

# Bentley Holds Off Plymouth, 54-53

By FRED DELANO  
Six-foot-six Tim Bollin is only a sophomore at Livonia Bentley but no matter what stardom he reaches in the next two seasons he is not likely to contribute more directly toward a Bulldog Suburban Six basketball title than he did Friday.

Coach George Fefles' charges don't have the crown under lock and key yet, but their spine-tingling 54-53 home court victory over Plymouth puts them two games in front of the Rocks with three to play, and Fefles isn't accustomed to blowing odds like that.

After leading by 11 early in the second half, Bentley had its back to the wall in the first place when Coach Dick Bearup's Rocks stormed to a four-point lead of their own two and a half minutes from the final buzzer.

THIS 51-47 EDGE was cut to 54-53 when Bentley's Dan Weiss scored his only goal, and a packed house turned into bedlam when Bollin scored from under the bucket with 1:49 left to make it 51-51.

Plymouth's Casey Jones scored on a jumper from the

key 15 seconds later, but at 1:15 Brian Dinmore evened it up for Bentley at 53-51.

In the frantic action that followed, as last year's conference co-champions fought it out in the most pivotal game of the '71 season, it was Bollin, who turned the tide.

His successful free throws with 32 seconds left put the Bulldogs on top, 54-53, but twice in the following 28 seconds Plymouth had possession only to watch the time go by without scoring.

At the seven-second mark, Bollin was fouled again, but

the sophomore missed and for a fleeting eyelash of time Plymouth's hundreds of fans anticipated a Rock rebound that could provide time for a game-winning goal. Instead, Bollin himself leaped high to grab his own rebound, and with that the issue was sealed.

Bentley now is 7-0 in the league, Plymouth 5-2, Belleville and Trenton both 3-4, Redford Union 2-5 and Allen Park 1-6.

The Bulldogs go to Belleville this week, then to Trenton Feb. 19 and close at home against R.U. on Feb. 26. The Rocks will host Trenton Fri-

day, invade R.U. the next week and then wind up at home against Allen Park. Bentley needs only one more victory to be assured no worse than a Suburban Six tie, and two out of three for an outright championship.

Although Bollin wore the hero's mantle in the closing moments Friday, he wasn't the only star on the Five Mile stage.

AFTER AN unbelievable eight-point second quarter, Plymouth trailed 28-19 at the half and then roared back into contention with 22 points

in the third period which closed with Bentley on top, 42-41.

Charles Wolfe was at his all-league best during that stanza as he paced the Plymouth comeback with 10 points, while Howie Schryer added six, Jones four and Steve Stralier two.

From then to the wire, it was give and take with Wolfe, Jones, Schryer and Scott Taylor finding the range for a Plymouth quiet that had hoped to leave the gym in a deadlock for the league lead.

Bentley's deliberate move-the-ball-and-wait-for-the-shot

style led to fewer Bulldog turnovers, and although the brilliant Louis Lovett was held to one basket in the second half he still led Bentley scorers with 16 points. Dave Veach and Bollin followed with 12 and 11.

Wolfe topped the Plymouth output with 22, Schryer and Jones trailing with 11 and 10. In all, the Rocks dumped in 23 field goals to only 20 for Bentley, but the Bulldogs outshot Plymouth at the charity line, 14 of 20 to seven of 10. Officials called 15 personals on Plymouth and eight on Bentley.

In the preliminary Plym-

outh's Jayvees rolled to their 11th victory in 14 starts by trouncing Bentley, 69-52.

Varsity box score:

PLYMOUTH (52)	FG	FM	FT	TP
Schryer	4	3	4	11
Wolfe	10	2	2	22
Taylor	2	0	1	4
Van Wagner	0	0	1	0
Jones	4	2	2	10
Stralier	3	0	0	6
Totals	23	7	10	53

BENTLEY (54)	FG	FM	FT	TP
Bollin	8	1	3	11
Lovett	6	0	1	16
Veach	2	2	2	12
Dinmore	2	2	2	6
Baugh	2	3	6	7
Wolfe	1	0	2	2
Totals	20	14	20	54

Score by quarters:  
Plymouth.....11-8-22-12-53  
Bentley.....12-16-14-12-54

## GC West Nears Third Straight Loop Crown

Get the Tri Rivers League basketball pennant ready to wave over Garden City West again.

The giant of the league basketball speaking, is about ready to lock up its third Tri Rivers crown in a row.

It could come Friday when West battles Riverside.

WITH A 9-1 record in the league—and the nine wins have come in a row since losing the opener to Melvindale—all West now needs is one

triumph to clinch a title share.

Two wins in the final three league games would spell an outright crown for coach Chris Babler's team who have come on like gangbusters despite the loss of all-starter Rick Drewitz from last

year's team which went 14-0 in the league and then on to the state Class A semifinals.

There were few who figured the West could come close to matching its 1969-70 record without Drewitz. But West has fooled the basketball world.

Even the inability of new star Dennis Leszczynski to see full duty because of an ankle injury couldn't hold West back as it topped Southgate, 63-60, with a closing rush.

Leszczynski was held out until the latter part of the third period when with Southgate ahead by five points, he came in to help a sport that put the game on the happy side for West, which is now 11-1 overall.

WEST, WHICH LOGGED 36-32 at the half, still was down 45-42 after three periods.

But early in the fourth, West began to move. With a 5-2 rush West tied the game at 47-47 when Tom Jones sank two free throws with 6:03 left.

Then on a fast break, Leszczynski tapped in a missed shot and West went on top, 49-47. To complete the surge, Gary Nustad sank two free throws to make it 51-47.

From then on the teams played even, but West had proved that it could come back. Its deficit at halftime was the biggest of the season for the West cagers.

Some clutch free throw shooting helped West in the final period. Ken Pawenski made four out of four, Kirk Lewis three out of four and Mike Kilbourne four of six in the stretch drive.

Nustad wound up as top scorer for West with 17 points. Pawenski and Jones had 11 each and Kilbourne 10. Leszczynski had only six, his lowest of the season, but all six came in the fourth period.

West now has won 46 and dropped only six in the four years that Babler has coached the team. It has

dropped only two league encounters in the last three seasons.

Kilbourne, picking up the slack with Leszczynski ailing, grabbed nine rebounds.

The win followed an early victory in the week over Schafer, 62-57.

The teams played even for a quarter before West sprinted ahead, 35-20, at the half. Then Schafer closed it to 47-42 after three quarters and got to within three points with three minutes left.

Leszczynski led with 22 points while Lewis had 20 and Nustad 13.

## Exchange Student Stars For Bentley Pucksters

When the current school year is over and Ake Fintull returns to his home in Sweden he'll have some great memories of the time he spent as an exchange student at Livonia Bentley High.

He'll no doubt talk about the teachers, the American ways, commercials on TV, and the girls, of course.

BUT HE'LL PROBABLY never forget, the contributions he made during 1970-71 to the Bentley hockey team.

There's a good chance that Ake will come home as a member of a champ. Bentley, unbeaten in six games (four wins and two ties) is in front by three points in

the All-Livonia League, comprised of the city's four senior highs.

Bentley retained its margin in playing a 4-4 tie with second-place Stevenson.

Fintull accounted for two of the Bentley goals while John Koivuhalme tallied three times for his third hat trick of the season for Stevenson.

Stevenson took a 2-0 lead in the game, but had to rally on a goal by Koivuhalme with two minutes left to play to gain the deadlock.

Frank Giluso and Koivuhalme gave Stevenson one early advantage before Don Coombe and Fintull evened the count.

Koivuhalme broke the deadlock before Curt Ramsey of Bentley brought the teams even again. Then Fintull hoisted Bentley on top before Koivuhalme squared matters for good.

IN A NON-LEAGUE game, Stevenson won over Thurston, 7-2, as Giluso, Kirk Geiger, Bill McCracken, Koivuhalme, John Rastum, Pat Wojtyniak and Koivuhalme scored in that order for the winners.

Saturday it will be Stevenson vs. Franklin at Ford Arena in a battle for second place. Franklin is a point behind Stevenson which now has won two, lost three and tied three in the loop.

## Prep Schedule

### PREP SCHEDULE

#### BASKETBALL

##### FRIDAY

Oak Park at Thurston  
Pawnee Park at Stevenson  
Southfield Lathrup at Farmington  
Southfield at Berkeley  
Riverside at Garden City West  
North Farmington at Groves  
Churchill at Harrison  
Franklin at John Glenn  
Anderson at Clarensville  
Rushville at Garden City East  
Redford Union at Allen Park  
Trenton at Plymouth  
Bentley at Belleville

##### SUNDAY

Bishop Borgese in Catholic Playoffs  
at U.S. Memorial Building

##### TUESDAY

Lathrup at Hazel Park  
Southfield at Farmington  
Cherry Hill at Garden City West  
North Farmington at Walled Lake Central  
Royal Oak Dondora at Harrison  
West Bloomfield at Clarensville

#### WRESTLING

##### THURSDAY

Crestwood at Thurston  
Stevenson at Fordson  
Garden City West and Garden City East

##### SATURDAY

Northwest Suburban, Inter-Lakes, Tel Rivers, Suburban Six, Western Six and Wayne Oakland League meets.

##### TUESDAY

Walled Lake Western at North Farmington

#### SWIMMING

##### THURSDAY

Farmington at Southfield Lathrup  
Cherry Hill at Garden City West  
Churchill at Ypsilanti Union  
Belleville at Bentley  
Allen Park at Redford Union  
Plymouth at Trenton

##### SATURDAY

Garden City Invitational

##### TUESDAY

Thurston at Riverview  
Franklin at Stevenson  
Glenn at Garden City West  
Plymouth at Dearborn

#### GYMNASTICS

##### WEDNESDAY

Trenton at Farmington  
North Farmington at Kennedy  
Harrison at Allen Park  
Ann Arbor at Clarensville

#### HOCKEY

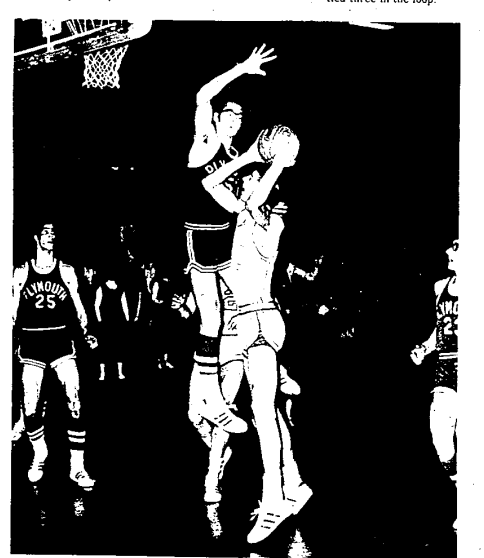
##### SATURDAY

Franklin vs. Stevenson at Ford Arena.

## Sorrows Victor In Mat Meet

Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows, defending state Class C wrestling champion, continued its winning ways Friday in dominating a quadrangular meet involving three Class B opponents. Sorrows ran up 102 points to Northville's 82, Willow Run's 52 and South Lyons' 44. The Sorrows winners were:

- 98 pounds — John Osanto, Jr.
- 105 — Paul Osmontski.
- 112 — High Hobbes.
- 122 — Elmer Theisen.
- 132 — Mark Wash.
- 145 — Pat Van Duyn.
- 155 — Rich Hobbes.
- 167 — Jeff Main.



THAT DOES IT — Bentley's Ken Bollin (50) grabs the rebound that gave his team possession of the ball in the closing seconds of the crucial game against Plymouth. The Bulldogs held the ball for the remaining time to win and record their sixth straight Suburban League victory. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

## Harrison Wakes Up Too Late To Triumph

For three periods, Farmington Harrison's basketball team was stuck... stuck at making 11 points in each eight minute segment.

Finally Harrison erupted in the final period for a 25 point assault, but it was too late as Walled Lake Western held on to down the senior-less Harrison cagers, 65-58.

Not only does Harrison lack for 12th graders—there are none in the newly opened

school—but it had to play against Western without Jim Mason, who has been averaging 15 points per game.

Mason hurt his hip in practice two days before and his absence from the lineup undoubtedly curbed the team's attack.

WHILE HARRISON couldn't generate much of an offense for three periods, Walled Lake Western opened a 29-22 lead at the end of the

half and then augmented the gap to 16 points at three quarters.

Harrison wasn't able to hold down Phil Evans and Cecil Gross, who between them scored 30 and 40 points, respectively. Just about everything Gross tossed went in. He was enjoying that kind of night.

Jeff Siefeloff scored 14 points and Joe Thomas and Rich Hughes 12 apiece for Harrison.

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