

Bentley Bids to Tie For First in League

A pickup-three teams-atop the Suburban Six League basketball standings is in the making this week.

As matters presently stand, Allen Park leads the pack with a 4-0 record. Then come Bentley and Trenton, tied at 3-1.

If Bentley can win at Allen Park Friday evening, while Trenton triumphs at Redford Union, the three-way deadlock will have developed for the week's throne.

Bentley should be ready for its big invasion of Allen Park and, perhaps, the most crucial game of the season for the Livonians in their bid to repeat as league champs.

A defeat at Allen Park virtually would kill off the Bentley chances of taking the top slot again.

Showdown Near For Sorrows

Got down the date of Friday, Feb. 5.

That'll be showdown night in the Northwest Division of the Catholic League.

Farmington's Our Lady of Sorrows and Orchard Lake St. Mary's are due for a head-on meeting that evening at the divisional tie figures to ride on the outcome.

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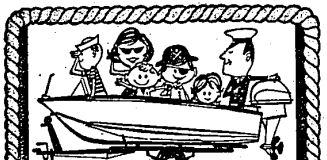
Hockey Game To Benefit City Players

In move to help amateur hockey teams in the metropolitan area, the Detroit Red Wing Alumni Association is donating the proceeds of its annual old timers game to municipalities which have an active hockey program.

Under the leadership of the Livonia Hockey Association and co-sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Department, Red Wings will play a four-team, four-team game in all eight classifications are presently playing their games on the Garden City rink in the Westland League.

Livonia's share of the proceeds of this old timers game, which will be held this year at Olympia on January 26, will be presented to Mayor Meltzer and the officers of the Livonia Hockey Association last week.

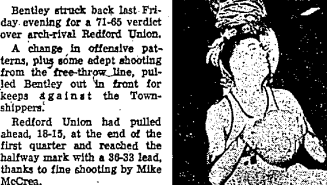
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Bentley struck back last Friday evening for a 71-65 verdict over arch-rival Redford Union.

A change in offensive pattern, plus some adept shooting from the free-throw line, pulled Bentley out in front for keeps against the Township.

Redford Union had pulled ahead, 18-15, at the end of the first quarter and reached the half with a 30-25 lead, thanks to fine shooting by Mike McCrea.

But in the third period, Bentley Coach George Fettes altered his offense. He went to more weaves in hopes it would spring a few more men open for easy jobs.

The hoped-for materialized. In addition, the Livonians hit better than most pro teams from the charity stripe with 23 out of 31 successes to Redford Union's 17 for 30.

Two free ones by Gary Faulk at 8:53 of the third period enabled Bentley to go ahead, 43-41, and the Livonians never trailed the rest of the way.

Brian Jenner paced Sorrows with 11 baskets and five free throws for 27 points. Mike Kearney scored 34 points, Mike Bars 11, Tim Doyle six, and Mark Jenner three.

Losses such as this one come in the game.

However, a split of free throws by Bill Swift and a basket by Nick Bender quickly eased the pressure for Bentley and the Livonians went on to gain their ultimate state title.

Fred Matveia and Franka were the scoring heroes in the last half for Bentley. Matveia had 12 points and Franka three periods while Faulk made seven free throws. Newton caught five hoops in the second half to keep Redford Union in contention.

Bender with 18 points and Matveia with 16 paced the Bentley attack. Newton had 19 for individual game honors.

Bentley's reserves had no trouble roaring to a 65-30 victory. St. Mary's notched three baskets and eight free throws for 14 points to top the winners. Greg Coleman was a close second with six baskets for 12 points.

The Bentley-Redford Union varsity box score:

	Bentley	Redford Union
Varsity	B P F	B P F
Doyle	11	11
Swift	11	11
Kearney	34	34
Jenner	27	27
Faulk	12	12
Newton	19	19
TOTALS	237	213
Shots	33	33
Free Throws	23	23
Rebounds	50	50
Minutes	34	34

R. Union Clobbers Franklin

The one-two punch of Al Malbach and Mike McCrea brought Redford Union high school basketball team a 68-58 win over Franklin in a non-league Saturday night game.

Malbach struck for 22 points and McCrea 21 as Redford Union took early command and never trailed by less than 10 points in the second half.

Eight of Malbach's points came in the first period when he came in with six to shoot 12, 11 into a 19-11 edge. By halftime it was 42-29 for the Townshipers despite the fact Franklin had notched 14 out of 15 from the charity line before the intermission.

Sam Antonazzo ripped the cords for 18 points to top the losers.

In the reserve game, Franklin overpowered Redford Union, 62-37.

The varsity game box score:

	R. Union	Franklin
Varsity	B P F	B P F
Malbach	22	22
McCrea	21	21
Newton	19	19
Bierle	12	12
Kearney	11	11
Doyle	6	6
Jenner	3	3
Faulk	2	2
TOTALS	95	62
Shots	33	33
Free Throws	23	23
Rebounds	50	50
Minutes	34	34

LEAGUE OPENINGS

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Rocks Beat Farmington

Charities Decisive At Finish

Coach Charles Ketterer had to be proud of his Plymouth high basketball team Saturday night.

Down by 15 points after one quarter, the Rocks struck back to beat Farmington, 56-53 in an overtime, non-league battle in the Farmington gym.

Paced by Mike Wilson, John Olander and Roy Leach, Farmington took its wide command in the first period as Plymouth was held to two baskets and one free throw.

Matters began to reverse themselves in the second period. The Rocks outscored Farmington, 15-4.

It was pretty much the same way in the third period. With Jim Lake pacing Plymouth, the Rocks moved in front, 43-37, after three quarters.

Farmington, however, fought back in the final period. Some eight seconds remained when Wilson sunk the shot that forced the action into an overtime.

In the extra period, Plymouth did all its scoring at the free throw line. Gary Grady made three charities and Leach two. The Farmington overtime production was restricted to just one hoop... by Wilson.

Lake finished with 14 points for the winners, while Grady had 13 and Dave Tidwell 11. Wilson with 15 paced the losers. Leach had 12 and Olander 11.

Farmington's reserves triumphed, 56-49, with Ames making 12 points and Kikka and Wirtz 11 each. Joe Laubman notched 12 for Plymouth.

	Plymouth	Farmington
Varsity	B P F	B P F
Lake	14	14
Grady	13	13
Tidwell	11	11
Wilson	15	15
Leach	12	12
Olander	11	11
Ames	12	12
Kikka	12	12
Wirtz	11	11
Laubman	12	12
TOTALS	115	105
Shots	33	33
Free Throws	23	23
Rebounds	50	50
Minutes	34	34

Between a bad start and poor rebounding, Farmington's basketball team proved an easy foe for Walled Lake last Friday night in the Interlakes Conference.

Farmington managed only six points on two baskets and two free throws in the first period and had to settle for just 12 points in the second period.

The slow beginning dropped Farmington eight points behind at half time and Walled Lake went on to score a 56-44 victory.

As for rebounding, Coach Jack Quigley's team managed only 11 for the entire game at both ends of the court.

Sophomore Greg Dorow tossed in 12 points on four baskets and five free throws to top Farmington. Roy Leach was next with five baskets and two charities for 12 points.

John Olander scored 10, Mike Wilson eight and Steve Moore one for the losers.

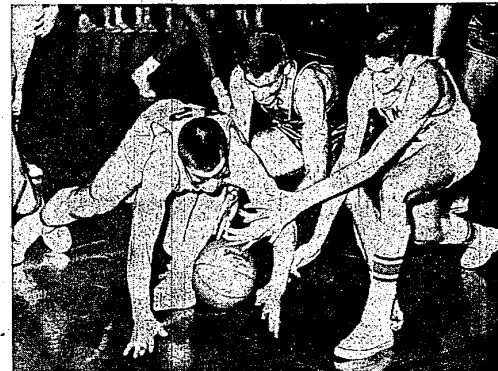
Transferred in A.F.

Douglas Dix, son of Harry T. Dix, of 18250 Westmore, via volia, has completed his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Dix has been transferred to Sheppard Air Force Base, also in Texas. He is being given specialist training in aircraft maintenance.

Heavyweight — Mike Coles, won on decision.

Gunderlock, Raymond, Oak, Roberts and Coles all scored pins in the meet against Groves. It marked the fourth time this season that Coles had pinned his foe. He gained two victories in his other two meets.

Jim Dragon (103 pounds), Dan Vartanian and Sharbach fustled North Farmington victories on decisions. Campbell, Geha, Allen and Wycinski suffered defeats.



WILD SCRAMBLE: Roy Leach loose ball in prep battle. Plymouth (left) and Greg Dorow (right) of Farmington fight Plymouth's Gary Grady for.

College Swimmer Big Star

Dave Zabel, a former Bentley high star, covered himself with honors for Schoolcraft College's swimming team last Friday evening.

Zabel won three events against the Wayne University Junior Varsity, which emerged as the overall meet winner, 62-30.

He belted speed to victories in the 100-yard free style, the 200-yard free style and the 500-yard free style races.

Bill Patterson accounted for the only other win for Schoolcraft, which this Saturday night will entertain Grand Rapids Junior College and Oakland University in a triangular meet at Franklin high at 7:30 p.m.

Schoolcraft's basketball team, meantime, was run off the floor at Port Huron Junior College. The final score was 127-51 in favor of the hosts.

At one stage of the first half, Schoolcraft was outscored, 34-4. At halftime, the score showed Port Huron in the lead, 66-19.

Jerry Kisheth accounted for more than half of the Schoolcraft points as he finished with 32.

The Schoolcraft eagles were to meet Detroit Business University Tuesday night at Plymouth high and then face Lake Michigan College from Benton Harbor Saturday night at Plymouth high.

So far, Schoolcraft is yet to register its first win in basketball.

St. Agatha Set To Play Again

After enjoying 11 days of rest, St. Agatha high school basketball team resumed action last night at Orchard Lake St. Mary's. St. Agatha also has a Friday night game booked at Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows.

The regular season ends next week for the Catholic League teams.

OBSERVER SPORTS

By George Maskin

PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER — Bumped into Livonia's Red Herbert the other evening at the Pistons' game.

Ray once plucked for the Detroit Tigers and more recently worked for the Chicago White Sox. Next season will find Ray on the staff of the Philadelphia Phillies, the team which blew the National League pennant last fall in the final week.

Herbert is looking forward to his " Trek" to the other league.

"I think I still have a few years of major league pitching left in my arm," declared Herbert.

A change in loopy can help, Herbert knows. Maybe he thought turns to Jim Bunning, who had some tough days with the Detroit Tigers until they swapped him to the Phillies in 1964. All of sports is familiar with the Bunning story with the Phils — at least until that fatal, closing week.

Herbert has one regret about leaving the American League. "When I was with the Chisox and before that Kansas City, I was always able to get home three or four times during the season," declared Herbert. "That'll be out now with the Phillies."

ENTHUSIASM CONTINUES to grow hereabouts in high school wrestling.

Both Farmington senior high schools sponsor mat teams. So do Redford Union, Clarencville, Thurston, Bentley and Franklin.

The "beauty" of wrestling is that the smaller boy, physically speaking, who otherwise probably wouldn't find a spot for himself in varsity competition in football or basketball or baseball, is able to vie against a rival of similar stature.

Prep wrestling, if you didn't know is nothing like the so-called sport of wrestling that one sees on television or in places like Cobo Arena or Olympia.

The schoolboys divert to the scientific aspects of the sports. The dirty stuff is out. So is the acting... and some other phases of the professional promotion like "building up" a new favorite who can lure in the fans.

We might recommend that Brian Martini and Ray Lane, the men who handle the sports on new Channel 50, consider some high school wrestling matches as part of their future programming.

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