

# Bentley, Franklin Find Cage Sledding Rough

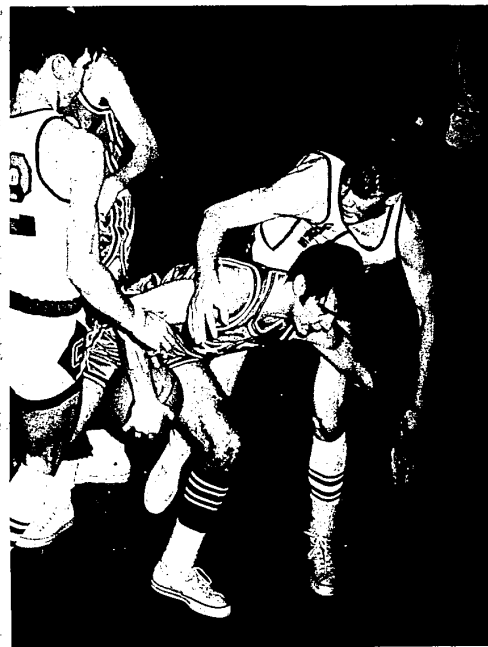
It's been tough sledding for Bentley and Franklin High Schools in the early basketball going this season.

Each had failed to win after

two games, but fortunately they were tuneup actions for the start of league action — Bentley in the Suburban Six and Franklin in the Northwest

which began on Friday night.

Bentley bowed for the second time when routed by Dearborn Edsel Ford, 70-43.



DEARBORN'S JACK LORENTE has no place to go after grabbing a rebound as two Churchill High players close in. Dearborn had too much power for the Chargers and registered an easy victory.

(Observer photo by Craig Goffield)

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

Michigan's harness horsemen and track operators are awaiting announcement of the 1970 dates with more than a bit of interest, especially after Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley released the thoroughbred dates two weeks ago with no change in those allotted in 1969.

Shirley gave 90 days each to the Detroit Race Course and Hazel Park. And that has the standardbred set wondering what is ahead for the pacers and trotters.

Especially in lieu of the fact that a winter meeting is being conducted at Northville Downs under the auspices of Jackson Raceway and the general impression was that the programs would pick up again after the first of the year.

The Jackson-at-Northville campaign was tabbed as one to determine the future of winter meetings in the Detroit area.

The commissioner granted President and General Manager Leon Slavin, a Jackson Raceway, 30 nights at Northville Downs.

THE BIG REASON for giving the dates to Slavin was that he had requested permission to try winter racing each year for the past several years but was denied each time.

Then John Carlo, executive manager of the Downs, decided to enclose the grandstand and erect an enclosed clubhouse at a cost of more than \$2 million on the assumption that winter dates would be granted.

The first level of the grandstand was completed in time for the start of the Jackson-at-Northville season and the meeting, now in the third week, is gaining by leaps and bounds.

But the Racing Commissioner has been mum about his 1970 plans. Slavin and Carlo have no idea whether additional dates will be granted or not. If not, then one would have to say they have been short changed. Carlo has invested a couple of millions with the hope of recouping with a winter program. Slavin accepted the challenge of becoming the first to stage races in the fall of December and knew from the start that he had little chance of breaking even unless granted a winter meeting to start the 1970 racing season.

AS IT NOW stands, the current meeting at Northville is gaining ground, as mentioned above, but more than that it has improved the economy for the horsemen and provided jobs for the several hundred needed to operate a parimutuel track.

The horsemen want a meeting to start about Jan. 2. They have petitions to be presented to the commissioner prior to announcing his dates — state law says they must be made public by Dec. 15, only a few days away. But at this time one knows what the commissioner has in mind.

If he hopes to provide competition for the winter races at Windsor and keep American money in Michigan, then he must have winter programs here at the same time they are going in Windsor.

As it stands, the Jackson-at-Northville season began seven weeks after Windsor and it is almost impossible for a new meeting to generate enough steam to catch up with one that had such a big edge.

THE SITUATION leads one to wonder just what happened to the bill in Lansing that would have provided for winter racing. The last report we had was that it had been tabled pending a study by an investigating committee.

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WORK IS PROGRESSING satisfactorily on the second and third levels of the new Northville Downs clubhouse. Matter of fact Carlo believes the entire facility will be ready for occupancy by late spring.

Naturally, since this is his own project, he never intended that it would be open for the winter meeting.

"We'll have a grand opening when we start our 1970 meeting," said Carlo. "I know that then our facilities will match any in the Midwest and I'd stack them against any in the east or far west."

Then the die will really be cast for Commissioner Shirley. He won't have any valid reason not to allow lengthy winter dates. The facilities will be better than Windsor, Michigan money will stay in Michigan and so will the horses.

That's what the horsemen, the track owners and the betting public wants. Keep the business in the United States where it belongs and force Windsor to get its patronage from the Ontario side of the river.

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Franklin's second loss was to Wayne High, 55-48.

Bentley started well enough against Ford. It was 16-15 for the Dearbornites after the first period.

From then on it wasn't much of a contest, at least from a Bentley standpoint.

BENTLEY WAS outscored, 20-7, in the second period; 19-9 in the third and 15-12 in the fourth.

"Our shots just weren't going in and we were throwing the ball away too much," said Bentley Coach Ken Timmons.

In the second period, Bentley was held to three baskets and a free throw. Developments weren't much better in the third period.

Rick Jenks, of Dearborn, had more points for Dearborn in the second period than the entire Bentley team. He wound up with 19 points.

Dick Veach had nine points and Ron Guilfoile and Lou Lovett eight apiece for the losers.

FRANKLIN battled Wayne on even terms for a half. It was 11-9 for Franklin after the first quarter and then Wayne nudged ahead, 25-23, at the half.

But Wayne clicked for 14 points to only seven for Franklin in the third period and that was enough, despite the fact Franklin erupted for 18 points in the closing period.

Dick McAdam tossed in 12 points. Wayne Florida nine and Greg Allen eight for Franklin.

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CHURCHILL COACH Pat Montagnone has a few words of advice for his basketball squad during a time out in the contest against Dearborn. The Chargers are in

their first year of varsity competition and found Dearborn a bit too much.

(Observer photo by Craig Goffield)

## What's Doing On Prep Sports Beat

BASKETBALL  
Tuesday

Franklin at Edsel Ford  
St. Agatha at St. Francis de Sales  
St. Rita at Our Lady of Sorrows  
Bishop Borgess at Dearborn Sacred Heart  
Farmington at Southfield

Friday

North Farmington at Groves  
Glenn at Franklin  
Ypsilanti St. John at St. Agatha  
Sorrentos at Royal Oak St. Mary's  
Aquinas at Bishop Borgess  
Trenton at Plymouth  
Bentley at Belleville  
Redford Union at Allen Park  
Lathrup at Farmington  
Clarencville at Clarkston  
Pontiac Northern at Stevenson  
Oak Park at Thurston

WRESTLING  
Tuesday

Berkley at North Farmington  
Walled Lake Western at Redford Union

Wednesday

Franklin at Garden City West

Thursday

Redford Union at Thurston

Friday

North Farmington and Farmington in Oakland County Invitational

SWIMMING  
Tuesday

Franklin at Garden City West  
Bentley at Pontiac Northern  
Crestwood at Clarencville

Thursday

Farmington at North Farmington  
Plymouth at Trenton  
Belleville at Bentley  
Allen Park at Redford Union

GYMNASTICS  
Wednesday

Flat Rock at North Farmington  
Taylor at Farmington  
Clarencville at Taylor Kennedy

## Schoolcraft Set To Add Baseball And Wrestling

Schoolcraft College will add wrestling and baseball to its athletic program, effective with the 1970-71 season.

This will boost Schoolcraft's team to soccer and cross country in the fall; swimming, basketball and wrestling during the winter, and baseball, golf and tennis in the spring.

The announcement was made by athletic director Mary Gatz at the annual dinner honoring the 1969 cross country and soccer teams.

The following received awards with their high schools denoted in parenthesis:

CROSS COUNTRY  
Doug Derr (Plymouth);

Craig LeBloux (RU); Larry Cooper (Wayne); Gerald Ryan (MacKenzie); Peter Bogoyevac (Bentley); Richard Thomas (Farmington); and Richard Rudin (Stevenson).

## Collegians Whipped On Court, 84-71

Oakland Community College's Highland Lakes campus won over Schoolcraft College, 84-71. It was the third loss in four games for the Schoolcraft Cagers.

Jim Carron had 32 points for Schoolcraft, followed by Jerry Hopkins with 17 and Ron Daniels with 11.

Schoolcraft bowed to Concordia in the Concordia tournament, 115-96, as Daniels scored 27 points. Jim Schultz 22, Carron 21 and Hopkins 17.

Carron has been averaging 23 points per game so far this season.

SOCCER

Basim Abdelhour (Bentley); Doug Anglin (Northville); John Apicelli (Franklin); John Bliss (Stevenson); Dennis Brazzil (St. Agatha); Bob Carter (St. John's of Wisconsin); Ray DeShano (Stevenson); Tom DeWitt (Stevenson); Lynn Duddy (Franklin); Tom Gied (Redford St. Mary's); Bob Goetsch (Lutheran High); Ned Gracin (Redford); George Haddad (Franklin); Chris Hippler (Stevenson); Mark Landis (Stevenson); Mark LaPere (Thurston); Rick Riedel (Redford Union); Robert See (Stevenson); Gary Smerecek (Stevenson); Brian Young (Stevenson); Steve Widner (Cody); and John McDermott (St. Gregory).

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