

St. Agatha Nears Title With Win Over Carmel

Talk about a team which excels under pressure! High on the list belongs St. Agatha High's basketball squad, which appears enroute to the Southwest title in the Catholic League's Second Division.

Agatha added its record to 9-2 by winning a 53-52 thriller from Mt. Carmel Friday in a game St. Agatha Coach Tom Sankovic called "a must."

The victory gave Agatha a two-game bulge over Mt. Carmel with three games left to play before the Catholic League playoffs begin.

"We had to win," said Sankovic. "Had they won, well, we'd be in a tie for the lead. Now, we're sitting in fairly good shape."

IT WAS a typical victory for St. Agatha. Three times before the team had won by a point... on two other occasions by two points... a third time by three points.

The heat is on," a happy Sankovic declared.

St. Agatha had to come from behind after leading, 17-14, after one quarter and being tied at 27-27 at the half.

URBAN TOOK a pass-in for a layup that gave St. Agatha a 53-50 lead.

Then St. Agatha stood aside to permit Mt. Carmel, now 7-1 in the league, to make a mean-

ingless basket just before the buzzer went off.

Urban and Mark Miron each scored 18 points for the winners while Urban was No. 1 in the rebounding department. He hauled down 18.

Bentley Down 18-6, Tops Redford Union

It's not how you start in sports... it's how you finish.

And Bentley had the finishing power to make it 4-9 in Suburban Six League and remain in undisputed possession of first place by downing Redford Union, 59-54.

Bentley rebounded from one of the team's poorest starts of the season. After one quarter it was 18-6 for Redford Union.

ures for RU. He scored 11 points.

The box score:

R. UNION	B	F	P
Bevington	4	1	9
K. Taylor	2	1	5
Zajac	1	1	3
Genge	3	0	6
R. Taylor	4	0	8
Nandi	5	1	11
Robinson	3	1	1
Everett	3	1	8
Kellman	1	1	3
Totals	23	8	54

BENTLEY	B	F	P
Rosenhal	5	4	14
Guilfoyle	7	4	18
Lovett	3	7	13
Rice	2	2	7
Yeach	0	2	7
Hay	1	0	2
Dismore	0	3	3
Totals	18	23	59

Bentley 6 18 14 21-59
R. Union 18 8 14 14-54

Bentley outburst that decided the game.

Rosenhal notched nine points. Lovett five and Guilfoyle four in the fourth period for Bentley.

Free throws made the big difference in the game.

Redford Union had a 23-18 edge in baskets, but at the full line it was 23-39 for Bentley against 8-18 for Redford Union.

THE SUCCESS of Bentley in the Suburban Six League naturally has to be very satisfying for new coach Ken Timmons.

"Remember, we don't have to get RU off and rolling.

BUT CAME the second period, matters reversed themselves. This time it was 18-8 in favor of Bentley as Tom Guilfoyle and Lou Lovett each accounted for five points while RU was contained on only four baskets.

Timmons had praise, too, for Redford Union "They hustled and disrupted our attack," the Bentley coach declared.

Redford Union maintained its two-point lead through three quarters, but then Craig Rosenhal led a final period

While Guilfoyle led the winners with 16 points, Rosenhal probably was the No. 1 star for the winners. He blocked nine shots, along with scoring 14 points. Lovett added 13 to the Bentley total.

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The winner of that match will receive \$10,000 and the right to play John Newcombe on Jan. 31 in the second round of the classic. To be held in Olympia Stadium in Detroit.

The classic is composed of 10 matches, each with a winner-take-all of \$10,000 and the right to play in the next match in another city. Four players will qualify for two \$25,000 semifinals with the final match carrying a \$50,000 purse.

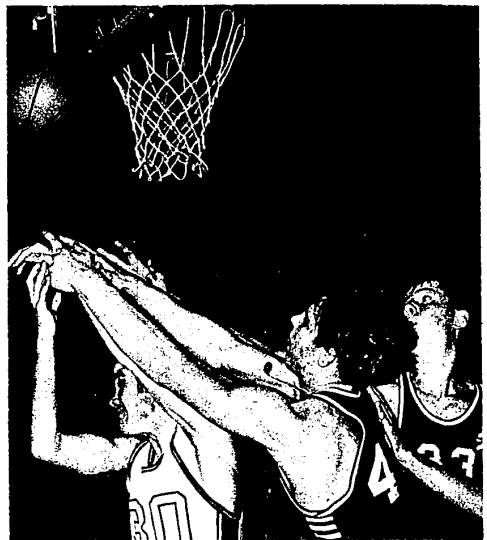
A singles match between Roy Emerson and Fred Stolle will precede the main event at Olympia. There will also be a doubles contest, teaming Newcombe and Elliot Gonzalez of Laver against Stolle and Emerson. The first match will begin at 8 p.m.

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HANDS EVERYWHERE with only one thought -- get the ball. Sorrows' Bill Robinson (30) is swarmed under a group of Orchard Lake St. Mary's players during a battle for possession of a loose ball. The takers had too much and all but eliminated the Farmington school from the league race.

Hey, Look! East Improves Churchill Wins Again

Have the wheels of fortune changed for Churchill High's basketball team?

After the "bat" of Livonia's high schools lost its first six games in its first varsity competition, Churchill now has won two straight.

The latest conquest came at the expense of Annapolis, 67-63, in a thriller Friday night.

Churchill went into a 21-19 lead in the first quarter, but then fell back, 33-27, in the second period.

From the midway mark of the second frame, it was Churchill in command. The Livonians outscored their rivals, 14-3, by halftime with two steals, one each by Jerry Oljace and Gary Lierstein, setting the team in motion.

At the half it was 41-36 for Churchill and the lead mounted to 52-46 at the three quarter point.

Lierstein and Oljace each pumped in 16 points for the winners and Roy Young chipped in with 15 more.

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3 Seconds To Go, RU Nips Franklin

Keith Everett emerged as the man of the hour in Redford Union High's 53-52 basketball victory at Franklin Saturday night.

With three seconds left, Everett sank a foul shot to break a 52-52 and win the game and nullify a great comeback by Franklin.

The Livonians, trying to slow down the RU attack, were slowly down themselves in the early going. They made only four free throws in the entire first period in falling behind, 14-4, as Mark Kellman and Kirk Taylor each notched four points for RU.

Franklin	B	F	P
Filardi	2	2	8
Lee	0	0	0
Porter	1	3	5
Lehto	0	0	0
Kasperek	1	1	4
Mukisten	4	6	14
McAdam	2	0	4
Hollandsworth	0	1	1
Allen	5	4	14
Kind	0	0	0
Totals	16	20	52

R. Union B F P
Bevington 2 1 5
Genge 0 3 3
K. Taylor 7 4 18
R. Taylor 1 2 4
Kellman 2 3 7
Robinson 1 0 2
Everett 2 3 7
Graft 2 3 7
Totals 17 19 53

Franklin 4 17 12 10-52
R. Union 14 17 12 10-53

Rocks Smother Parkers; Now Comes Big One

First major showdown date in the Suburban Six Conference already is being pegged as Jan. 20 when Livonia Bentley and Plymouth stage their rematch on the latter's court in what may be the key to the 1970 basketball title chase.

Plymouth (3-1) stayed one length off Bentley's 4-0 pace Friday with an amazingly quick 78-50 romp over Allen Park (2-2). The Rocks raced to a quick 22-5 lead and never let up on the outmanned Parkers.

Memphis Bentley was downing Redford Union (1-2), 58-54, as Trenton (2-2) topped Belleville (0-1), 77-64.

THE LEAGUE will finish its first round Friday with Plymouth a favorite as it travels to Belleville while Bentley invades Allen Park and Redford Union hosts Trenton.

Sorrows' Title Bid Fades Away

Our Lady of Sorrows hopes for winning the Northwest Division basketball title in the Catholic League have all but vanished.

Orchard Lake St. Mary's downed Sorrows, 68-58, Friday night and now stands 11-0 to Sorrows' 8-3.

CHARLEY WOLFF, Pat Cunningham and Howie Schriver were the big guns in the Rock attack, the first two getting 20 points apiece and Schriver 18. Wolfe led in rebounds with 13, and had able support as Cunningham and Schriver each picked off nine and Scott Taylor got eight more.

Only three games remain on the regular schedule and Coach Bob Morris' Sorrows' team is tied with St. James of Ferndale for second place.

"If we can beat out St. James, we'll still make the playoffs," Morris said.

Glenn Knight was the only Allen Park scorer in double figures with 12.

Cunningham got 10 of his points in the first quarter as the Rocks took a commanding early lead. They led at the half 37-25 and after Allen Park cut the margin to 10 the Rocks went on a hot streak that turned it into a rout. At one point Plymouth led by 32.

ALLEN PARK	P	F	FTM	FT
Harig	3	2	2	4
Kalshi	2	2	2	6
Allen	2	2	2	6
Cabanon	4	0	0	4
Frazier	1	1	0	4
Nolan	1	2	0	2
St. James	2	0	0	4
Ekkie	2	0	0	4
Fox	2	0	0	2
Totals	21	14	8	50

PLYMOUTH	P	F	FTM	FT
Schriver	8	7	6	20
Wolfe	7	7	6	20
Taylor	2	2	2	6
James	2	5	4	8
Cunningham	2	3	2	6
Therbyshild	1	3	2	4
Schriver	1	0	0	2
Glenn	0	0	0	2
Totals	31	28	16	78

ST. MARY'S, which has beaten Sorrows 17 straight times, jumped off to a 27-11 start in the first quarter.

From then on, Sorrows played St. Mary's fairly even, but couldn't come closer than eight points, despite a fine comeback, especially in the fourth period when Sorrows outscored its foes, 22-14, as Chris Centers notched 10 of his 17 points.

Dan McGrath had 20 points to top Sorrows, Walt Sakowski had 22 and Mike Krogulecki also 22 for St. Mary's.

Duane Fox with 17 lead a balanced attack for the winning Inkster team.

Groves Runs Through Glenn Team

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WHEN STEVE BROWN, the 6-6 Glenn center who had scored 14 points, fouled out before the fourth period began, there was nobody to give Glenn any rebounding strength.

Tim Harlow and Joe McKolay followed Brown in the Glenn scoring column with eight points each.

Tom Rees had 19 and Scott Love 15 for Groves, which is staying close to Oak Park and North Farmington for league honors.

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