

Bentley Trounces Edsel Ford To Remain In Suburban 8 Race

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The Bentley Bulldogs remain right behind the Redford Union Panthers in the close Suburban Eight basketball race, with a 57-41 win over Edsel Ford.

RU STANDS first with a 7-1 mark and Bentley is next in line at 6-2. The Panthers lost a one-point decision to Trenton while Bentley fell to Edsel Ford by two in the first round and dropped a 62-61 squeaker to Bentley.

Bentley travels to Plymouth Friday but the Bulldogs can't

help but look over the Rock's shoulders to the Feb. 18 encounter with Redford Union. "We are coming along, and hopefully we will reach our peak in time for RU," said Bentley Coach John Farrar.

"It should be one heck of a showdown battle, but Plymouth could be tough Friday."

"I hope Plymouth is down, and the records show that we should have no problem, but I'll be happy with a one-point win."

Edsel Ford went up 5-1 but Bentley found itself early and captured a 10-8 first quarter lead. The Bulldogs hit 18 in the second quarter to lead at the half, 28-20, and the margin gradually increased.

BENTLEY went up, 43-29, at the end of three quarters and outscored Edsel Ford, 14-12 in the final stanza.

"Our bad shooting performance is the only thing that kept them in the game," added Farrar.

Bentley was 22 of 56 from the floor which averages out to 40 per cent, but it you take away Tim Bollin's shooting percentage of 11 for 13, the Bulldogs scored 25 per cent.

BOLLIN missed two in the first quarter and then proceeded to reel off 11 straight buckets. He totaled five from the line for a 27 point production.

Edsel Ford hit on 15 of 45 for 33 per cent.

Bollin hauled in 13 rebounds and Gordie Chaisson collected 10 as Bentley dominated the boards, 38 to 15.



FAKING THE DEFENDER - Churchill's Roy Henriksson (20) faked his defender out of position and is about to pop in another two-pointer. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Throttle Warren Sterling Chargers Win No. 10

Churchill blitzed to its 10th cage win in a 77-47 trouncing of Warren Sterling.

"It wasn't much of a contest after the first quarter," said Charger Coach Pat Montano. "We closed them off and didn't let them get near the bucket."

"It seemed like everytime I turned around Warren was getting a technical for something or another. Four of its players received technicals in addition to two bench T's."

"What they were saying or disagreeing with, I don't know," added Montano. "We collected more fouls than they did."

Bill Polec and Mike Hayes opened the contest with two pointers and Warren had a 4-0 lead but the rest was all Churchill.

THE CHARGERS came on with 19 to capture a 19-12 first quarter edge and exploded for 21 in the second to hold a 42-22 halftime lead.

"We started going to the basket in the second quarter and it didn't get any closer afterwards," added Montano. "They went 9-11 minutes without a field goal and we led 50-32 going into the fourth quarter."

Churchill shot eight for 17 in

the second quarter while Warren threw the ball up nine times without a score.

"We didn't enjoy a real good night either," added Montano. "But our defense put it together."

Churchill went 23 for 82 for 28 per cent while Warren had 29 per cent on 14 of 41.

Mark Reed hauled in nine rebounds with Churchill outrebounding Warren, 37-22. Each side totaled 19 at the line with Churchill getting 25 attempts and Warren 26.

JIM FOSTER scored 12 to pace Churchill, followed by

Bruce VanWagoner with 11 and Roy Henriksson with 10.

Mike Hayes, Sam Rackol and Don Haase all hit for 10 for Warren.

The Chargers host Waterford Mott Friday in a Western Six showdown.

"If we beat Mott, the crown is ours," said Montano. "But if we lose, we will have to win our final two games to clinch it."

"We are expecting a real scrap but we are higher than a kite and it should boil down to who commits the fewer turnovers and maintains its poise."

Rocks Tip Belleville

Belleville closed the gap to 41-37 in the opening moments of the second half but then the Rocks broke it open with a 15-point barrage in a span that saw the Tigers pick up only one free throw.

Plymouth outshot Belleville from the floor, 31 goals to 22, with Egloff getting 10 of them. At the foul line the Rocks hit on 16 of 26 attempts to 19 out of 27 for the visitors.

THE VICTORY left Plymouth 5-7 for the season and 3-5 in the Suburban Eight where the Rocks were tied with Allen Park as they hit the road for a game with last place Edsel Ford Tuesday night.

Although the Rocks have no chance for the Sub-8 crown, they could give a big assist to Redford Union's title bid Friday when second place Bentley invades Plymouth. R.U. leads Bentley by one game in the current standings and the latter can't afford to be upset by the Rocks in striving to repeat its '71 championship.

Bentley beat Plymouth 48-45 early in January, but the Rocks have been a far different club when playing at home. Their mark before friendly local crowds in the period, 41-35 at the half and 62-48 after three periods before pulling away to their final margin.

At Cicotte and Ed Braman Belleville with 16 and 15 points but they were the only Tigers in double figures.

Jackson Hits For 48 Points As GC East Romps By Wayne

Dave Jackson popped in the first basket and Garden City East never looked back on route to the 10th cage victory in a 94-67 romp over Wayne Memorial.

East remains second in the Mid-Wayne conference with a 6-2 mark behind undefeated Inkster at 8-0. The Panthers stand 10-2 overall and travel to Annapolis Friday.

Senior 6-4 center Jackson told the story for East as he hit on 21 of 30 from the floor and six of eight from the free throw line for 48 points. He hauled in 28 rebounds and blocked seven shots.

"It was the best ball game he has ever played," said East Coach Billy Joe Young. JACKSON has collected 317

points in 12 games this season for a 25.4 average and now has totaled 981 points in his high school career.

No player in Garden City East history has even passed the 1,000 point mark, but it appears that Jackson should reach this acclaimed mark Friday against Annapolis.

East jumped to a 20-15 first quarter edge and advanced to a 42-30 halftime lead before breaking it open in the third quarter.

THE PANTHERS exploded for 27 points in the third and 25 in the final quarter to coast to a 27 point victory.

East hit on 38 of 74 for 51 per cent while Wayne managed 24 of 71 for 33 per cent.

The Panthers made good 18 of 24 at the line and Wayne hit on 19 of 29.

Jackson paced all scorers, followed by Jeff Dellarte with 21 and Randy Mastake with 10. Chuck Slammer led Wayne with 23 and Randy Lucas added 20.

Jackson collected half of the Panther rebounds with 29 as East outrebounded Wayne, 40-32.

Cage Results

Bentley 57, Edsel Ford 41
Oak Park 81, Brown 59
Gabriel Richard 82, Borgess 51
Catholic Central 56, Rice 65
Churchill 77, Warren Sterling 47
Clarencville 64, W. Bloomfield 60
Lutheran East 72, Country Day 80
Staten 60, Farmington 55
Northville 58, Harrison 51
Franklin 73, N. Farmington 45
GC East 94, Wayne 66
GC West 79, Schaefer 57
Thurston 77, John Grier 63
Plymouth 76, Belleville 82
Redford Union 71, Allen Park 59
Southfield 88, Kimball 70
W. Central 84, S. Lathrup 78
St. Florian 80, St. Agatha 43

RU Wins 8th Straight Over Allen Park, 71-59

Redford Union took another step towards the Suburban Eight basketball crown with its eighth straight win, beating Allen Park, 71-59. The Panthers stand 7-1 in league action and boast a 10-2 overall mark.

Bentley remained one notch behind RU with a win over Edsel Ford placing the Bulldogs at 6-2 and the final showdown between the two teams is coming up Friday, Feb. 18 at Bentley.

RU beat Bentley in the first meetings, 62-61.

Dearborn hosts RU Friday and Coach Carl Andrews feels the current standings will determine the importance of the Bentley clash.

"Bentley will be playing for a share of the title while we are going after the title outright," said Andrews. "Bentley is going to have to come after us."

Bob Schaner hit the opening bucket for RU and the Panthers jumped to a 14-2 lead.

Allen Park regained its composure and cut the margin to 18-10 at the end of one quarter.

FREE THROWS proved to be the margin in the second quarter with Allen Park hitting on five of 12 and RU collecting three of three, with each team popping in nine from the floor.

RU shot 51 per cent in the opening half to capture a 39-33 advantage with Mark Kenney scoring 17 points and Bob Schaner 16.

Allen Park closed the gap to five at the end of three quarters, 50-45, but this was the closest it got. The Panthers settled into a percentage state of basketball and hit on seven of eight from the field in the final quarter and outscored Allen Park, 21-14.

RU hit on 27 of 48 for 56 per cent with Kenney and Schaner collecting 25 points apiece with 15 rebounds each.

The Panthers outrebounded Allen Park, 52-33.

Jim Perry led Allen Park with 17 points, followed by Tom Agardy with 15 and Mike Flood with 13.

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Georgia Tech failed to complete a pass in 10 tries against Michigan State's defense in the 1971 game at Atlanta. It was the third time since 1944 that a Spartan foe was blanked in the passing game.

Equals Mark

Wayne State University senior quarterback Mitch Ruter completed 16 passes against Hillsdale College in the 1971 season finale to equal a mark established by Bob Mistle in 1965 vs. U-Detroit.

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Farmington	3	4	0	Dearborn	5	3	0
Pontiac Northwestern	3	5	0	Plymouth	3	5	0
Waterford	1	6	0	Allen Park	3	5	0
				Belleville	2	6	0
				Edsel Ford	1	7	0
MID-WAYNE				TRI-RIVER			
Inkster	8	0	0	W L			
GC East	6	2	0	Mehandale	9	1	0
Robichaud	5	2	0	GC West	8	2	0
Fisher Center	3	4	0	Schaefer	5	5	0
Lutheran West	3	5	0	Taylor Kenney	5	5	0
Wayne	3	5	0	Southgate	4	6	0
Annapolis	0	7	0	Cherry Hill	4	6	0
				Riverside	2	8	0
				Crestwood	1	9	0
NORTHWEST SUBURBAN				WAYNE-OAKLAND			
Franklin	5	2	0	W L			
John Glenn	5	2	0	Clarkston	6	1	0
Cab Park	4	3	0	Clarencville	5	2	0
North Farmington	3	4	0	Bloom. Andover	5	2	0
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