

Franklin Jolts N. Farmington

A runaway for Thurston... a ding-dong verdict for Franklin.

This was round one in North-west Suburban League basketball play last Friday night.

Franklin, outlasted North Farmington in what amounted to an upset, 63-61, while Thurston literally bombed John Glenn, 92-52.

You couldn't ask for a game much closer than the Franklin-North Farmington battle.

After Franklin jumped ahead, 19-14, after one quarter section North Farmington, the team picked by the experts to fight it out with Groves for the title, North Farmington rebounded to tie the score at 31-31 at half time.

It was still deadlocked after three quarters—the score reading 51 each.

And the deadlock continued throughout most of the final quarter before a basket by Dale Lee with 35 seconds left finally put Franklin in front for keeps.

In the final stanza, defense dominated. Franklin made only two baskets and eight free throws. North Farmington was held to four hoops and two charities.

This was another of those games where practicing free throws paid off with handsome dividends.

From the floor, North Farmington had a wide edge, canning 25 baskets. This was five more than Franklin.

At the charity line, Franklin swept in 23 against only 11 for the losers.

The winners had four players in double figures. Ray Porter and Lee each had 15 points, with seven of Lee's coming on free tosses.

Al Jose clipped in six hoops and two charities while Carl Gulbranson was "deadend" on foul shots making ten along with one basket for 12 points.

Paul Katsch with five and Tom Betch with two free ones rounded out the Franklin scoring.

Rick Lorenz was the big noise for North Farmington. He had 22 points with 10 baskets and two charities. Rick Schultz was second for North Farmington with 5-3-13, while Bill Bowles shot in five baskets for 10 points.

Bob Carly had six points, Roger Schulte 4, Jim Rulapugh 3, John Bye two and Gary Etlug one for North Farmington.

The North Farmington reserves did what the varsity couldn't accomplish. They beat Franklin, 44-31.

Thurston had no problems against inexperienced Glenn.

where varsity basketball was introduced only a year ago.

Thurston rolled ahead, 26-12, after one quarter and led, 55-33, by halftime. This gave Thurston coach Mike Pastermak a chance to use his entire squad and all 13 of his performers broke into the scoring column.

The lead was Bob Wardrop with 15 points, followed by Gary Knock with 12 and Gary Schulte with 10.

Other Thurston scoring: Bob Szymanski and Randy Samelak 8; Don Block, 5; Dan Morgan, 7; Roger Steffen, 9; Reg Barringer, 7; Barry Simescu, 4; Tim Payne and Gary Smith, 2; and Doug Hay, one.

Lorenz Wells with 15 and Tom Stafford with 13 headed the Glenn scorers. Lennie Anderson scored seven, Dennis Jackson and Nelson Ellison five each and Bill Bable four.

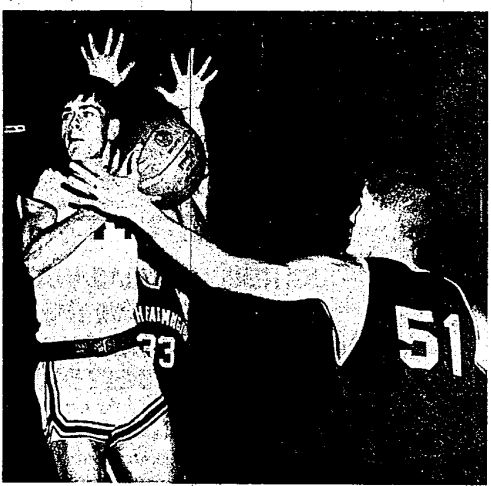
Glenn scored 17 of its 33 points in the first half on foul shots.

Earlier in the week Glenn had no trouble roaring past Huron, 74-37, in a non-league as Wells struck for 27 points and Anderson followed with 16.

Thurston also tied in a non-leaguer, but was tripped up by Assumption, 58-50, despite 14-point efforts by Knock and Block.

The Thurston reserves have won three straight. After beating Cherry Hill a week ago, they added Assumption, 53-38, and Glenn, 71-34, to the list of their victims.

Don Parker's 16 points led against Assumption. Gary May had 12 Jim Lay's nine and Urban Rice eight to help club Glenn.



HANDS UP in all directions as Rick Schultz (51) and Rick Lorenz (33) of North Farmington battle Franklin's Carl Gulbranson for the ball. Franklin won the game in a thriller to spring an upset.

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OFF THEY GO as area swimmers vie in annual Suburban Relays at Plymouth high school. All events were held as relays. Trenton high took team honors without much trouble.

Relays to Trenton

Thurston and Bentley each came through with one victory apiece Saturday evening in the annual Suburban Relays swimming carnival at Plymouth High School.

Overall team honors, as expected, went to Trenton with 80 points. Edsel Ford of Dearborn was second with 46, followed by Allen Park 24.

Bentley took third with 23. Thurston had 28, Redford Union 20, Franklin and Belleville 14 each, Plymouth 10 and Wayne and Ypsilanti four each. John Glenn high didn't score a point.

All events were staged as relays. Thurston's win came in the 200-yard breast stroke. Bentley's in the individual medley. How area relay teams placed:

400-yard medley: 2—Thurston (Harris, Olson, Zeeb, Hudson); 3—Bentley (D. Schreiber, Stewart, Palmer, N. Schreiber); 400-yard free style: 4—Plymouth (Saxton, Wolf, Brady, Cord); 5—Bentley (Bassett, Reimer, Guthrie, Shaw); 200-yard breast stroke: 1—Thurston (Smith, Barringer, Olson, Long); 2—Franklin (Zelek, Watkins, Howell, Bates); 4—Bentley (Hudson, Reimer, Marshall, Stewart); 200-yard back stroke: 2—Bentley (Donaldson, Palmer, J. Schreiber, Roguski); 3—Plymouth (Skinner, Wolf, Norman, Withoff); 200-yard butterfly: 3—Redford Union (Favor, Glaser, Halton, Rice); Diving: 3—Redford Union

(Clancy and Schoenfeld); 4—Thurston (Mossall and Haight); 5—Franklin (Gist and Swick).

400-yard individual medley: 1—Bentley (Bassett, Trembath, Donaldson, Roguski); 2—Redford Union (Favor, Glaser, Halton, Rice); 200-yard medley: 2—Franklin (Kingsbury, Zelek, Barkley, Arnold); 200-yard free style: 5—Thurston (Hudson, Craven, Keith, McDown); 200-yard back stroke: 2—Bentley (Donaldson, Palmer, J. Schreiber, Roguski); 3—Plymouth (Skinner, Wolf, Norman, Withoff); 200-yard butterfly: 3—Redford Union (Favor, Glaser, Halton, Rice); Diving: 3—Redford Union

Trojans Nipped at The Finish

Nothing is rougher than losing a game by one point.

The difference might as well be ten or 100.

It's still a setback.

Which is the way the Clarencville high basketballers felt last Friday night after falling to Northville, 58-57.

This was a big game for Clarencville. A win would make the Trojans 1-1 in the Wayne Oakland League. Now they're 0-2.

However, coach Bob McKillop of Clarencville wasn't discouraged.

"I was proud of the way our boys played," he said.

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Rocks, Bentley Triumph RU Loses Loop Debut

When an athletic team shows improvement from one week to the next, a coach smiles.

When a team improves and also wins... well, a coach feels like doing a dance.

So it went last Friday night for Coach Dick Bearup of Plymouth high's basketballers. His team had dropped two games the weekend before to get his varsity-coaching debut off on the wrong foot.

But last Friday, Plymouth shelled Belleville, 65-57, to start its Suburban Six League chase in high gear.

At the same time, Bentley dropped Allen Park, 77-70, while Trenton outduelled Redford Union, 67-50, in other league encounters.

Plymouth jumped off to a flying start, outscoring Belleville, 22-9, in the first quarter as Mike Stables led the upstart with 12 points.

Thereafter, the Rocks held command—by 14 points (55-41) at the halftime break and 11 points (51-40) at three quarters—despite the fact they ran into foul troubles and eventually three starters left early because of five personals.

Bearup was especially proud of the Plymouth defense. Belleville was held to only 13 field goals in the game.

"Our kids forced them to shoot from the outside," exclaimed Bearup. "This meant Belleville wasn't getting the easy shots."

Stables was among those in foul trouble. After his fine start, he had to sit out most of the second period after drawing his third personal. By the time he returned, he had "cooled off," some and made only 11 points the rest of the way to finish with 23, high for event.

Rick Jones was the only other Plymouth player to score in double figures. He made 12.

Plymouth's next game came through on top, 43-33.

Bentley opened its bid for title honors with a second-half outburst that fell Allen Park, after the Parkers led, 39-37, at the intermission.

The Bentley team produced a lopsided attack in the strong finish. Gary Faulk scored six points to lead Bentley in the third period when the Livonia reserves rolled ahead, 37-40.

It was Bentley's third win in as many starts with Plymouth coming up this Friday and then River Rouge next Wednesday.

Just as gratifying to coach George Fettes is the fact Bentley has scored all of its 33 points so far on the road. Bentley doesn't play at home until entertaining Rouge.

Fred Matevici topped the victory with 13 baskets and one free throw for 27 points. Then came Faulks with 19 points, nine on free throws with seven of his charity successes coming in the last period to keep Allen Park from moving in front.

Bob Ekner, the football player at Garden City East, showed he can do a job, too, in basketball. He had five baskets and two charities for 20 points.

Kent Bowman scored seven points, Mike Bender five, Greg Coleman four and Andy Sommerman three for the victors.

Gary Phillips tossed in 16 for the losers.

Trenton, favored to battle it out for the league flag with Bentley, won a wide-scoring affair from Redford Union.

With the two teams combining for 167 points... this meant that points were bouncing through at a rate of better than five per minute.

High schools play eight minute periods. Four of them.

Joy For West; East 'Cries'

It was a happy start in the basketball way for Garden City West last Friday—a 78-50 romp against Kennedy.

But for Garden City East's cagers, there was only heart-break.

After East had staged a dramatic comeback to go ahead in the last minute, Bruce Little of Riverview tossed in an 18-footer with just six seconds left to go and his team tipped East, 65-47.

Both East and West staged stirring finishes.

East trailed, 47-46, after the third period finished, but with Joe Huber, Carl Glaser and Paul Kightlinger leading the way, East finally got going.

With 24 seconds remaining, Huber made a big basket to tie the score at 66-66. He was fouled and calmly calmly dropped in the charity and now East was in front, 67-66.

Hysteria prevailed.

Riverview worked the ball, but couldn't get in close. East was fighting with everything it had.

The ball went to Little, who literally popped one in desperation.

Bingo!

Little wonder, some around East cried.

One thing East learned out of the game. It will have to improve on its free-throw shooting.

With any decent success at the charity line, East would have topped its Mid-Western League debut in a breeze. East had 30 charity chances and made only 11.

East nonetheless stayed close. It was 11-10 for Riverview after the first quarter and 20-23 at halftime.

Huber and Kightlinger topped the East scorers with 24 and 23 points, respectively. Each made nine baskets. Glaser followed with 14 points. Mike Conyer had four and Norb Podowski two.

The East reserves won, 43-37, as Bob Kalinowski scored 16. West High had to outscore Kennedy, 28-13, in the final period to pull away to an easy win.

The West team had started fast and led, 15-9, after one quarter and, 38-22, by halftime.

Then a big third period enabled Kennedy to knot the score at 52-52 and finally go ahead, 54-52.

But West was equal to the occasion.

Led by guards Gary Slade and Jim Mincey, West dominated the rest of the way. Slade had 12 of his 27 points in the last quarter while Mincey tossed in eight points in the last eight minutes.

West made good use of a man-to-man defense. With quick hands, the West defenders came through with several steals and turned the alertness into baskets.

After Slade's 27 points, Ford Simpson had 13 and Bob Gamache 11. To Arvid was held to six, well under his 20-point average of a year ago.

Sophomore-center Gary Robinson was the varsity, leading scorer and Bill Johnston chimed in with two.

The West reserves weren't as fortunate as the varsity. Leading, 33-40, as Greg Conyer took honors in a falling cause.

Victory Finally for Stevenson

After two defeats, Stevenson high finally has notched its first basketball victory.

Livonia's newest school is playing an all-reserve schedule this season, but will make a bid for honors next spring in the varsity.

After bowing to Bentley, 49-40, and Redford Union, 57-39, Stevenson took the measure of the Southfield reserves, 66-64, last Friday night.

Jim Olson scored 20 points and Paul Pender 12 for the winners.

In the Bentley game, Stevenson was held to only two free throws in the second period. Olson again was high, this time with 12.

The Redford Union game saw Stevenson limited to three baskets in the first half. Olson finished as the team's scoring leader with 10 points.

Stevenson doesn't play again until Dec. 28 when it meets the Ypsilanti reserves.

DUFFYISM OF THE WEEK—Minutes after Michigan State completed a perfect football campaign, Coach Duffy Daugherty was asked if it was his finest season. His reply—"Well, I think you could say it's one of the best starts we've had in recent years."

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

Putting one word after another—North Farmington high school's gymnastic team is going "big time" next Friday evening.

The Raiders will perform at halftime of the Detroit Pistons-Boston Celtics National Basketball Association game at Cobo Arena.

Gymnastics is a new sport on the interscholastic scene. North Farmington is one of the few teams hereabouts to sponsor such a team.

It's another of those fine activities which afford a great many preps a chance to perform... and it makes no difference whether they're boys and girls.

For Friday's exhibition, only the gentlemen will perform.

Another prep sport invading the southern part of Michigan is skiing.

The availability of ski areas within an hour's ride of most schools in the district figures to prompt several to take the forward step within a year ago.

Skiing also is a sport for boys and girls. If you didn't know it, they hold lower and upper peninsula state meets in Michigan every year.

The Detroit News also stages a big prep ski meet every year... providing the heavens let loose with some snow.

On the subject of schoolboy sports, did you know that wrestling has attained major status in Michigan?

The mat activity has caught on in a big way at virtually all of the schools hereabouts... and you'll find crackerjack teams at such schools as Thurston, Bentley, Farmington and Garden City East.

The "beauty" of wrestling is that it makes no difference how big or how small a boy is physically. He can weigh 95 pounds or 250. There's always an opponent for him in his weight and physical bracket.

Fan interest in wrestling also is in the upswing. Most matches draw several hundred.

As we've said before in this column, schoolboy wrestling is nothing like what you see on television when Dick the Bruiser or the Mad Russian act.

The preps go through skillful moves for which they are awarded appropriate points. There are falls and pins in prep wrestling, but not because they are "dictated" from the promoter's office.

Doug Webster of Royal Oak Kimball high school, the hottest item in high school swimming in Michigan this year, is the son of Bud Webster, the very popular and successful football coach at Farmington's Our Lady of Sorrows High School.

Athletic Director Jack Cotton of Farmington tells us there's every hope that next spring's election will make it possible for both Farmington and North Farmington high schools to get swimming pools within a couple of years.

The two schools are the exception, rather than the rule, when it comes to lacking swimming facilities.

If you missed the item on this page a few weeks back, Livonia's new Stevenson high school will enter the Interlakes Athletic Conference starting next fall. Stevenson will be matched against Farmington, Waterford, Walled Lake and Pontiac Northern. It's likely the loop will add a sixth team in a year or two.

Pleasant thought: The day after New Year's on Miami Beach with the Pistons for their game with the San Francisco Warriors.

Never saw the pro cagers as excited about a single game as both the Pistons and Warriors are about going to Florida.

Members of both teams besieged us at Cobo Arena the other day about making certain a hotel on the beach was secured for the occasion.

"Gotta enjoy that sunshine," said Guy Rodgers, the great guard of the Warriors.

You'd think one game or one trip wouldn't mean that much to a band of athletes who in the course of a year travel coast to coast several times and upwards of 50,000 miles.

Just take a peep at the Pistons' schedule for this holiday period.

They were in New York Tuesday night... back home, Friday night against Boston... at Baltimore Saturday night against the Bulls.

Home Sunday through Tuesday afternoon when they're off to San Francisco, Sacramento and Los Angeles... Then it's Toledo, Detroit and Fort Wayne... before a hop to Baltimore, Miami Beach, Dayton and Toledo.

Flyers Triumph Over Nankin Township

The Farmington Flyers juve-18-to-19-year-old team. Sean nile hockey team blanked Nankin Township 11-0 in an exhibition game on the Garden City each followed by Tom Schlack Municipal Park. The Flyers are and Tim Audette with two each made up of players in the 16 and Dick Bayer tallied once.

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FRIDAY'S GAMES

Redford Union at Belleville Bentley at Plymouth Thurston at Farmington Franklin at Oak Park Glenn at North Farmington Clarencville at Brighton Taylor at Garden City East Crestwood at Garden City West Farmington at East Detroit St. John at St. Agatha

MONDAY'S GAMES

Sorrento at Orchard Lake St. Mary's

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

River Rouge at Bentley (Varsity games start at 8 p.m.)