

Bentley Leads Loop At Halfway Point

Oh, if the second round of the Suburban Six League baseball race winds up like the first for Bentley High!

Round One is over with Bentley riding at the top of the standings with a 4-1 record. Everybody else in the circuit has lost at least twice.

Bentley finished the first round in roaring fashion by beating Allen Park 3-0, while Plymouth cooperated, by downing Belleville 5-3. Belleville had shared the lead with Bentley.

So, now it's the second and final round of the season for Bentley and it starts Thursday at home against Plymouth.

BENTLEY HASN'T forgotten Plymouth. It was the Rocks who knocked off the Livonians, 10-4, in the opener of league action three weeks ago.

Since then Bentley has rebounded to beat four straight conference rivals.

"It'll be different this time," said Coach Marty Klotz of Bentley, who recalled how "Plymouth hit everything we threw up at them in the first game."

Klotz is expected to go with his ace, Ken Ockerman, who is blanking Allen Park, upped his season record to 5-1. The southpaw will be going against Plymouth's Jon Cederberg, another fine pitcher this spring.

Ockerman allowed three hits fanned nine and walked four. The Parkers put two on only twice -- in the first and sixth innings.

Bentley counted all three of its runs in the third inning.

Gary Battle started with a single and stole second. John Spreitzer beat out a hit and stole second. Then Dick Boehm knocked in one run with an in-

field hit and followed by stealing second.

That brought up Al Hernandez who delivered a two-run single as he boosted his season's batting average to .370.

Kent Grant had two hits for Bentley, although neither figured in the scoring.

CEDERBERG gave up six hits, walked four and fanned four, while Howie Schryer drilled out three hits and Pat Cunningham a pair for the winners.

The Rocks broke out with two runs in the first inning. After Ron Mandie walked, Cunningham and Schryer singled for one run. A wild pitch and a sacrifice fly by John Stout sent Cunningham home to make it 2-0.

In the third, Plymouth counted three more. Cunningham singled and Schryer doubled. So did Stout and that sent in two runs. Then after a

groundout, Jack Mathias lofted a sacrifice fly to admit Stout.

Plymouth has a 2-3 league record and a 7-3 overall mark, entering the second half of the league schedule.

REDFORD UNION stayed in second place with a 3-2 league record by beating Trenton 6-4.

Kirk Taylor hurled the route for the winners, allowing six hits. He walked two and fanned nine.

Redford union scored four times in the first inning with only one hit -- a single by Keith Everitt. Kirk Taylor, Bill Herbert and Tim Fox all reached base on a fielder's choice or an error.

Fox homered in the third inning. Then in the fifth Rob Naudi doubled after Randy Link singled.

Trenton scored twice in the first inning and two more in the seventh.



"SITTING OUT A RACE" is Delano Ray, a two-year-old filly from the Red Bob Farm in Rochester, Mich., who appears to have that thought in mind as she dumps Jockey Esteban Medina. The assistant starters at the DRC finally maneuvered her into the starting gate -- but it wasn't her day and she finished last.

Thurston Wins 3-2; Holds League Lead

Thurston High's baseball team blew a 2-0 lead, then came back to beat Franklin, 3-2, and remain a half-game behind Birmingham Groves in the Northwest Suburban League title chase.

Groves' game with Glenn was rained out Monday, leaving the Birmingham team with three wins and a tie in conference action.

Thurston now has a 4-1 mark, losing only to Groves in the first half of the season's league grind.

MEANTIME, North Farmington suffered its fourth straight league setback when downed by Oak Park, which is 3-1, by a 10-7 score.

An error giving Ken Chopek life led to Thurston's winning run against Grove. Ron Barriager was safe on a fielder's choice and then John Munson not only singled in the winning run, but the hit made him the pitching winner.

Munson came in for Mark Bradley in the sixth after Bradley had allowed only one hit and jammed the bases and already forced in a run.

Munson walked in another marker, which knocked the score, before he got the side out.

Bradley duelled with Franklin's Bob Hollandsworth who gave up five hits. In his stint, Bradley fanned 11.

Thurston scored in the fourth when Gordon Essex singled, Scott Stacy sacrificed and Bob Graustein was safe on an error. In the fifth Dennis

What's Doing In Prep Sports

BASEBALL

THURSDAY--Plymouth at Bentley, Belleville at Redford Union, Clarencville at Kettering.

FRIDAY--Garden City East at Taylor Center, Glenn at Churchill, Farmington at Walled Lake Central, Stevenson at Waterford, Thurston at Edsel Ford, Southgate at Garden City West, St. Mary's of Wayne vs. St. Agatha at Comstock.

SATURDAY--Andover at Clarencville.

MONDAY--Franklin at Oak Park, Churchill at Farmington, Clarencville at West Bloomfield, Glenn at North Farmington, Groves at Thurston, Redford Union at Allen Park, Bentley at Belleville, Trenton at Plymouth, Garden City West at Riverside, Bishop Borgess vs. Richard at Pulaski, Orchard Lake St. Mary's at Sorrows.

TRACK

THURSDAY--Crestwood at GC West, Plymouth at Allen Park, Bentley at Redford Union, Lutheran West at Garden City East, Glenn at Oak Park, Kettering at Clarencville, Walled Lake Central at Stevenson, Churchill at Mott, Pontiac N. at Farmington.

FRIDAY--N. Farmington at Howell Invitational.

SATURDAY--Franklin, Garden City East, Stevenson, John Glenn, Thurston, Redford Union and Garden City West in Schaefer Relays; St. Agatha at St. Thomas in Ann Arbor.

MONDAY--Clarencville at Andover, Sacred Heart vs. Bishop Borgess (Thurston).

Son Like Pop... Well, Almost For St. Agatha

Time was when Lou Blackmore was one of the pitching stars on the Detroit sandlots.

Now Blackmore is coaching the St. Agatha baseball team in the Catholic League and one of his players happens to be son, Bob, a senior.

IT WAS BOB'S HIT that drove in the winning run in a 3-2 decision over St. Francis.

Blackmore's walk and a single by Tom Nemes produced the first St. Agatha run in the first inning. In the sixth, Jim Krapansky tripled after Paul Riecha walked.

Then in the seventh, Bob Stonk walked as a pinchhitter. He was sacrificed to second by Maher and scored when Blackmore (the player) singled much to the delight of Blackmore (the manager).

de Sales Friday -- a victory that gave St. Agatha 2-0 record in the Southwest Division of the Catholic League.

"There's a difference between Bob and me," Coach Lou Blackmore laughed. "He can hit. I never could." Bob is hitting .333 so far this season.

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Borgess Ekes Past St. Lads

Bishop Borgess High's baseball team scored one of its most impressive victories of the season Saturday in downing St. Ladislaus, 2-1.

Although it was a non-league contest, Borgess was going against one of the perennial powers in Catholic League play.

The win upped Borgess' overall record to 6-1. In its division, the team stands 2-1.

Jerry Sharon allowed seven hits, fanned four and walked two for the winners, who scored both their runs in the fourth inning when Dave Josket singled. Ray Sobocinski was safe on a fielder's choice and then Paul Banion socked a single that chased in both runners.

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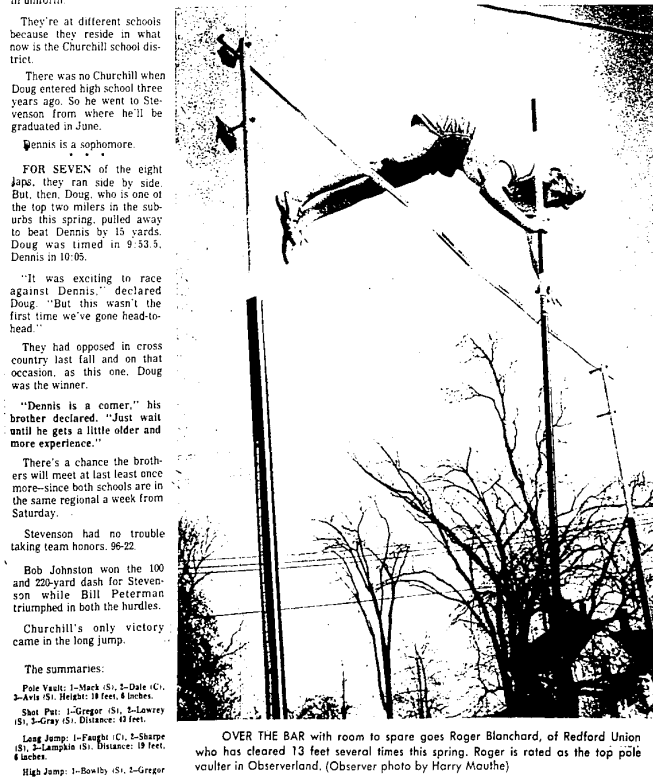
Brother ran against brother Monday when Stevenson met Churchill in a dual track meet.

Doug Kurtis carried the colors of Stevenson. Younger brother Dennis wore a Churchill uniform.

They're at different schools because they reside in what now is the Churchill school district.

There was no Churchill when Doug entered high school three years ago. So he went to Stevenson from where he'll be graduated in June.

Dennis is a sophomore.



FOR SEVEN of the eight jumps, they ran side by side. But, then, Doug, who is one of the top two miles in the suburbs this spring, pulled away to beat Dennis by 15 yards. Doug was timed in 9:53.5, Dennis in 10:05.

"It was exciting to race against Dennis," declared Doug. "But this wasn't the first time we've gone head-to-head."

They had opposed in cross country last fall and on that occasion, as this one, Doug was the winner.

"Dennis is a comer," his brother declared. "Just wait until he gets a little older and more experience."

There's a chance the brothers will meet at last least once more--since both schools are in the same regional a week from Saturday.

Stevenson had no trouble taking team honors, 96-22.

Bob Johnston won the 100 and 220-yard dash for Stevenson while Bill Peterman triumphed in both the hurdles.

Churchill's only victory came in the long jump.

The summaries:

Pole Vault: 1-Mack (St), 2-Dale (Ch), 3-Avie (St). Height: 10 feet, 6 inches.

Shot Put: 1-Gregg (St), 2-Lawrey (St), 3-Gray (St). Distance: 43 feet.

Long Jump: 1-Faught (Ch), 2-Sharpe (St), 3-Lampkin (St). Distance: 19 feet, 6 inches.

High Jump: 1-Bowley (St), 2-Gregg

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Sports Briefs

Shutout Artists

The Tigers had a 20-1 record in shutouts in 1969, the best won-lost mark in the American League.

WSU Senior Has Hole-In-One

Wayne State University senior golfer Richard Burnoski (Detroit-DelaSalle) scored a hole-in-one in a practice round at Rouge Golf Course on April 23, firing a 73 for the round on WSU's home course.

