

Bentley Whips Belleville; Loses To Flint

It was a 50-50 weekend for Bentley High school in basketball — one victory and one defeat.

While no team likes to lose, if Bentley had its choice, the developments worked the way it would have preferred.

Bentley won Friday from Belleville, 64-50, to remain unbeaten with a 3-0 record that kept it on top in the Suburban Six League.

The loss followed against Flint Central, 67-54, in a non-league, but against one of the state's stronger teams.

All of which left Bentley with an overall 7-2 record for the season.

THE LIVONIANS roared away to a 23-8 start against Belleville and never were seriously threatened the rest of the way.

Dave Veach personally scored more points — he made 11 — than the entire Belleville team did in the first quarter.

Bentley held a 37-27 edge at halftime and went into the final period with a 12 point command.

Veach wound up leading the winners with 19 points on six baskets and seven free throws. Brian Dinsmore followed with 15 points, canning five baskets and six charities.

THE BENTLEY-FLINT

Central game was a thriller all the way.

Central led, 20-19, after the first quarter. The teams were

Lathrup Topples Falcons, 63-62

Coach Jim Kourakis, of Southfield Lathrup High, had said it would take a few games for his young basketball team to jell.

He knew what he was saying back in November and early December.

Lathrup with three sophomores in its starting lineup lost its first five starts, but now things appear to be on the upswing after a dramatic, heart-stopping 63-62 win over Farmington in an Inter-Lakes Conference game.

"My three sophomores sure came into their own," said Kourakis. "They played their best yet."

HE WAS REFERRING to Bruce Ruhl, Bob Malaby and Dan Wilmoth, who between them accounted for 43 of the winners' points.

Another big chunk was produced by senior Ed Hoerner who found the mark for

led at 25-35 at the half. Then Central pulled away to lead by nine points, before Bentley rallied to close within two

points, a tie with three minutes to go as Lou Lovett paced the comeback with eight points.

Lovett had 22 points, Veach 15 and Tim Bollin 12 for Bentley. Bollin led in rebounds with 11.

Steve Bobrkus topped made 14 of his points in the clip against Central, while the winners were just a trifle better, notching 43 per cent of its attempts.

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Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL

Friday
Walpole Lake Central at Stevenson.
Pontiac Northern at Farmington.
Garden City West at Cherry Hill.
Southfield Lathrup at Waterford.
Redford Union at Plymouth.
Trenton at Bentley.
Thursday
Bentley at Walpole Lake Western.
Garden City East at Lathrup West.
Rural Park at Southfield.
North Farmington at Thornton.
Franklin at Groves.
John Glen at Oak Park.
Kettering at Charlotteville.
Shrine at Brother Rice.
Bishop Borgess at Beechcliffe.
St. Agatha at St. Agatha.
Saturday
Franklin at Redford Union.
Oak Park at Farmington Harrison.
Tuesday
Kennedy at Garden City West.
Harrison at Rochester.
Riverside at Garden City East.
Groves at Southfield.
Brother Rice at Calhoun.
East Catholic at Bishop Borgess.
St. Agatha at Ann Arbor St.
Thomas.
Wednesday
Waterford ULLM at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Thursday
Groves at Franklin.
Trenton at Bentley.
Southfield at Grand Park.
Clarensville at Andover.
Oak Park at John Glen.
Friday
Thornton at North Farmington.
Saturday
Southfield Lathrup at Stevenson.
Garden City West at Andover.
Thornton at Trenton.
Taylor Center at John Glen.
Tuesday
Crestbrook at Redford Union.
Taylor at Clarensville.
Lathrup at Southfield Lathrup.
Annapolis at Churchville.
Walpole Lake Central at Southfield.

Wednesday
Farmington at Allen Park.
Trenton at North Farmington.
Ann Arbor Pioneer at Farmington Harrison.
Clarensville at Taylor.
Saturday
Clarensville at North Farmington.

HOCKEY
Wednesday
Stevenson vs. Franklin at Ford.
Saturday
Franklin vs. Bentley at Ford.

SWIMMING
Saturday
Oak Park at John Glen.
Thornton at North Farmington.
Garden City West at Riverside.
Plymouth at Redford Union.
Bentley at Trenton.
Groves at Franklin.
Clarensville at Churchville.
Riverside at Kent.
Friday
Farmington at Ferndale.
Saturday
Franklin at Churchville.
Tuesday
Southfield at Royal Oak Dossiers.
Harrison at Farmington.
North Farmington at Kimball.
Garden City West at Cherry Hill.
Lathrup vs. Ferndale vs. Groves at Groves.
Garden City East at Crestbrook.

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Ruhl 7 1 18
Malaby 1 1 17
Vogel 1 1 3
Wilmoth 4 1 8
Kostly 1 0 2
Totals 28 6 63

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