

Seventh In Row Gives Jays Title

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They'll be coming out with the state high school basketball ratings within the next few weeks.

One team which is a cinch to gain consideration among the top ten will be Southfield High's Blue Jays.

Who can dispute the Jays' claim to a lofty perch in the state rankings, especially after their success story in last week's annual Northwest Suburban Holiday tournament.

WHEN IT WAS all over, Southfield ruled as the king after downing Livonia Bentley, 72-61, in the title game which matched a pair of unbeaten teams.

For Southfield, it was the seventh win in a row in as many starts this season.

For Bentley, the loss clipped a victory streak which had reached six straight. And, somehow, Bentley will deserve a notch, too, in the various ratings.

There could be no disputing that these were the two top teams in the tournament and they proved it as they fought through the earlier rounds to reach the championship game.

And, not until the final period was Southfield able to make the move that gave the Blue Jays their winning margin.

FOR THREE quarters, it was take your pick. That's how close the teams were.

Bentley jumped ahead, 17-13, after one quarter as Lou Lovett hit six points and Tim Bollin cashed in with four.

But in the second period, Rick Moscow got hot for the Jays, making eight points, and Bob Green tossed in four to help lift Southfield into a 30-29 edge at halftime.

The teams seasawed in the third period and the biggest lead Southfield could mount was three points, 47-44, at the end of the period.

Roger Peterman paced Southfield in the period with seven points.

IT WAS a team affair for Southfield in the decisive fourth period in which the Blue Jays outscored Bentley, 25-17.

Mike Klairman scored six points, Randy Levine five, Brad Allen four and Peterman four during the uprisings.

Coach Don Kaump and his aids felt that Southfield lacked defensive aggressiveness during the first three quarters.

"It didn't seem like anybody wanted to take charge for us," Kaump said.

Things changed, however, in the last period when Southfield forced the action.

Peterman wound up as the game's top scorer with 20 points. Four of the five Southfield players who performed also reached double figures.

Moscow notched 15 points. Klairman and Green 11 and Allen, who suffered through an "off night" for him 10.

The balanced scoring pleased Kaump.

Dave Veach, of Bentley, was the game's individual leader with 23 points while Lovett, who carried an 18 point average into the game, was restricted to 12 in this one. Brian Dismore chipped in with nine and Gordon Chasson eight.

The big difference was in shooting. While Bentley hit on only 19 of 50 shots for 38 per cent, Southfield connected on 28 out of 53 for 53 per cent.

IN SATURDAY's other games:

N. Farmington 68, Stevenson 62

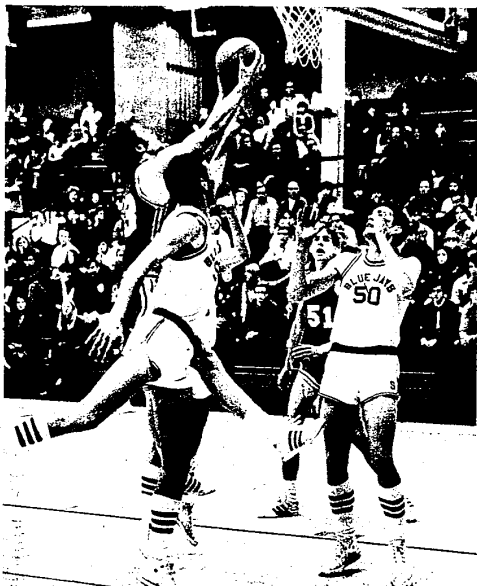
The Raiders rallied in the final period to win. Stevenson led, 48-44, at the end of three quarters after trailing by six points at halftime.

Dale Haberman scored eight of his 16 points in the third period to put Stevenson on top. But in the fourth period, Craig Dhue hit eight of his 17 points to pace the North Farmington comeback. Drew Mahalia, like Dhue, had 17 points for North Farmington while Stevenson's Ted Exarhos topped all scorers with 28 points.

R. Union 55, Farmington 41

Mark Kenny's 38 points paved the way for Redford Union to emerge the winner. Kenny made 22 in the second half after his team lagged, 23-19, at the intermission.

Bob Chapman paced Farmington with 19 points.



LEAPING HIGH to snatch a rebound from Southfield's Roger Peterman (left) and Brad Allen (50) is Bentley's Dave Veach (43), who led the Livonians in scoring in the championship game.

Plymouth Bows Over Glenn To Gain Finals

By BOB McCLELLAN

Three Observerland cage squads clashed Tuesday in the fourth annual Wayne invitational holiday tournament, but only Plymouth made the finals in the six-team event.

The Rocks earned the right to meet Belleville in the championship game by smothering Westland John Glenn, 68-50.

Belleville made the finals by thumping Livonia Churchill, 68-58, and Wayne smashed Cherry Hill, 89-55, in a consolation contest.

In Tuesday's consolation games, Churchill was matched with Cherry Hill and Glenn was pitted against Wayne.

PLYMOUTH was the pre-tournament favorite and the improving Rocks bulled their way to a 20-6 first quarter lead over Glenn and stayed in front all the way.

Howie Schryer scored 22 points and Chuck Wolfe 17 as coach Dick Bearup's quintet outshot and out-rebounded coach Gordon Davis' Rocks.

Kim Horton, a 6-3 junior who got his first taste of varsity competition, paced Glenn with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Senior guard Dave Wyrrakiewicz helped with 10 points.

Plymouth used a sagging, man-to-man defense that forced Glenn to shoot from outside and the Rocks came up cold, hitting only six

of 30 field goals in the first half. The Rocks, meanwhile, roared to a 36-14 halftime edge and cruised to a 49-32 third quarter margin.

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Glenn dumped in 14 of 23 (60 per cent) at the foul line but only 18 of 57 (31 per cent) from the field.

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HAPPY VICTORS! Members of the championship Southfield High cage squad hold the trophy high after beating Livonia Bentley in the finals of the Northwest Suburban holiday tournament on the Southfield court. The Blue Jays recorded their seventh straight win and snapped a six-game Bentley streak at the same time. (Photo by Enno Korthals)

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ALL ALONE and waiting for the pass from Mike Klairman (left) is Southfield's Brad Allen (50) who took the ball and dropped it in from underneath for two points. (Photos by Enno Korthals)