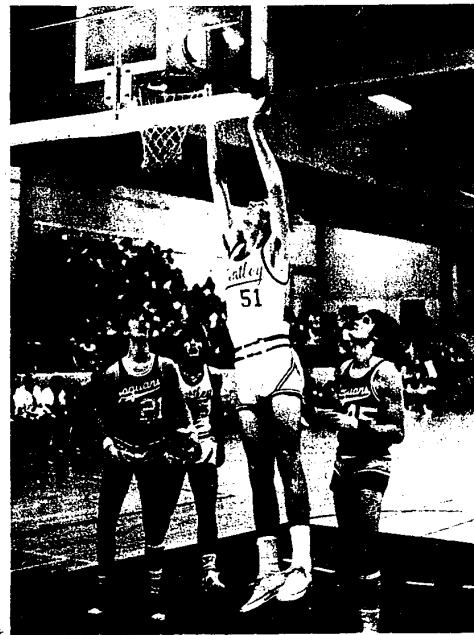


Stevenson Falls To Lathrup, 46-45

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squeaker over Livonia Farmington at 3:30. Lathrup travels to Central Friday and Charger Coach Jim Kourakis believes Walled Lake can be beaten. "Central beat us 76-53 the first time around," said

Southfield Lathrup moved into sole possession of second place in the Inter-Lakes basketball race with a 46-45



BULLDOG SCORE -- Bentley's Tim Bollin (51) goes in untouched for a score against Allen Park. (Observer photo)

Kourakis. "But we have come back to win five of our last six and our lone loss was a two-pointer to Oak Park. I really believe we are capable of beating them."

THE CHARGERS spurred in front 17-11 in the first quarter against Stevenson and captured a 30-24 halftime lead. Lathrup went up by as much as 12 points in the third quarter but the Spartans outscored the Chargers, 9-8, and trailed by five going into the final eight minutes.

With six minutes remaining, Kelly Smith hit two from the floor and Stevenson was on top for the first time, 44-42.

The Spartans then went into a stall.

"They were forcing us to leave our zone," added Kourakis. "We released the two front men and had them chase the ball."

After two minutes of stalling, Dave Kelly was fouled but missed at the line and Lathrup missed on its scoring opportunity and the Stevenson was back in the stall. A Spartan scoring play failed and Charger Barry Brodsky was fouled.

Brodsky made good on two from the line and it was notched at 44-44 with one minute left. Smith was fouled for Stevenson and put the

Spartans back in front with one of two and Stevenson missed on another scoring chance after a Lathrup technical foul. The Spartans had the ball and the lead with 40 seconds remaining.

A Stevenson shot bounced off the rim and Charger Kelly Trent grabbed the rebound. He was fouled and made two from the freethrow line and the Chargers were one up at the buzzer.

"We dominated the game for three quarters but the Stevenson defense got to us in the fourth quarter," said Kourakis. "They went up by five points and our kids just didn't quit."

LATHRUP shot 39 per cent from the field on 17 of 43 while Stevenson scored on 17 of 55 for a 31 per cent.

Trent led in rebounding with 11 as Lathrup out rebounded the Spartans, 35-22.

"We started out slow and just couldn't seem to capitalize on our scoring opportunities," said Stevenson Coach George VanWagoner. "A little more self-discipline in the fourth quarter could have made the difference."

last shot at front-running Central.

LATHRUP			
	FG	FT	TP
Courtney	4	1-4	9
Tracy	2	0-2	4
Trent	3	2-2	8
Brooks	1	0-0	8
Malady	2	3-3	7
Totals	17	12-18	45

STEVENSON			
	FG	FT	TP
Macy	2	0-0	4
Centers	2	1-3	15
Huberman	5	4-8	14
Smith	1	1-2	3
Fisher	1	0-1	2
Kelly	1	0-1	2
Russell	0	2-2	2
Totals	17	11-20	45

Score by quarters:
LATHRUP..... 17 13 8 8-46
STEVENSON..... 11 13 9 12-45

Jaguars Put A Scare In Bentley's Hopes

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The clock showed 17 seconds left and the scoreboard had Bentley up by five points but... Allen Park scored two quick baskets and Bentley missed on two, one-and-one situations, and the margin was cut to one point as the buzzer sounded giving the Bulldogs a 68-67 Suburban Eight win.

"We were playing bad basketball in the final quarter," said Bulldog Coach John Farrar. "We were up by as many as 17 points in the third quarter. What really topped it off was our performance at the line in the last three minutes. We hit on one of eight freethrows."

Tim Bollin popped in 11 points in the second quarter with Bentley hitting on 17 of 37 while the Jaguars scored on 11 of 28 from the field.

Each squad totalled 17 points in the third frame and Bentley led, 57-44, going into the final eight minutes. Midway in the quarter, the Bulldogs were up 61-52 but the Jaguars reeled off six straight points and the momentum changed.

minutes left on the clock led 67-60 but Mike Flood hit on a three-pointer for Allen Park and hit on two more from the key while Bentley was having its trouble at the freethrow line.

The Bulldogs held on in the final seconds and now sit in second place tied with Trenton at 5-2.

RU is leading the Suburban Eight with a 6-1 mark followed by Bentley and Trenton.

BENTLEY shot 40 per cent from the field on 26 of 64 while Allen Park hit on 28 of 48 per cent. The difference was at the free-throw line with the Bulldogs making good 16 of 25 and Allen Park collecting nine of 11.

Ran Bawulski led Bentley with 26 points followed by Bollin 20 and Brian Gates 10. Flood paced Allen Park with 24 points, followed by Tom Agardy with 15.

Bentley hosts Edsel Ford Friday.

Glenn Rebounds For 9th Victory

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Birmingham Groves almost pulled off a Northwest Suburban basketball upset, pressing John Glenn all the way before losing 50-48.

Groves hit the first bucket and led up to the three minute mark in the final quarter. The Falcons spurred to a 13-10 first quarter lead and increased their lead to four points at the half, 29-25.

"We were not moving well," said Glenn Coach Gordon Davis, who found himself back in the coaching reins after a

teacher strike prohibited him from coaching last week against Oak Park. "I found out about an hour before the game that the strike was settled and I could return to coaching."

"I hadn't been with the team the entire week and we dropped behind by as much as nine points in the second quarter."

JIM WILLIAMS sank a two pointer in the final seconds of the third quarter and Glenn moved to within two points, 38-36.

With three minutes

remaining, Tim Horton popped in a field goal to notch the score at 46-46 but Tom Adams put Groves back in front with a 13 footer.

Dave Carlington tied it at 48-48 on two free throws with one minute left. Groves missed on its scoring chance and Williams was fouled for Glenn and made good one of two from the line.

HORTON was fouled and connected on one free throw and Glenn was up by two. With five seconds remaining, Scott Friesner let go of a desperation 26-footer but it fell short and the Rockets were up at the buzzer.

Glenn shot 40 per cent from the field on 19 of 47 while Groves managed the same number of field goals but with 16 more attempts, 19 of 63 for 30 per cent.

Glenn collected 12 of 22 at the line and Groves hit on 10 of 14.

Carlington and Williams paced Glenn with 15 and 12 points respectively.

DON LARSEN led Groves with 15 points, followed by Adams and Friesner with 11 apiece.

The Rockets held down first in the Northwest Suburban with a 5-1 mark and stand 9-2 overall. Glenn travels to Thurston-Friday while Groves, which strands 1-5 in league action and 1-9 overall, will play at Oak Park. The lone win for Groves was against Oak Park in a 57-56 squeaker.

MSU'S Allen
Eric Allen virtually rewrote Michigan State's football record book with his great 1971 season. He set two NCAA, four Big Ten and nine Michigan State marks in various categories and tied two other MSU standards.

WSU 'Tartars'
Wayne State University is the only college or university in the country with the nickname "Tartars." It was adopted by all-school vote in 1927 and replaced such former tags as "Griffins" and "Munies."

Observerland Cage Ratings

Garden City East toppled Robichaud, 79-64, to remain in the No. 1 position with a 9-2 mark but closing fast is Redford Union, also with a 9-2 record.

The Panthers hold down No. 2 and are enjoying a seven game winning streak and stand 6-1 in the Suburban Eight.

JOHN GLENN slipped a little but managed to hold onto the No. 3 berth with a narrow 50-48 win over Birmingham Groves. Brother Rice remains in the No. 4 spot after a 65-61 victory over Notre Dame.

John Farrar's Bentley Bulldogs are No. 5 in Observerland but that position became a little slippery after a close 68-67 win over Allen Park.

Franklin stayed No. 6 after an 80-53 revenge triumph over Thurston. Churchill swayed a little but remained in the No. 7 berth. The Chargers lost to Schafer but toppled Northville, 99-77.

Clarenceville downed Milford, 57-32 to retain the No. 8 position and Garden City West moved into the rankings and into the No. 9 spot with a 99-82 triumph over Crestwood.

Country Day blitzed Peck, 85-29, to remain in the No. 10 ranking.

The ratings:

	W	L
1 - Garden City East	9	2
2 - Redford Union	9	2
3 - John Glenn	9	2
4 - Brother Rice	9	2
5 - Bentley	9	4
6 - Franklin	8	3
7 - Churchill	9	3
8 - Clarenceville	7	2
9 - Garden City West	6	4
10 - Country Day	7	2

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