

# Thurston Fumbles Away Bentley Game



AFTER HIS MAN — Thurston's Larry Poma has Bentley's Craig Neale in a rundown between second and third base in the opening inning. Poma got his man but Thurston lost the contest. (Observer photo)

"You can't expect to win a game when you make seven errors," said Thurston baseball Coach Emil Majeski after his Eagles dropped their opening battle to Bentley, 11 to 7.

For Bentley it was a complete turnaround from its opening defeat to Churchill, 8-0, and the Bulldogs now stand at one and one for the season. The Eagles struck first with two runs in the opening inning and added one in third to lead 3-0 going into the fifth. Bentley put together three walks and two hits and capitalized on four errors to take a 4-3 lead.

Thurston rebounded with a run in the fifth but the Bulldogs bounced back with three more in the sixth and four in the seventh to capture the victory.

Bob Couch was the winning pitcher with help from Alex Carayannopoul and Dan Vezina and Mark Miller took the Eagle loss.

With one out in the top of the fifth the tide was to change with Couch facing a double. Craig Neale walked as did Pat Perino and next followed four errors coupled with a Doug Platt single and Bentley was on top 4-3.

FRASER pounded out a solo four bagger in the bottom of the inning to notch the score at a four - all but four errors were again to come Thurston way in the top of the sixth and the Eagles were all but grounded.

Neale and Bob Deacon walked and John Gentz doubled and the Thurston defensive unit did its thing and three Bulldogs scored home to put Bentley up 7-4.

Thurston again responded with Scott Irwin doubling to right but a fine throw from Dan Archwowski cut him down advancing to third.

Larry Poma and Mike Robinson then walked and both scored on a double by Fraser and it stood 7-6 going into the final stanza.

Bentley's hitting attack came to life in the seventh with Deacon and Newell popping out singles, Perino lacing a double to right and Gentz booming out a two run triple.

THURSTON didn't say die and gave it a whirl in the bottom of the seventh. Murdock started things off with a walk, Stein was safe on an error with Murdock scoring and Ghanam and Poma walked to fill the bases with one out.

Vezina finally found the grove and struck out the next two Thurston batters to end

the rally and win the game.

Genz and Fraser were big guns in the hitting column with Gentz connecting for a single, double and triple in the Bentley assault and Fraser lashing out a single, double and homerun, in the Eagle lineup.

Thurston hosts Stevenson today (Wednesday) while Bentley travels to Franklin.

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THE EAGLES jumped off to a quick start in the first with Bill Fraser and Don Murdock connecting with singles and scoring on a long triple by leftfielder Bob Ghanam.

Mike Robinson was hit by a pitch to open the second, stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch and stole home on a sacrifice that didn't click but surprised the catcher enough to make for a Thurston run. Mark Miller fouled a third strike pitch into Pat Cannon's glove with Robinson barreling down the line, Miller was out but Robinson slid across home before the tag and the Eagles were up by three.

SAFE AT HOME — Thurston's Mike Robinson slides in ahead of the tag for an Eagle score with Bentley's catcher Pat Cannon just missing on the putout. Robinson came in on a

sacrifice play that saw Mark Miller strike out with Cannon holding onto the foul tip. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

## Glenn Tips West, Blitzes Cherry Hill

The Rockets are off the launching pad and in flight for what is shaping up to be a successful baseball campaign.

John Glenn outlasted Garden City West in a 14-inning opener, 9-5, and upped Cherry Hill behind the two hit pitching of sophomore Jeff Hodgkins, 7-0.

Coach Norm Hoenes might not have Cherie Parks at second base but does have the makings of one of the stronger ball clubs in the area.

With a good start, one has to flip back to the basketball season where Glenn blitzed up with six straight wins and then fell flat on its face but baseball is a spring sport and things are supposed to blossom instead of die.

GARDEN CITY WEST opened the Glenn clash with five quick runs off Rocket hurler Al Anderson. Jerry Hergst walked, Cliff McLellan walked, Darren McHugh was safe on an error and Bill Baker walked to score Hergst.

Roger Carlisle took over the mound chores for Glenn and Jerry Volas greeted him with a single to right scoring McLellan and McHugh. Volas

later scored when Collin was safe on another error.

Glenn rebounded with three runs in the top of the second. Russ Rayburn was safe on an error, John Lee was hit by a pitch and J.P. McBride reached first on an error scoring the first Rocket run.

ROGER SANDER singled and two more Rockets crossed the plate to make it 5-3. Glenn tied it at five - all in the top of the sixth and to follow were seven scoreless innings with each team having scoring opportunities but failing to click.

Mike Borders started the 11th inning with a walk, followed by the same to Jim Laughren and Carl Rich. Rayburn struck out and Lee was safe at first on a fielder's choice with Borders out at the plate.

Steve Kaufman then walked to bring in Laughren and McBride lashed out a single to score Rich, Lee and Kaufman and the Rockets had scored four with Kaufman containing West in the bottom of the inning for the win.

STOCKINS took the loss for West.

Rich started things off for Glenn in the Cherry Hill battle, with a single in the second inning scoring Lee who had reached base on a walk and stole second.

Lee drove in Steve Howell in the fourth and Borders singled in Sanders in the fifth to give the Rockets a 3-0 advantage.

Meanwhile Hodgkins was coasting along with a two hitter. Bob McNally singled for Cherry Hill in the first and Ted Kubiak singled in the third.

The Rockets were off and running in the sixth with four runs on five hits.

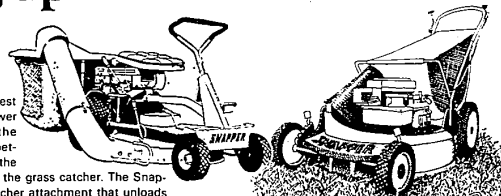
MIKE NULL opened with a single, and Lee followed with a walk. Next came three consecutive singles by Rich, Rayburn and McBride and Sanders cleared the base paths with a two run double and the Glenn attack was bubbling over.

Hodgkins retired the final four batters in a row and chalked up his first varsity win, allowing only two hits, striking out four and walking only two.

Glenn hosts GC West today (Wednesday) and travels to

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## Best Of C Vie In Country Day '72 Invitational

Some of the state's top Class C high schools will be in competition this weekend in the eighth annual Detroit Country Day track invitational.

The Saturday meet boasts 27 schools with host school Country Day the favored team. The Yellowjacket cindermen are out to defend their '71 state title.

The invitational was first won by Allendale of Rochester, N.Y., in 1965 as a private school meet. It was opened to parochial schools in '71 and this year saw it open to public schools.

The Country Day parents host athletes from out - of state teams who must travel a great distance.

COUNTRY DAY has won the meet three times, '68, '70, and '71. University School of Wisconsin has won twice in '66 and '69, and Lake Forest captured the title in '67.

University School was Class C state champion in Wisconsin last year thus pitting two state champions against one another.

The list of state schools includes: St. Agatha, St. Martin DePorres, St. Hedwig, St. Alphonsus, Holy Rosary, Orchard Lake St. Mary, Pontiac Catholic, University Liggett, Roper, Novi, Byron, Goodrich, Flint School for the Deaf, Shepard, Quincy, Homer, Maxville, Muskegon Christian and Brandon.

THE OUTSTATE SCHOOLS are: University School (Wisconsin); Wayland Academy (Wisconsin); Lake Forest (Illinois); Elgin Academy (Illinois); Grand River Academy (Ohio); Hawken School (Ohio); and LaLumiere School (Indiana).

The Country Day assault is paced by sprinter Dave Ratajack who was No. 3 in the state last year. Tom Brock who runs the 880 in 2:04 is also back in the Yellowjacket lineup as well as Bill Benmark with the same time in the 880.

Tom Rockwell ran the two mile last season in 10:17 is back again with Bob Zinkel in the 120 high hurdles and John Zinkel in the 440 yard dash.