

Bentley, Rocks Collide In Showdown

It's coming — the big game of the season in the Suburban Six League's basketball title chase. It couldn't be more fitting since it will match two arch rivals and two neighbors, Bentley and Plymouth, on the Plymouth court Friday night. Bentley stakes its 5-0 league record against the second-place Rocks, who have won four straight in the conference since dropping their loop opener at Bentley 54-42, a month ago.

Stevenson Squeezes Past Falcons

It was what one might refer to as "a must" game — a must for Stevenson and also for rival Farmington. Stevenson needed a victory to stay on top in the Inter-Lakes League's basketball race...in fact, stretch its lead to two full games.

For Farmington victory would mean moving into a cadlock for the top slot. The conditions going into the battle indicated a hotly contested session. And it was. Stevenson held on at the finish for a 46-45 triumph to up its league record to 5-0 and over-

ONE COULDN'T HAVE asked for a closer game.

It was 13-11 for Stevenson after the first period. Each side made 11 points in the second period.

It was 12 each in the third and in the fourth Farmington had an 11-10 edge.

A brilliant defensive job on Farmington star Paul White probably was the deciding factor in the game. White carried a 31-point average into the game, but with Paul Van Wagoner handling the primary defensive role against White and with his mates chipping in, White was held to only five baskets and 10 points.

Another defensive gem for Stevenson was turned in by John Jetchick, who was returning to action after missing several games with an eye injury.

THE BOX score showed Jetchick failed to make a point...but he made a big play in the fading seconds when he stole an inbound pass from a Farmington player to possibly save the game.

If the play had worked for Farmington, it probably would have won the game.

Free throw shooting also played a vital part.

Farmington had a 21-16 edge in baskets, but at the charity line, it was 14 out of 23 for the winners to only three out of 15 for the losers.

The Falcons had one consolation. They controlled the backboards with 50 rebounds to Stevenson's 35.

Paul Van Wagoner and Tom Hoekstra, who was back in action after being out with a sprained ankle, each had 10 points for the winners. Mark Maniewski drilled in 13 for the losers.

The box score:

West String Grows To Ten

Why not a spot for Garden City West High's basketball team in the state Class A ratings?

West's powerhouse certainly deserves a spot with the top 10 after rolling to a pair of easy victories last week — first 92-45 over Shafer and then 77-48 over Southgate.

The double conquests ups West's record to 9-0 in the defense of its Tri-Rivers League title and to 10-0 overall.

But despite the record, West is by no means sitting pretty in the league. Cherry Hill, in second place, has an 8-1 record.

RICK DREWITZ, a sure-fire candidate for all-state honors, continued to lead West in its last two victories.

Against Shafer he enjoyed the highest scoring night of his prep career, caging 42 points with 23 rebounds.

Against Southgate, Drewitz flipped in 34 points and nailed 18 rebounds to bring his season's total to an even 300 points and 197 rebounds in 10 games.

Average-wise, his marks are 30 points and 19.7 rebounds per game.

WEST WASN'T threatened either by Shafer or Southgate. John Rutter collected 17 points and Dennis Leszczynski 16 against Southgate.

Gary Nustad and Dennis Leszczynski each chipped in with 10 points against Southgate.

In the Southgate game, West made 29 out of 56 shots for better than 50% and also 23 out of 31 from the free throw line.



FISHEYE LENS caught this unusual picture of action at the invitational wrestling tournament Saturday on the North Farmington High gym. It shows wrestlers competing in rings at each end of the floor with the judges watching every move. Seated in the foreground are the official scorers and the announcer. (Photo by Warren Bopp)

Sorrows Eyes Win, Playoffs

Will there be a spot in the Catholic League basketball plans for Sorrows?

The answer should come Friday when Sorrows clashes with St. James of Ferndale. Both stand 9-3 with two games to go. The winner Friday will take over second place in the Northwest Division behind Orchard Lake St. Mary's, which already has clinched the title.

The first two teams will qualify for the post-season action.

Sorrows remained in a tie for second by squeaking out a 64-62 win over St. Florian.

AFTER TRAILING, 21-17, at the half, Sorrows went ahead by a point at the end of the third period when Mike Hart had nine points in the quarter.

Sorrows upped its edge to six points in the quarter.

Sorrows upped its edge to six points before St. Florian rallied to make the final score much closer at the end.

Dan McGrath with 20 points, Hart 19 and Don Blouin 10 led the Sorrows' attack.

St. James had an easier time with St. Rita, 76-59.

N. Farmington Wrestlers Win Invitational Tourney

North Farmington High continues to rate No. 1 among the area's wrestling teams.

The Raiders added another major title Saturday when they won their own invitational tournament with 69 points to runnerup Walled Lake Western's 63 points.

Wayne was third with 61 points, followed by Farmington 49, Redford Union 37, Southfield 35 and Garden City West 31.

PREVIOUSLY, the Raiders had won the Redford Union Invitational, while in dual meet action this season the team has won seven out of eight.

Ken Haller, at 107 pounds, added to his brilliant record for North Farmington. He captured the weight crown and ran his string of consecutive victories to 19 in a row.

Tom Tooney (123 pounds) and Craig Gow (155) were other individual winners for



NOW ALL-AMERICAN. That's the new honor given to Thornton High's Craig Mutch by Scholastic Magazine. He was one of two Michigan football players on the list of 100 selected from the United States. Previously Craig had won all-area, all-Observersland, all-Suburban, and All-State honors.

How They Stand In Basketball

INTER-LAKES LEAGUE			
Stevenson	5	0	10
Farmington	3	2	10
U.S. Park	3	2	10
MID-WAY LEAGUE			
Indoor	5	1	10
Rebels	4	1	10
Riverdale	3	2	10
NORTHWEST SUBURBAN LEAGUE			
N. Farmington	4	1	10
St. James	3	2	10
Gowen	3	2	10
SUBURBAN SIX LEAGUE			
Bentley	4	1	10
Phonix	3	2	10
Thurston	3	2	10
TRIVIER LEAGUE			
G.C. West	4	1	10
Corn	3	2	10
Kenneth	3	2	10
Frederick	3	2	10
WAYNE-ORLAND LEAGUE			
Anders	4	1	10
St. James	3	2	10
W. Highland	3	2	10
Northfield	3	2	10
CATHOLIC LEAGUE			
St. James	4	1	10
St. Florian	3	2	10
Agnes	3	2	10

U-M Swimmer Is Acclaimed Star Of Year

Michigan's versatile swimming star, Juan Bello, has been named the Amateur Athlete of the Year for South America by the Helms Athletic Foundation.

Bello, a senior from Lima, Peru, is the only swimmer among the six athletes from six continents named for the award. Bello is a Big Ten champion and finished among the top three in three different events in last year's NCAA finals.

AMERICAN'S PRE-INVENTORY

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