over Belleville and sporting a 5-2 mark.
Bentley now stands 5-6 overall after a sound defeat by Flint Central, a two-point heartbreaker loss to Plymouth, a four point defeat against Tedford Union and now a one-point loss at the hands of Churchill.

"We were lucky," admitted Churchill Coach Pat Montagnan. "We were ahead at the final gong, and the kids did a good job defending Bolin and Bogler."

Bentley won the opening tip and went up by four on buckets by Tim Bolin and

Eric Bracke. The Bulldogs held the lead until the final second of the quarter when Reed hit a layup to put Churchill ahead, 14-13.
Brent Bogler put Bentley back in command on a two-point shot after the second quarter tip and Reed picked up his third foul for Churchill. However, this wasn't going to stop him from coming back to turn defeat into victory for the Chargers.

REED REBOUNDING with six points, Don Braun collected four and Phil Damaska four. With 1:22 remaining in the first half, Churchill was up, 28-27, and Bentley's Bolin was called for his third foul.

Braun and Damaska put Churchill in front, 32-27, at the half but the Bulldogs came right out in the second half to score three quick buckets by Bracke, Bolin and Bob Deacon to take the lead, 33-32.
Bentley went up by five and Reed picked up his fourth foul.
Braun collected his fourth for Churchill but Damaska hit two baskets near the end of the third period to cut it down to 36-44, going into the final eight minutes.

BUT BOLIN had also collected his fourth for Bentley and was on the bench to start the fourth.
Damaska and Jim Foster

got the lead again for Churchill, 47-46, but Braun fouled out and it was back and forth basketball from here on out.
With five minutes left on the clock, Farrar sent Bolin back in, trailing, 51-50. The lead then changed hands and with 1:49 remaining Churchill went into a stall, leading 57-56.

BRIAN KELLY sank a free-throw for Churchill but Bogler came back with two for Bentley to make it 58 all, 1:37 remaining.
Don Forest hit a short jumper to put Churchill back in the lead and made good a free-throw on a three point attempt. But the official ruled that Forest crossed over the line and instead of a three point lead it was back to two, 60-58.

Bolin made one of two at the line to slice it to 60-59 and with 34 seconds left, Deacon fouled out for Bentley.
In a tie-up under the Churchill basket, Bolin was fouled again and Forest got the gate on his fifth for Churchill.

BOLIN MISSED the first on a one-and-one but picked up the second rebound to stuff it home and put Bentley on top, 61-60.

Damaska drove right back up the middle and put it in to give Churchill a 62-61 lead, but a whistle was blown. The basket was good but Damaska was called for an offensive foul.

Bolin was again at the line for Bentley, his second trailing 62-61 and only 13 seconds left. Little could the Bulldog fan forget what happened a week prior when Bolin missed two free throws in the closing seconds against Plymouth to lose, 60-58.

But Bolin wasn't to miss this time.
The lanky center connected on both to put Bentley up, 63-62.

CHURCHILL called time out with nine seconds to play. Montagnan set up his play. Damaska passed to Reed and the Charger forward drilled it home. The ball bounced to the floor and Bolin picked it up, stepped out of bounds to heave it down court, and the final buzzer sounded.

Churchill finished 26 for 61 for 43 per cent from the field and Bentley hit 25 of 54 for 46 per cent.
The Chargers won the battle of the boards, 37-33, Braun and Reed collecting 20 together with Bentley's Bolin hauling in only eight.

BENTLEY (63)

Bolin	FG	FT	TP
Bogler	7	24	16
Kelly	3	6	6
Newell	3	6	6
Bracke	1	4	6
Forest	6	0	12
Totals	25	127	63

CHURCHILL (64)

Skander	FG	FT	TP
Damaska	10	35	23
Kelly	1	3	3
Foster	0	2	3
Reed	5	0	2
Forest	25	127	64
Bentley	13	14	17.63
Churchill	14	18	20.64



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Borgess Tips Sacred Heart

Bishop Borgess nudged a step closer to 500 basketball with a 69-59 victory over Sacred Heart in Double A competition.
The Spartans boosted their overall mark to 6-7.

SACRED HEART, 0-6 in the Double A, jumped ahead of Borgess after one quarter, 19-6.

But Borgess regrouped its forces and with one minute remaining in the half, had jumped to an eight point lead only to see it sliced to two points at the close of the half.

Greg Drypen was the spark in the Borgess comeback. Nine of his 18 points came in the second stanza as the Spartans hit six of 13 from the field and nine of 17 at the line.

BORGESS OPENED the second half fast and with two minutes remaining had exploded to an 18 point margin.
Sacred Heart finished 24 of 63 from the field for 38 per cent while Borgess hit 25 of 51 for 46 per cent.

The big difference was in the rebounding game with Borgess a 58-27 victor. Rich Schornack collected 16 of these.
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Churchill 64, Bentley 63
Keweenaw 59, Sacred Heart 59
Claremont 58, Northville 54
GC East 62, Melvindale 44
Berkley 61, Southfield 56
Lathrop 71, Dearborn 65
Lincoln Park 72, Stevenson 64

HOCKEY

- Austin 7, Churchill 2
Assumption 3, Stevenson 1
Southfield 6, Churchill 1

Stevenson Matmen Drop 2 Straight

Stevenson High's wrestling team slipped to an overall 4-3 record as the Spartans dropped a 28-23 decision to Walled Lake Central and a 25-24 heartbreaker to Walled Lake Western.

The loss to Central was an 18-18 match, with only five Spartans chalking up points.
Stevenson came close to snapping Western's undefeated string of seven but a pin in the 135-pound class put the damper on the potential upset. The Spartans won even of the 12 matches but Western recorded three pins.

The Spartan junior varsity squad came out on top in both meets, crushing Central, 50-6, and defeating Western, 42-12.

STEVENS-WL WESTERN

- 99 - Bruce Tenby (S) defeated Ron Gerner (WL) 2-8
105 - Jim Garner (WL) pinned Jim Tremaine (S) 5-43
112 - Todd Schneider (WL) defeated Steve Parents (S) 19-4
119 - Chuck Johnson (S) pinned John Gardner (WL) 5-43
126 - Nyle Johnson (WL) pinned Dave Norman (S) 2-28
132 - Mike Mariotti (S) defeated Gordon Baker (WL) 10-2
138 - Pat Lantry (WL) defeated Bob Avis (S) 6-4
145 - Mike Moser (WL) defeated

- Free O'Keefe (S) 7-3
155 - Mike Dunnigan (WL) defeated Dave Stein (S) 10-1
167 - Many Pienas (WL) defeated Brian Parke (S) 9-2
185 - Doug Stein (S) defeated Jeff Shaw (WL) 10-0
HWY - Mike Harrison (S) pinned Alex Chobot (WL) 2-08

- 98 - Bruce Tenby (S) defeated Ron Gerner (WL) 7-3
105 - Jim Tremaine (S) defeated Tom Switon (WL) 4-0
112 - Clark Overall (WL) defeated Steve Parents (S) 21-2
119 - Greg Havelink (S) defeated Garth Geigen (WL) 2-0
126 - David Gustafson (WL) pinned Dave Norman (S) 6-32
132 - Bill Runyan (WL) defeated Mike Mariotti (S) 8-3
138 - Knut Howie (WL) pinned Bob Avis (S) 5-04
145 - Fido O'Keefe (S) defeated Bruce Garland (WL) 2-2
155 - Dave Stein defeated Andy Danny (WL) 8-5
167 - Brian Parke (S) defeated Gary Abel (WL) 11-2
185 - Larry Burman (WL) pinned Doug Stein (S) 3-39
HWY - Mike Harrison (S) pinned Steve McMillan (WL) 1-21

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