

# Bentley Victor In Overtime

By ARTEE  
Trailing by five points with less than two minutes remaining in the game, Livonia Bentley High knotted the score with three seconds on the clock and then gave Coach George Fefles an opening game victory in overtime over Farmington, 63-62.

It was a satisfying win for Fefles who returned to the coaching ranks after a year of retirement. But for most of the game it appeared as if his debut would be spoiled by the scrappy Falcons who led

most of the way and even scored first in the overtime but couldn't hold the lead. Strange enough, the score was identical to that of a year ago when the teams opened the season and Farmington won, 63-62.

THE FALCONS ran into trouble with 1:43 to play after Dan Steinke hit from the side to give Farmington a 59-54 edge.

Brian Dinsmore, of Bentley, was fouled and missed but Tim Bollin grabbed the

rebound and connected from the side to make it 59-56 with 1:06 on the clock.

Bob Chapman, of Farmington, who led all scorers with 31 points, dropped in one from underneath and the Falcons were in front, 61-56, with less than a minute to play.

It looked like a certain victory until Bollin flipped in one from the corner and was fouled while shooting. He made the free throw and Bentley trailed, 61-59, with 30 seconds remaining.

Farmington took the ball out of bounds and started to stall but was guilty of a double dribble to give Bentley the chance it needed. The Bulldogs stormed downcourt for a shot, missed, grabbed the rebound and missed a second time before Ron Bawalski scored from underneath and the game was tied with three seconds on the clock.

Farmington tried to score with a long pass from the end of the court to the center line but the shot arched high in

the air, hit the rafters and the whistle sounded.

THE FALCONS moved ahead after 30 seconds of the overtime when Paul Kupferschmidt was fouled and hit on the first of the two shots.

The Bulldogs took the lead with 2:14 to play when Brian Dinsmore tallied from the side. From then on it was complete frustration for both teams with Bentley hanging on for the victory.

Dennis Hagen missed a free throw for the Falcons. Dinsmore had two free

throws and missed both. Chapman had two chances from the foul line with 1:41 to play and missed. Steinke had two opportunities with 29 seconds remaining and failed. Then with three seconds left, Dick Boehn received a free throw but missed and the game ended before Farmington could get another shot.

It was a tight battle all the way with Bentley in front, 17-16, at the quarter. Farmington had a 33-30 edge at halftime and Bentley led, 47-46, at the three quarter point.

Chapman had 31 points with eight field goals and 15 of 21 free throws with Steinke in double figures with 17.

Lou Lovett led Bentley with 11 goals and two charity tosses for 24 points followed by Bollin with 14 and Dinsmore with 11.

BENTLEY (62)	G	F	P
Bollin	3	15	11
Lovett	11	2-4	24
Vench	8	0-10	8
Dinsmore	3	3-7	11
Watts	1	0	2
Boehn	0	0-1	0
Bawalski	2	0-2	4
Totals	22	19-29	61

FARMINGTON (63)	G	F	P
Chapman	8	14-21	31
Hagen	1	0-4	2
Steinke	1	1-3	17
Ledwith	1	1-1	2
Kupferschmidt	1	1-4	4
Corvill	2	2-2	4
Fleming	21	20-37	62

By Periods	1	2	3	4	Totals
BENTLEY	17	13	17	11	58
FARMINGTON	16	17	13	13	59



BACK ON FIRING LINE — Excitable George Fefles, who retired a year ago as Bentley High coach for fulltime duty as athletic director, is still the same nervous individual as he demonstrates in his return to coaching assignments. He guided the Bulldogs to an overtime victory over Farmington in the season opener. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

## GC West Sinks John Glenn With Amazing Foul Shots

By BOB MCLELLAN

The outcome of most basketball games is decided at the foul line and John Glenn learned this the hard way as they dropped a 59-52 non-league contest to Garden City West.

The Tigers sank 15 charity shots in a row in the final quarter to overcome a 41-36 lead the Rockets had built up at the end of the third period.

Early in the fourth stanza it looked like the smaller Glenn team might walk off with their second victory of the season.

Gordon Davis, a disap-

pointed Glenn coach, refused to make any excuses.

"The West boys deserved to win," he said. "They made foul shots when it counted most—under pressure."

ANOTHER big factor in the triumphal opener for coach Chris Babler's quintet was the fourth-quarter brilliance of Dennis Leszczynski. The Tigers muscular, 6-4 1/2, center.

Leszczynski led West's last-period surge by dumping in 14 points on five field goals and four free throws.

He led both teams by gar-

nering 25 points and grabbing 18 rebounds.

Senior guard Dave Wybrabiewicz paced the Glenn attack with points. He was assisted by Gary Pack, slender, 6-3 senior center who collected 12 points and picked off 10 rebounds, and Darryl Demaray, 6-1 senior who pumped in 10.

With the lead seasawing back and forth, West was ahead 13-12 at the end of the first period and in front 26-25 at the half.

Late in the third period, however, Glenn's aggressive play started to pay off and the visitors jumped in front, 41-36.

In the final period, though, Leszczynski and his mates indicated why they were semifinalists last spring in the State Class A game tournament.

Leszczynski netted four gift shots: Mike Kilbourne, 6-3 senior, canned four; Gary Nustad, 6-0 senior, also dumped in four; Tom Jones, 5-10 junior, made two, and Jerry Volas, 6-0 junior, got one.

THE ROCKETS outscored the Tigers from the floor, swishing 20 field goals to their opponents' 18.

## GC East On Prowl Again

Pleasing, to say the least, was how coach Billy Joe Young felt about the first week of the new basketball season for his Garden City East High team.

It started with a smashing 89-65 win over Dearborn Edsel Ford in a non-leaguer. Then three nights later, East started its Mid-Wayne League season with a 64-52

triumph over Taylor Center.

THE CELEBRATING didn't last long, however, because Young wasted no time in ordering his charges back to serious work for what

could be the most pivotal game of the season -- a visit to perennially tough Inkster Friday night.

But, for the moment, one can't blame Young and Co. for reflecting on the victories over Edsel Ford and Taylor Center.

"We played exceptionally well for a first game," said Young in commenting on the win over Edsel Ford.

And when it came to beating Taylor, Young said: "I was proud the way we jumped ahead, 11-1 and then 18-6, against a team which had so much height. (One Taylor player stands 6-11.)

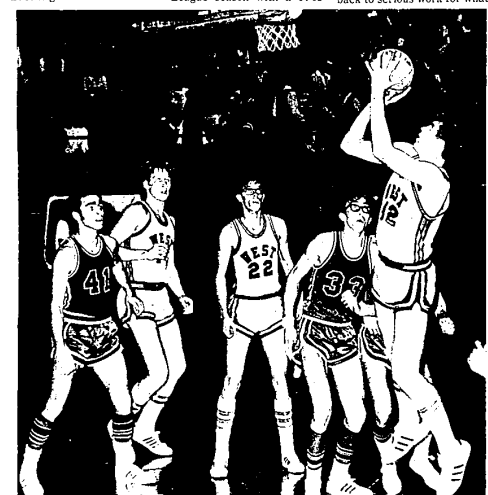
"Then I was prouder the way we handled ourselves after Dave Jackson (the top East scorer) got hurt, turning his ankle, and a couple of our fellows ran into foul trouble."

While East led at each milestone -- 18-12 after one quarter, 33-27 at the half and 44-38 going into the last period -- Taylor had rallied to go in front by a point in the second period.

Jack Hayes scored eight points for East in its fast getaway against Taylor and then Jackson drilled in nine in the second period.

From then on the scoring was pretty well-balanced. Jackson wound up with 22 points and Hayes had 19 for the winners.

East had four men in double figures in the romp over Edsel Ford. Jackson led in 19, followed by Jeff DeHarte with 13, Greg Puihes eight and Rick Palmer 18.



FIRING FOR TWO POINTS is Garden City West's Kirk Lewis (42) in the opening game victory over John Glenn. Kirk took a pass from a teammate under the basket and slipped the ball through the hoop. Watching the play are: Glenn's Darryl Demaray (41) and Gary Pack (33) along with West's Denny Leszczynski (44) and Mike Kilbourne (22). (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

## Churchill Wins The Hard Way

A basketball freak couldn't keep Churchill High's basketball team from downing Schafer, 55-51 in overtime in the season opener.

The teams had tied at 47-47 after regulation time when a Churchill chance to win it from the foul line failed with three seconds to go.

When the referees lined up the teams for the overtime action, they allegedly became confused. The players were lined up in the wrong direction. They should have kept playing toward the same basket as in the second half.

So, in the confusion, the ball was tipped and Keith Armstrong, a star all night for Churchill, headed for what he thought was the right basket and put one in.

IT WAS TWO points, all right, but the officials ruled

that Armstrong had scored in the wrong basket... and hence the points were awarded to Schafer, despite protests from Churchill.

The claim was that this was a referee's goof: the points shouldn't count.

In a jam, Churchill proved that it's a sound team by rolling right back. Gary Leistman made a basket and Jerry Olajace took free throws to put Churchill on top.

After Schafer counted with a free throw, Roy Young hit a basket and Bruce Van Wagner took free throws to set up the victory for the Livonia team.

Armstrong wound up with 15 points, not including the two "gifts" for Schafer. Young followed with 10, Leistman nine, Olajace eight and Van Wagner five.

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