



THE PUCK'S IN -- THE GOALIE'S IN--OH. WELL! Stevenson High netminder Van

Vermeech found the going a little rough against Bentley High and took this shot off Jeff

Munson's stick in stride. The two teams fought to a five-all standoff with Stevenson tying it in

the final 17 seconds. (Observer photos by Tom Donoghue)

17 Seconds Left—Spartans Tie Bentley, 5-5

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Next followed the matching of talent with Stevenson.

THE SPARTANS spurred to a 1-0 first period edge and led after two stanzas, 4-2.

Bentley overcame the two goal deficit and captured a 5-4 lead with 1:54 remaining.

But Stevenson rebounded on a six on two break with Dale Marczak scoring at the 14:43 mark only 17 seconds remained and the Suburban Hockey League.

Then split the two points, giving Stevenson High one and Bentley High one. That's what the two earned 10 times over when they met in a crucial clash in the Suburban stands.

An on coming Bentley Bulldog crew coached by Mike Dudley was more than ready to take on undefeated Stevenson coached by Gerry Goode. Bentley sported a 4-3-1 league mark and the Spartans a 7-0 record.

Since, returning to full strength for the first time this season, Bentley has beaten Southfield Lathrup, 10-0; Wyandotte, 14-21; tied Churchill, 5-5; lost to Trenton, 7-2; topped Franklin, 8-2, and crushed Lathrup again, 15-3.

Bentley's Mark Reid and Stevenson's Van Vermeech turned in brilliant performances under constant pressure before a crowd of 1,200 at Ford Ice Rink, with Bentley outshooting Stevenson, 34-29.

The lone score in the first period came at the 7:55 mark.

Stevenson was playing a man short when Don Finn off for interference.

BENTLEY was breaking in for a power-play shot but Stevenson's center, Steve Hillman, intercepted a pass across center ice. He skated in on Reid all alone and let go a shot 15 feet out and the Spartans were first on the scoreboard.

Bentley's Bob McKann was in the penalty box when Stevenson scored its second goal at 6:57 of the second period on a shot by Kurt Geiger. Finn assisting.

Finn made it 3-0 Stevenson 38 seconds later, and the Bulldogs had their work cut out.

"I KNEW we had to change to Stevenson's style of hockey," said Dudley. "We had to go out and fore-check and back-check like we had never done before."

"I told the kids that we had to skate toe-to-toe with Stevenson if we were to do anything," added Dudley.

At the 5:07 mark in the second stanza, Stevenson's Hillman was called for roughing and the Bulldogs scored 42 seconds later, Bob Wastlewski from Jeff Munson.

The Bulldogs got the best of Vermeech 25 seconds later, Steve Marlowe slapping it in. Stevenson's Geiger then picked up a two-minute infraction for hooking, but the Bulldogs were caught deep in the Spartan zone and Brian VanNorman made it 4-2 Stevenson at the 9:15 mark.

BENTLEY came out in the third period, took one glance at the scoreboard and knew what it had to do.

With 2:33 elapsed in the third, Dave Ward made it 4-3 and at 7:40, with Stevenson's Dan Merrill off for slashing, Munson tied it up at four-all. It was anyone's game.

WITH 1:51 remaining, Greg McKernan slipped one under Vermeech's pads and for the first time the Bulldogs were in the lead, 5-4.

That goal came only three seconds after Bentley's Dave Ward went to the penalty box for slashing.

Twenty seconds later, Paul Roshirt of Bentley was called for tripping and the Bulldogs had the lead but now had two men in the penalty box, 1:37 remaining.

The Bulldog defense came to arms and Reid was kicking

away shots like he owned them.

With 29 seconds showing on the clock, Bentley's workhorse, Bob Wastlewski, picked up a loose puck in his zone, skated across the blue line and without looking just cleared it into Stevenson territory to eat up the clock.

If he had looked up he would have seen an empty Spartan net.

GOODE had pulled Vermeech for a sixth attacker and Wastlewski had a clear shot and didn't see it.

Marczak picked up the puck behind his net for Stevenson and this was it for the Spartans, with the clock showing 20 seconds. At that time, Munson broke his stick for Bentley and retreated to the Bulldog bench to be relieved.

"I thought he was just coming over to get a new stick," said Dudley. "Nobody replaced him."

So with two Bulldogs in the penalty box and one on the bench, Marczak led a six on two charge. He carried it right into the Bentley net with a quick backhand from five feet out, and it was five-all with only 17 seconds left.

Reid realized he had been only 17 seconds away from upsetting Stevenson, slammed his stick into the boards and just stood alone in front of the Bentley net while the entire Spartan squad swarmed Marczak.

THE FINAL buzzer sounded a few moments later and both teams shook hands, Stevenson realizing it just did salvage a tie and Bentley knowing it scored a well earned point.

Dudley's smile had disappeared written in it but he knows he plays Stevenson one more time and then comes the George Gee Tournament.

BENTLEY 0 2 3-5
STEVENSON 1 3 1-5

FIRST PERIOD
Stevenson: Hillman (unassisted), 7:55
Penalties: McMurray (SL), 3:20; Finn (SL), 6:48; Roshirt (SL), 9:02; McDougall (SL), 10:02; Wastlewski (SL), 13:45

SECOND PERIOD
Stevenson: Geiger (Finn), 6:57
Stevenson: Finn (Hillman), 1:38
Bentley: Wastlewski (Munson), 5:50
Bentley: Marlowe (Wastlewski), 6:15
Stevenson: VanNorman (unassisted), 9:15
Penalties: McKann (SL), 0:45; McKann (SL), 2:02; Ship (SL), 2:02; Japen (SL), 3:02; Hillman (SL), 5:07; Geiger (SL), 7:26; McKann (SL), 12:51; McKann (SL), 12:51; Vermeech (SL), 12:51; Vermeech (SL), 14:43

THIRD PERIOD
Bentley: Ward (McKann), 2:33
Bentley: Munson (Wastlewski), 7:40
Bentley: McKann (Rakowski), 13:05
Stevenson: Marczak, unassisted, 14:43
Penalties: Merrill (SL), 6:15; Ship (SL), 8:59; Ward (SL), 13:03; Roshirt (SL), 13:23

Southfield Coming On!

Blue Jays Tie Patriots

A 15-foot backhand shot by Ron Kucinsky at 7:35 of the third evening enabled the Southfield High Blue Jays to tie the Franklin Patriots, 4-4, in Suburban Hockey League action.

The standoff tightened the league race in the battle for third, fourth and fifth places. Southfield now sports a 3-4-1 mark and seven points while Franklin stands two points better at 4-5-1.

Bentley is third with 10 points.

FOR FRANKLIN it was its first point in Suburban action

since a Jan. 5, 8-1 win over Southfield Lathrup.

The Blue Jays found "their Henry Boucha" in left-winger Mark Farber.

Farber hested Franklin netminder Don Perrie six seconds into the hockey clash for a Suburban League record.

Jack Booth assisting from the opening face-off.

The Detroit Red Wings' Henry Boucha set a NHL record four days prior with a six second goal against Montreal.

MARK FIEDT notched it at one-all for Franklin at the 8:08 mark and the first period ended in a standoff.

With Franklin's Greg Benkowski just getting out of the penalty box after a high-sticking penalty, Southfield went one up two seconds later.

After an off-side call, a Patriot was thumped to the ice and Franklin right-winger Larry Pennington then proceeded to thump the Southfield field player.

Pennington picked up the two minute roughing call and eight seconds later, Franklin fell two men short when Mark Field was called for tripping.

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Suburban Hockey League STANDINGS

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Stevenson	7	0	1	15	68	14
Churchill	6	2	1	13	42	24
Bentley	4	3	2	10	60	35
Franklin	4	5	1	10	33	38
Bentley	3	4	1	7	26	26
Lathrup	0	10	0	8	8	87

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WEDNESDAY
Aquinas vs Churchill (Ford), 8 p.m.

THURSDAY
Franklin at Lathrup, 3:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
Bentley vs Southfield (Ford), 8 p.m.
Churchill vs Stevenson (Ford), 9 p.m.

Bulldogs Thump Lathrup, 15-3

Bulldog power took over the controls when Southfield Lathrup took the ice against Bentley High.

Greg McKernan, Paul Roshirt and Jeff Munson accounted for 11 of Bentley's goals in a 15-3 romp against winless Lathrup.

Five days before, Lathrup was at the mercy of powerful Stevenson and dropped a 16-1 decision, with the 16 goals setting a Suburban Hockey League record.

Bentley might have been out to better the Spartans' record with four goals in the first and seven in the second. However,

the Bulldogs fell short in the third with only four more.

It was Lathrup's 10th loss in as many outings, being outscored in the 10 games, 87 to eight.

McKernan and Roshirt each slapped in four goals against Lathrup netminders John Hawkes and Bruce Ruhl, with Munson adding a three-goal hat-trick.

BENTLEY JUMPED to a 4-0 first period lead on goals by Munson, Mark Henry, Roshirt and McKernan. Twelve minutes into the second stanza, the Bulldogs had moved out front, 9-0.

McKernan, Roshirt, Munson

twice and McKernan again made it 9-0 before Lathrup got on the board with Ruhl scoring against Russ Brown.

Six seconds later, Mike Lax made it 9-2 but Bentley finished off the period with Mark Zelazny and Roshirt scoring, leading 11-2 after 30 minutes.

Greg Rakowski, McKernan, Wally Cornwall and Roshirt pushed it to 15-2 only 5:38 into the third period with the Stevenson record of 16 looking mighty shaky.

But Jeff Kessler scored for Lathrup at 5:52 and that was the final scoring. Bentley was shut out the last nine minutes and eight seconds, playing six of those shorthanded.

Bentley outshot Lathrup, 44-21.

Bentley 4 7 4-15
Lathrup 0 2 1-3

FIRST PERIOD
Bentley: Munson (Roshirt), 4:27
Bentley: Henry (Zelazny), 7:47
Bentley: Roshirt (McKernan), 8:14
Bentley: McKernan (Rakowski), 11:36
Penalties: Japen (SL), 4:22; Ward (SL), 4:39; Ruhl (SL), 6:19; Diganen (SL), 10:20

SECOND PERIOD
Bentley: McKernan (Roshirt), 5:14
Bentley: Roshirt (Rakowski), 5:14
Bentley: Munson (McKernan), 9:50
Bentley: Munson (Roshirt), 11:00
Bentley: McKernan (unassisted), 12:05

THIRD PERIOD
Bentley: Rakowski (Ward), 0:35
Bentley: McKernan (Ward), 1:12
Bentley: Roshirt (McKernan), 4:02
Bentley: Roshirt (McKernan), 4:38
Lathrup: Kessler (Lax), 5:52
Penalties: Munson (SL), 6:18; Munson (SL), 14:24; Ward (SL), 14:48

Northern Cagers Rout Farmington, 77-57

Farmington High dropped another lathum in the basketball standings in extending its losing streak to seven and now stands 2-11 overall and 1-4 in the Inter-Lakes.

Pontiac Northern jumped to a 124 first quarter lead and the Falcons never could regroup, with the Pontiac Huskies scoring a 77-57 victory to remain undefeated in the Inter-Lakes at 5-0.

Farmington hit only two of 10 from the floor in the first stanza, while Northern managed six of 18. The Inter-Lakes front runners pushed the margin to 33-16 at the half and 50-34 after three quarters.

NORTHERN outrebounded Farmington, 39-33.

with Northern hitting 30 of 72 for 41 per cent and the Falcons scoring 39 per cent on 27 of 69.

The big difference was at the free throw line where Northern made good 17 of 34 and Farmington only three of nine.

"The kids kept on working in this one," said Brown. "But it just never paid off."

THE 1973 13 games have been rough for first year Falcon Coach Brown who, before coming to Farmington, had never had a loser in five years of coaching.

"It's tough to teach an old dog new tricks."

FARMINGTON (57)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Eathorne	0	0	0
Mare	1	0	2
Hager	1	0	0
Drake	2	0	4
Updyke	8	0	18
Love	7	0	14
White	2	0	0
Crane	1	0	2
Hunt	1	2	4
Cham	2	1	8
Total	27	3	57

PONTIAC (77)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Walton	6	3	15
Hinch	3	1	7
Blicker	3	1	7
Evans	2	1	7
White	3	2	6
Wright	4	0	8
Olson	3	2	8
Cham	2	1	8
Colman	2	2	10
Total	30	15	77
Farmington	4	12	23-57
Pontiac	12	21	17-77

SOUTHFIELD 2 1-4 FRANKLIN 3 0-4

FIRST PERIOD
Southfield: Farber (Booth), 0:08
Southfield: Field (H), 4:38
Franklin: Helm (H), 2:53; Bonkowski (H), 3:00; Helm (H), 8:48; Pennington (H), 13:31; Field (H), 13:40

SECOND PERIOD
Southfield: Farber (Booth), 5:02
Franklin: Juntila (H), 6:57
Franklin: Vella (Karpinski), 10:57
Southfield: Wastlewski (Booth), 14:38
Penalties: Helm (H), 2:53; Bonkowski (H), 3:00; Helm (H), 8:48; Pennington (H), 13:31; Field (H), 13:40

THIRD PERIOD
Southfield: Kucinsky (H), 1:00; M. Field (H), 1:50; Field (H), 4:39; Helm (H), 8:42; Helm (H), 13:48; Booth (H), 14:12; Booth (H) misconduct, 14:12.

Harrison Falls To AA Huron

Ann Arbor Huron won six of seven events to topple Farmington Harrison in a gymnastic meet, 1121 to 9107.

The lone sparkle in the Hawk attack was the trampoline where Harrison won, 12.20 to 10.00.

Meet results:

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1 - Danner (AA), 7.85; 2 - Branches (H), 7.52; 3 - Albee (H), 6.81; 4 - Wommer (H), 6.85
HORSE: 1 - Danner (AA), 10.25; 2 - Danner (AA), 10.25; 3 - Danner (AA), 10.25; 4 - Danner (AA), 10.25
PARALLEL BARS: 1 - Danner (AA), 10.25; 2 - Danner (AA), 10.25; 3 - Danner (AA), 10.25; 4 - Danner (AA), 10.25
SIDE HORSE: 1 - Danner (AA), 7.85; 2 - Branches (H), 7.52; 3 - Albee (H), 6.81; 4 - Wommer (H), 6.85
TRAMPOLINE: 1 - Smith (AA), 12.20; 2 - Wommer (H), 12.20; 3 - Albee (H), 12.20; 4 - Danner (AA), 10.25
TUMBLING: 1 - Danner (AA), 6.75; 2 - Albee (H), 6.41; 3 - Albee (H), 6.36; 4 - Albee (H), 6.25

Churchill outshot Southfield Lathrup, 38 to 13, and shut out the winless Southfield hockey club, 8-0, with Mike Merrill and Cary McCreey sharing the honors in the Churchill net.

Dave Feedback was the sparkplug in the Churchill attack with two goals and two assists.

THE WIN pushed Churchill's record to 6-5-0 overall and 6-2-1 in the Suburban Hockey League.

Bob Rion and Steve Ursitti gave Churchill a 2-0 lead in the first period, with Doug Lloyd, Mike Hoger, Brian Vessey and Feedback scoring in the second to push the margin to 6-0.

Feedback and Kris Koutolamsky padded the lead in the third.

Eleven penalties were called, with Churchill also winning that game, six to five.

CHURCHILL 2 4 2-8 LATHRUP 0 0 0-0

FIRST PERIOD
Churchill: Rion (Rid), 1:28
Churchill: Lloyd (Feedback), 8:07
Penalties: Hoger (CL), 12:15; Kassar (SL), 14:32

SECOND PERIOD
Churchill: Lloyd (Feedback), 1:35
Churchill: Hoger, 8:22
Churchill: Vessey (Rion), 9:38
Penalties: Farina (SL), 9:15; Ursitti (CL), 14:33

THIRD PERIOD
Churchill: Feedback (Vessey), 8:28
Churchill: Koutolamsky (Rion), 12:28
Penalties: Mirala (SL), 1:57; Rion (CL), 6:05; Schultz (SL), 8:11; Rion (CL), 9:18; Theravette (CL), 10:22; Mirala (SL), 10:22; Koutolamsky (CL), 12:41