

Bentley Wins 8th Straight In League

Coach George Fefles is bowing out a champion.

The veteran Bentley High basketball mentor, who came back to guide the school's cagers this year — and just for this season — has himself another pennant winner.

By beating Belleville, 78-60, Bentley kicked its Subur-

ban Six League record to 8-0 and is now assured no worse than a share of the title.

All Bentley must do now is win either from Trenton Friday or Redford Union a week hence to clinch the flag outright.

Plymouth in second place has a 6-2 mark and that

means the "magic number" is down to one for Bentley — one Bentley win or Plymouth setback.

THUS, FEFLES NOW has coached a league champ in seven of the 10 years he has commanded the Bentley cagers. He "came back" this

season when an emergency arose and there was nobody else around to direct the team.

"But this is it," he said Monday. "I definitely won't be back next season."

He has been, checking on applications for the job, but so far there are no openings

on the school's teaching faculty. In Livonia, the coaching is extra.

"We'll just have to wait until June when maybe one of our teachers will leave," Fefles said.

But the longrange future can wait as far as Fefles and his team are concerned.

RIGHT NOW they're shooting to sew up the flag outright, to finish with a perfect 10-0 league record and then bounce into state tournament play in the Class A district action at Farmington.

Under Fefles, Bentley always has done well in the districts.

The Bentley-Belleville game was a parade of fouls and free throws. Bentley was nailed for 41 personals and Belleville 39.

Bentley shot 41 charities and made 22. Belleville dropped 24 out of 39.

Bentley pulled away from a 17-15 lead in the first period to lead 34-27 at the half and

then turned the game into a runaway by tossing in 21 points in the third period while holding Belleville to only nine.

Lou Lovett with 21 points, Tim Bollin 17, Brian Dinsmore 14 and Ron Bawalski 11 paced the winners. Dinsmore made eight free throws and Lovett seven.

GC East Tops Robichaud To Near League Honors

"I don't think I could be prouder of any team I ever have coached."

Coach Billy Joe Young of

Garden City East High's basketball team was doing the talking after East rolled past Robichaud, 71-62.

It was a big victory for East. It needs only to beat Lutheran West Friday to assure itself a share of the

Mid-Wayne League title with Inkster.

East now is 6-1 in the league and 12-3 overall and

the three losses came at the hands of Inkster, Garden City West and River Rouge, each of whom has lost only once this season.

WHY IS YOUNG so proud?

"This is a team without much size," he said. "Our biggest man Dave Jackson

stands a shade over 6-3 1/2. Just about everybody else we play has fellows who stand 6-7, 6-8 and even 6-11."

"It's tough, when you're so

small, to win. But our kids sure have scrapped all season."

East went ahead early against Robichaud and stayed there the rest of the way. It was 17-12 for East at the end of the first quarter, 31-25 at the half. Then East opened a 16 point bulge in the third quarter.

Jackson, playing despite an attack of the flu, sparked with 20 points and 24 rebounds. Greg Puihies also had 20 points. Jeff DeHarte tossed in 15. Jack Hayes 12 and Mike Roller 10.

The chances are slim that East can win the crown outright since powerful Inkster is favored to win its final two league games and thus match the East record.

"Of course, we can't afford being stunned by Lutheran West," said Young. "But we feel we're over the hump as far as playing the three toughest teams (Inkster, Robichaud and Taylor) in our league."

The East box score:

G. C. EAST	G	F	P
Mike Roller	1	2	4
Jack Hayes	3	6	12
Dave Jackson	8	4	20
Greg Puihies	9	2	20
Jeff DeHarte	7	1	15
TOTALS	28	15	71

By quarters:

East	17	14	23	17-71
Robichaud	12	13	17	20-62

GC West Moves Toward Third Straight Title

By BOB McCLELLAN

Taking advantage of the breaks and playing its own game, Garden City West subbed a stubborn Riverside basketball team, 67-60, and continued its drive toward another Tri-River Conference championship.

The Tigers' play Friday night on the West floor bore all the trademarks of a Chris Buhler coached team. His charges displayed a methodical offense, always working the ball into the man who could take the best percentage shot.

On defense the Tigers were sharp and cautious, committing few personal fouls.

This latter won the game for West, since they cashed in on 17 of 30 gift shots (56 per cent) while the Rebels hit

only four of 15 charity attempts (26 per cent).

The foul shots made the difference because Riverside came 28 of 34 tries from the floor (83 per cent) compared to 25 of 61 (41 per cent) for West.

DENNIS LESZCZYNSKI, West's 6-5 senior center, paced his team with 17 points and nine rebounds. He was helped by Gary Nustad, 6-0 senior guard, who dropped in 13 points. Kenny Pawenski, 6-4 junior forward, who collected 12 points and nine rebounds. Mike Kilbourn, 6-3 senior forward, who got 10 points, and Kirk Lewis, 6-3 junior forward, who snared eight rebounds.

Riverside's Tom Hamerschmidt, 6-6 center, led all scorers, with 18 markers.

Teammate John Bolz pitched in 17.

The victory gave West a 10-1 league mark and a 12-1 overall record. The Tigers, defeated early in the season by Melvindale, have already avenged that loss.

The Rebels jumped off to a 14-13 first quarter, lead and the Tigers were unable to go ahead for the first time until nearly three minutes had gone by in the second quarter.

But the host team led, 35-30, at the half, mainly on the strength of four second period baskets by Leszczynski, who was hampered by a bad ankle.

Riverside roared back, however, and took a 40-38 lead midway in the third stanza after Tom Moorhead

converted a Rebel steal into two points.

With about a minute to go in the third frame, Leszczynski made a foul shot that put his team ahead for good, 52-51.

The box score:

G. C. WEST (67)	G	F	P
Nustad	4	5	12
Pawenski	4	4	12
Kilbourn	4	2	10
Leszczynski	7	3	17
Lewis	3	0	6
Johns	1	2	4
Volos	2	1	6
TOTALS	25	17	67

RIVERSIDE (60)

G	F	P
Wing	1	1
Bolz	1	1
Hamerschmidt	4	0
Moorhead	4	0
Bruckman	1	0
Green	0	2
Morrell	1	0
TOTALS	28	4



BALLET?? That's what it looks like as Garden City East's Mike Roller (left) and Robichaud's Larry Dendard (42) go into this kind of a hop while trying to duck something—we can't figure out what. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

Andover Topples C'ville

Clarenceville High's basketballers started fast but ran out of steam in dropping a 34-30 Wayne-Oakland League game to Bloomfield Andover.

The Trojans stormed into a 15-8 lead in the first period and held a 24-21 advantage at the half before Andover came back to gain the decision with a third and fourth period blitz.

FREE THROWS helped decide the game. The winners tossed in 22 out of 34, while Clarenceville managed only 17 out of 28.

Farmington Ends Loop Loss Streak

It was a long time coming for Farmington High — a victory in Inter-Lakes League play.

The Falcons had dropped seven straight in conference play before downing Southfield Lathrup, 71-61.

But nobody should be deceived by the Falcons' 1-7 record. They are a much better team.

PRIOR TO BEATING Lathrup, which now has dropped three in a row after winning five straight, the Falcons had suffered four

losses by one point and two by two points.

Twice they carried strong rivals into overtime.

"A break here or there and we well might have a .500 record, or even better," said Farmington coach Ray Boyles.

"If we just play like we have and get a break or two, well, there's no telling what we might do in the district," said one Farmington High observer.

THE FALCONS had to stage a roaring finish to beat

Lathrup, which seems to do things in streaks. Lathrup lost its first five games, then won five, now is back on a three game losing slump.

Lathrup led, 18-17, after one quarter as Ed Hoener had six points and was matched by Paul Kupferschmidt for Farmington.

Then in the second period, Farmington outscored Lathrup, 21-15, as Bob Chapman flipped in 12 points — seven out of nine from the foul line — to put the Falcons ahead, 38-23.

Lathrup came back to regain the lead, 47-46, on a Don Wilmoth basket with 2:03 left in the third period. Bob Malaby followed with two baskets and Bruce Ruhl connected and Lathrup carried a 50-50 lead into the final period.

Chapman tied it at 55-55 with 5:42 to go and Farmington went into a full court press with good results.

Dennis Hager followed with two free throws and moments later Farmington went into a stall that extended for 90 seconds before Chapman hit two more baskets and Dan Steinke two free throws.

During the payoff spree, the Falcons outscored Lathrup, 12-2.

Chapman wound up with 31 points on 10 baskets and 11 free throws. Paul Kupferschmidt had 18 for the winners while Hoener fired in 18. Malaby 16 and Ruel 13 for the losers.

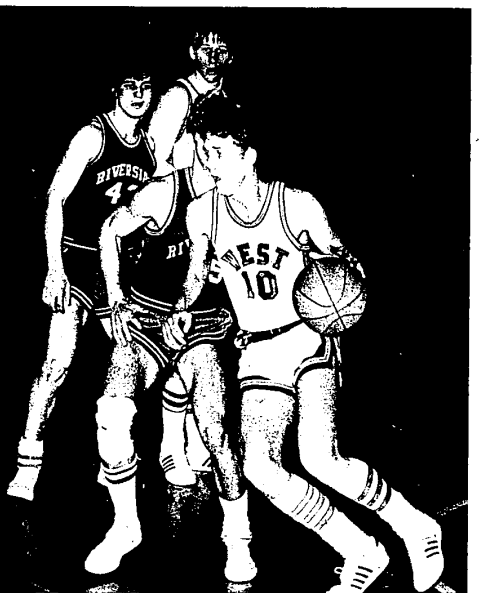
The box score:

FARMINGTON	G	F	P
Chapman	10	11	31
Hager	4	1	9
Stinke	1	3	5
Kupferschmidt	6	6	18
Lekovich	2	4	8
TOTALS	23	26	71

LATHRUP	G	F	P
Malaby	7	2	16
Ruel	6	1	13
Hoener	4	10	18
Wilmoth	4	4	12
Kontny	1	0	2
TOTALS	32	17	61

Farmington 17 21 12 21-71

Lathrup 18 15 20 8-61



GARDEN CITY WEST'S Gary Nustad (10) dribbles around two Riverside defenders as Dennis Leszczynski (rear) sets up a block to open a path to the basket. Nustad was one of the big reasons for West's victory. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

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