

Farmington Bows to Bentley, Then Clips N. Farmington

Rocks Suffer 2 Reversibles

The basketball season for Farmington high started like the football campaign ended. The Rocks suffered a pair of setbacks last weekend on the hardwood courts, bowing in an overtime thriller to Walled Lake, 77-75, and then to powerful Fordson, 55-46. (The Rocks didn't win in eight games during the recent football season.)

Despite the two setbacks, coach Bearup had reason to show cheer in his debut as Plymouth's new capo coach.

With a break or two, the Rocks might have beaten Walled Lake.

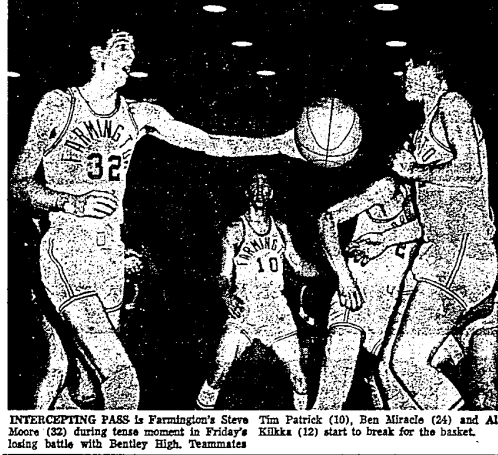
Bearup was impressed with his team's final period comeback in which they outscored Walled Lake, 24-13 as Mike Stakus and Jim Scharmen led the way.

Only a second showed on the clock, when a Scharmen basket tied the score at 53-53 and forced the proceedings into an extra three-minute session.

Walled Lake jumped up by four points in overtime

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INTERCEPTING PASS is Farmington's Steve Tim Patrick (10), Ben Miracle (24) and Al Moore (32) during tense moment in Friday's Rocks battle with Bentley High. Teammates

FOR RU CAGERS

No Beefs After Defeat

There were no complaints by coach Milo Karhu after his Bedford Union high basketball team had bowed to Southfield, 73-68, last Friday night in the season's opener.

"Sure we wanted to win," said Karhu. "And that's our goal all the time. But I was really surprised by the fine showing our team turned in."

"Remember that Southfield was the runnerup last year for the state Class A title. We have pretty much of a young team."

"We were rather sloppy in the first half, but we were a much different and improved team in the second half. That's what has to satisfy a coach. We were right in there all the way against Southfield."

With just two minutes to go, Bedford Union held a slender one-point lead. Ted Simmons then hit for four free throws in the remaining time to help pull the Southfield team out in front.

Mixed opportunities hurt Bedford Union, especially at the free-throw line, where the game was decided.

Bedford Union had a 27-21 edge from the floor in baskets. But in charities, it was 31 out of 40 for Southfield to 14 out of 27 for RU.

"We just stuffed too many times when we could have had an one-and-one situation," declared Karhu.

RU led 18-17 after one quarter, trailed 41-34 at halftime, but pulled even at 56-56 by the end of the third period. The score then shifted several times before Southfield put together its final rush.

Leland Bjerkie with seven baskets and seven free throws for 21 points topped the losers. Doug Mach notched 15 points, Ron Bauer 13, Bill Arnold 10, Randy Malby five and Carl Ruchbauer four.

The RU reserves lost by a 57-28 score.

Friday night, it's RU hosting Trenton, the defending Suburban Six League champs.

Lowrey Pressed By Garden City East

Dearborn Lowrey had too much size and experience for Garden City East's high school basketball team last Friday night.

The net result was a 70-59 conquest for Lowrey.

However, Coach Bill Young of East was happy the way his team performed.

"We're so much of players with game experience," declared Young. "Yet, we held them well in check."

Although East has four seniors on the varsity, only one played very much a year ago.

Lowrey took command, 19-13, after one quarter and held a 33-24 halftime edge. It was 53-37 after three quarters.

Paul Kightlinger was the big

gun for East with 25 points. He meshed seven baskets and 11 free throws. Joe Huber canned eight hoops for 16 more East points.

Other East scorers were Carl Glaser with eight, Mike Conyer and Norb Podwinski with four each and Harvey Klinghoffer with two.

Doug Whitley had 21 for the winners. Joe Gary 18 and Bill Fox 16.

East's reserves also wound up losing as Walled Blacks scored nine points for high honors.

East goes to Riverview Friday and entertains Garden City West next Tuesday.

D. Galehouse Joins Tigers Scouting Staff

Denny Galehouse, former major league pitcher, has been signed as a scout by the Detroit Tigers.

Don Lund, director of minor league operations and scouting, said Galehouse, a resident of Dayton, Ohio, will cover Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

For the past 14 years he has served as a scout for the Boston Red Sox, signing among others Frank Baumann, Glenn Celeno and Ken McEneaney, all of whom went to the big leagues.

Thurston Routs Foe In Opener

Who says there's no defense in basketball?

Thurston high's cagers showed plenty of it last Friday in drubbing Cherry Hill, 75-44, in the season opener.

Coach Mike Pasternak had his Thurston forces apply the press to Cherry Hill right from the start.

"The result was that Thurston outscored Cherry Hill, 31-10, in the first period and the game never was close the rest of the way."

Even when Pasternak substituted, the Thurston defense glittered. Cherry Hill was held to ten points in the second period and just eight in the third session.

Gary Knack, Randy Samelson and Don Block paced the quick Thurston explosion. Knack rifled in 11 points and his two mates seven each during the first period of action.

Thereafter, Pasternak gave his second and third-stringers a chance to show their stuff.

The regulars came back briefly in the third period for a few moments more of work as Pasternak tried to get them ready for this Friday night's league opener against John Glenn.

Eleven of the Thurston players broke into the scoring column. Block led with 11 baskets and three fouls for 25 points. Knack had 24-11 and Samelson 4-2-10.

Red Bannister checked for size. Bob's star guard Gary Schmitz, Gary Smith and Tim Payne for four each; Dan Morgan three and Norge Stefanski and Barry Samelson two apiece. Barry is the brother of Randy.

Fouls Kill Franklin

It was simple to figure out why Franklin high's basketball team lost its season's opener to Wayne, 65-52, last Saturday night.

The Livonians had no trouble winning the battle of the foul count. Franklin held a 23-20 advantage in this department.

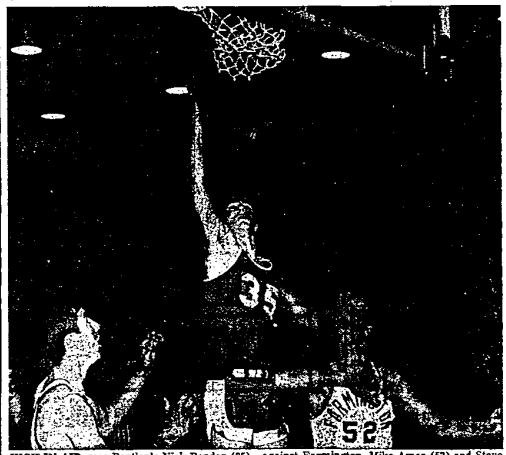
But matters were much different in the free-throw department.

Wayne cashed 53 charities in 33 attempts. Franklin, meanwhile, made only six out of 17.

"I didn't realize we were fouling so much," said Coach John Hartig after the game was over.

Franklin stayed close most of the way. The Livonians lagged, 18-37, after the first quarter; 25-31 at halftime and 47-45 at the three-quarter mark after momentarily going in front, 45-44 late in the third period.

A poor final period didn't help Franklin either. The Livonians managed only seven (Continued on Page 3-B)



HIGH IN AIR goes Bentley's Nick Bender (35) against Farmington. Mike Ames (32) and Steve Moore (32) move in to try to get the ball.

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

Day-by-day in the week of a typewriter pounder: SUNDAY—You hate to see the moment arrive when middle son (Douglas) must jump aboard an airplane and head back to school in the east. . . . He goes . . . and you head for the task at hand. . . . The Pistons meeting the Los Angeles Lakers. . . . Fred Schaus, the Lakers' coach, drops into the office and passes along the information that Elgin Baylor won't be able to play. . . . that Baylor is being sent home and that the Lakers aren't certain just when their great forward will return to action. (The next day it was announced Baylor would be inactive at least three weeks because of a knee injury) . . . You can tell by the look on Schaus' face that he's very concerned. . . . Baylor's loss would be keenly felt by the entire National Basketball Association, not only just the Lakers. It's rather tragic that such a great career stands in jeopardy of being cut short.

MONDAY—Larry Joiner, the able coach of Bentley high's unbeaten-undefeated football team, is on the phone. "Please do me a favor," says Joiner. "Somehow, when you (in the Observer) listed the All Suburban Six League football team, the name of Bob Elmer was missing. The Detroit News left him off, too." Bob was picked by all the coaches in the league. He was an unanimous choice for the all-league team. Bob certainly deserved the honor. He made those big and vital gains for us. He played defense and offense. He was truly an all-around football player." Coach, we're only too happy to correct an oversight.

TUESDAY—Talked with Mary Ganz of Schoolcraft College. "We're moving right along with our athletic program here," said Ganz. "We should have a good basketball team, now that the fellows have a year of experience under their belts. The team is especially looking forward to playing down at Cobo Arena on Jan. 12 against Dearborn's Henry Ford College." Schoolcraft's big problem at present is the lack of its own home for sports activities.

WEDNESDAY—Lunch at the Detroit Sports Broadcasters Association's weekly get-together. U. of D.'s Bob Calihan delivers the principal address. "I'm happy that for the first time in my coaching career at U. of D. (over 15 years), we have a team comprised of starters all from the Detroit area. This has to prove a point. . . . that basketball in the Greater Detroit area has improved tremendously in the high schools. We're not the only beneficiaries. It's the same at Michigan, Michigan State, Western Michigan, etc. Why, the improved high school teams? I'd say there are several reasons. The schools have better and finer facilities for athletics. . . . like beautiful and roomy gyms which give the students a chance to play basketball the way it should be played. Then, too, the coaches are more learned. They spend more time preparing themselves. They attend more clinics and more lectures. And, finally, the summer high school leagues have helped prep basketball." Summer high school basketball? Yep, it's legal in Michigan. How does that make the prep football coaches, who are nailed over the head if they try and "steal" an extra day of practice? We've said it before and repeat—it doesn't make sense.

THURSDAY—Over the river to the new Windsor Raceway as guests of General Manager Sid Anton and Publicist Jack Riggs. Honestly, we never expected to see such a beautiful spot. It was an evening well not forget in quite sometime. You have to rub your eyes to make certain that you really are seeing what you are. . . . as you dine in the swank clubhouse stretched along the track. The rain made no difference to the track at Windsor. The special substance used in erecting the oval assures that it'll never be muddy. Snow (Continued on Page 3-B)

Key Tilt Early for Trojans

The "key" game comes early next Friday evening for Clarenceville high's basketball team.

At least that's the opinion of Trojan coach Bob McKillop whose forces lost to Milford, 70-78, last Friday in a Wayne-Oakland League game and then bounced back 24 hours later to trim Crestwood, 61-47, in a non-league.

"We have a team which should tell very soon and be a power," says McKillop. "If we could get past Northville, I think we'll figure prominently in the league race."

McKillop liked the fact in the first two games that he was able to substitute without hurting matters too much.

He used 12 players against strong Milford and nine produced points in the Crestwood tilt. Nine of the 14 Clarenceville players produced points.

Milford took a 41-28 halftime lead and stayed on top the rest of the way.

Jim Amick turned in a brilliant effort for the losers. He earned 12 out of 16 shots from the floor, plus three free throws for 27 points.

Fred Neal was the only other Clarenceville player to hit in double figures, making 11.

Chris Hawkins, the football star, was the top scorer against Crestwood with 19 points, getting nine on foul shots. Neal followed with 16.

Milford's reserves won over Clarenceville, 50-44, as the losers' Art Leland scored 44. Brian Kent meshed 10 to pace Clarenceville past Crestwood reserves, 41-35.

Bentley Cops Two on Mat

Bentley High's wrestling team is off and running on the right foot.

The Livonians beat Northville, 29-12, and then clipped Fordson, 27-17.

Five Bentley matmen scored victories in both the meets. Jim Thomas (85 pounds), Rod Wilbur (105) and Bill Douglas (heavyweight) each triumphed twice by pinning their foes. Dave Reagan (135) and Brian Guyle (154) came through with a pair of decisions.

Marine Graduate Means Per Dick T. Gort, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Gort, 32730 Norfolk, Livonia, has graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

Bentley Paced by Matevia

A fast start for Bentley. . . a happy ending for the weekend for Farmington. . . a not so gay time for North Farmington.

That was the first round of action, basketball speaking, for three of the area's stronger basketball teams.

Bentley, bidding to move 'em down again, took care of Farmington, 66-59, Friday night, as North Farmington lost a heartbreaker to Kettering, 58-57.

Then on Saturday, Farmington made it three straight over arch-rival North Farmington by a 69-55 score.

This is how the three games went:

BENTLEY-FARMINGTON Bentley jumped off to a 23-5 lead by the end of the first quarter and stayed in front the rest of the way.

Fred Matevia dropped in ten points to lead the quick Bentley assault while the Livonians held the Farmington shooters to just a pair of baskets and a free throw.

Farmington righted matters some in the second period with a 21-point effort to just ten for Bentley. But Bentley was able to hang on the rest of the way and hold off any further attempt by Farmington to cut into the Bentley command.

Matevia finished with 25 points on ten baskets and five charities. Nick Bender had 18 and Bob Elmer made a quick transition from football and clipped in with 11 points.

Lorenz and Schultz had shot Farmington out in front with six and five points, respectively, in the opening period.

It was Dorow with 12 and Wilson with nine in Farmington's attack drive.

Wilson and Dorow accounted for 51 of the victors' points. Wilson dropped 28 points on 10 baskets and six charities. Dorow made 18 hoops plus five free throws for 25 points.

Lorenz with 18 and Schultz with 12 topped the losers.

North Farmington's reserves took the measure of both Kettering, 64-39 and Farmington, 66-37, as Mark Fowler led the way with 22 and 19 points, respectively.

Mike Wilson had 18 for Farmington, making four baskets and ten from the charity stripe. Mike Ames clicked for seven baskets and 14 points while Gregory Dorow wound up with 13 points.

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