

STOPS UNBEATEN WAYS OF TRENTON

Bentley 'Sits on Top of World'

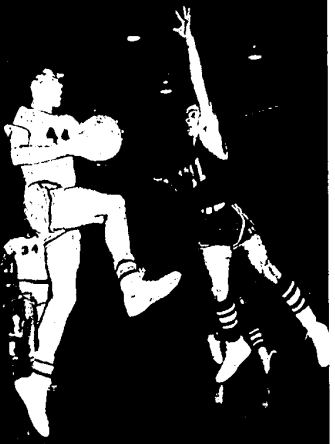
Sing out at Bentley:  
"We're sitting on top of the world."  
And Bentley is — in basketball.  
Coach George Fefles' forces won their showdown with unbeaten Trenton, 65-57, last Friday night to:  
1—Run their Suburban Six League record to four victories without a loss.  
2—Take over undisputed possession of first place in the league as Trenton dropped into second, tied with Redford Union at 3-1.  
3—Swell their current winning streak to five straight.  
4—Like their overall season's record to nine wins, one loss.  
"Credit this victory to the defense," said Fefles as he celebrated with his players.  
Fefles noted that Trenton ace Dave Fisher maintained his average by getting 20 points.  
"But we kept their other scorers down. That did the trick," explained Fefles.  
The Trenton druggie coach also expressed enthusiasm over the sound brand of play turned in by his warriors.  
"We ran well, shot well, rebounded well . . . did everything the way a coach likes to see his team operate," added Fefles who is watching Bentley set off to one of his best starts in the school's history.  
Bentley charged to a 16-10, first-period lead against Trenton as Fred Matveia and Bob Elmer led the surge with five and six points, respectively.  
In the second period, Gary Faulkes notched eight points and Matveia six more to enable Bentley to increase its lead to 34-21 at halftime.  
Trenton put on the pressure in the late stages, but Faulkes came through with four free throws to hold off the Trenton surge and enable Bentley to come out on top.  
Matveia scored 18 points with seven baskets and four free throws to lead Bentley. Faulkes struck for 16 points on four hoops and eight charities. Elmer netted three baskets and seven free throws finishes with 13 points.  
Nick Bender scored seven points, Mike McCauley five, Larry Grim four and Ken Bowman two for the high-flying Livonians.  
The Bentley reserves also took the measure of Trenton, winning by a 32-41 score. Jim Doyle topped the winners with 15, followed by 12 for Gary Haugbush and eight for Ken Bollin.  
This Friday night finds Bentley at Redford Union in the first clutch struggle that ends the other half of the league title chase.  
How Bentley scored:  
Matveia 18 12 11 4 18  
Bender 7 7 7 7 1  
Elmer 5 5 5 5 1  
Faulkes 4 4 4 4 1  
McCauley 2 2 2 2 1  
Bowler 2 2 2 2 0  
Grim 2 2 2 2 0  
Totals 22 22 21 43  
Bentley 18 12 11 43  
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GOING UP for a shot despite the efforts of Nick Fiorini (11), of Groves, to block the ball, is Franklin High's Carl Gulbrunson (44). He scored but his team faltered in the closing minutes to lose 70-63.

Groves Clips Franklin To Seize League Lead

The "big" one escaped Livonia. Franklin high's basketball team.  
In a showdown, a battle of the unbeaten in the Northwest Suburban League, Franklin wound up a 70-63 loss to Birmingham Groves last Friday night.  
The net result: Franklin now must play catch up in the title chase.  
Groves stands 4-0 in the conference and 4-0 overall. As for Franklin, the Livonians have a mark of 3-1 in the league.  
Ineffective shooting and fouls led to the downfall of Franklin, also a slow start.  
Groves got off to a 12-9 edge in the first period as each side made three free throws. But Groves netted six free throws, three more than Franklin.  
With Al Joe, Paul Katoh and Carl Gulbrunson leading the surge, Franklin charged ahead by a point late in the second period.  
But a hook by Al Harris just before the buzzer shoved Groves in front, 32-31, at the intermission. Groves never trailed the rest of the way.  
Just as the third period began, Groves struck with a whirl, upped its lead to 18 points and held command the rest of the way.  
Dale Lee, the spark of the Franklin machine in previous games, picked up four personal fouls in the first half and was held out of action in the early part of the second half as Groves pulled in front by a handsome margin.  
Lee finally was reintroduced in the game . . . and lasted for a four minutes before fouling out. While he was on the court, Franklin was able to cut the Groves' advantage to five points, but the Birmingham team had just a little too much at the end.  
As for the shooting by Franklin, the team had been hitting around 47 percent in other games.  
This time Franklin clicked for 43 percent in the first half, but slipped to 37 in the second.  
Paul Katoh had 18 points for Franklin, getting eight baskets and two free throws. Next was Joe with 15 points. Bill Bauer hit for ten and Gulbrunson seven. Lee, gone early, hit a double-figure score, came through with 11 points.  
While Whitehead clicked for 20 points for the Livonians, he had four free throws, 11 baskets and four free throws. Mike Rafferty was next with 19 and Fred Love scored 11.  
Franklin took the reserve list 64-42, as Chris Wendrick clicked for 20 points in ten baskets and one free throw.

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OBSERVING SPORTS  
By George Maskin

HERE 'N THERE IN THIS WIDE WORLD OF SPORTS —  
It was a thrill watching Maurice Stokes wheeled out onto the basketball floor between halves of the National Basketball Association's All-Star game in Cincinnati.  
We hadn't seen Stokes in eight years . . . the last time on the Saturday in Detroit as he played with the Cincinnati Royals against the Detroit Pistons in a playoff game.  
That evening, as the Royals flew home, Stokes was stricken by a mysterious ailment. He never has played another basketball game. He lost his ability to walk, to talk, to take care of himself.  
But, thanks to some wonderful people, like Jack Twyman, the veteran star of the Royals, Stokes has made progress in the long fight back. He now can talk — a little. He can't walk.  
The doctors say that he'll win most of the battle. When they're not certain.  
The Stokes' story has to be one which gives all of us heart — for sooner or later, most of us encounter a sad moment in life.  
There wasn't much to this year's All-Star game. It was over in a hurry. The sports writers and sportscasters really had no most valuable player to select. But they had a convertible to give to somebody, so virtually all agreed upon Adrian Smith of the Cincinnati Royals.  
He certainly was the most popular player in the game. He's a well-liked guy who made it from a high school in Kentucky, which had only 12 seniors, through junior college, to All-America fame at the University of Kentucky, to stardom on the U.S. Olympic team and finally into a great in the pro game years.  
Another heartening story, to say the least!  
From the All-Star game it was back to Detroit and the annual sports party tossed by the Detroit Tigers. Here's where you see and meet everybody that has anything to do with sports in the State of Michigan.  
At the dinner table, you're joined by a young, squatty gent whose face looks familiar. His name tag reads: Mickey Lolich (The Tiger pitcher). Mickey tells listeners that he already is working out . . . that he is looking forward to a big season with the Tigers.  
Across the room, manager Charley Dressen talks optimistically . . . Al Kaline says that his foot is okay, that he thinks he'll have another banner season.  
All of this makes you forget that outside the temperature is dropping and snow is coming down, too. When baseball nears, so must spring and summer!

Falcons Victors in TV Game

The television cameras flashed across on Farmington's basketball team Friday evening.  
The Falcons didn't get scared. They went on to rout Walled Lake, 86-62, and the score was the same when the game was replayed on Channel 50 the next afternoon.  
It was Farmington all the way as coach Jack Quigley brought their record to 1-1 for the campaign in Livonia Conference action.  
Farmington took a 21-14 edge after one quarter and held command by a 44-32 ledge at halftime. Then in top off the evening, Farmington outscored Walled Lake, 27-16, in the closing period.  
The gratifying part of the victory for Quigley was the work of Al Kikka and Fritz Simons, a pair of juniors. Both carried through with excellent efforts.  
While Kikka scored nine points and Simons just four, they made it possible for Farmington to control the game.  
The two kids showed exceptional points throughout the game," said Quigley.  
Mike Wilson and Greg Down provided the big scoring punch for Farmington. Wilson notched 29 points with 12 baskets and five free throws. Down had nine hoops and three free throws for 21 points.  
Mike Ames had eight points. Steve Moore nine and George Habicht six to round out the scoring for Farmington. Wilson next Friday night host Pontiac Northern and then on Saturday travel to Plymouth.  
Quigley is hopeful that Tim Patrick will be back in action for his weekend's pair. He's been idled by knee kneez.

RU Wins for Hurt Guard

"This was for Randy . . ."  
That's the way the Redford Union high basketball team felt after beating Plymouth, 64-49, last Friday night to remain the surprise team of the Suburban Six League.  
It was RU's third win in four conference games while Plymouth has a 1-3 mark.  
But, to get back to Randy. He's Randy Malby, the fine guard of the RU team who a week before had started in the victory over Allen Park. Malby also is the captain-elect of the 1966 RU basketball squad.  
In practice last Thursday, Malby hurt his knee. It was serious enough to force doctors to operate on Monday. This means Malby is through for the basketball season.  
He may not be able to play baseball, either.  
His cage mates could all like tigers against Plymouth, scoring 21 points to the Rocks' 11 in the first period. By halftime it was 44-28 for RU.  
RU clicked on half of its shots—16 for 32—in the first half with Lee Bierke leading the way with eight hoops for 16 points. Ron Bauer followed with 15 (three baskets and six charities) and Bill Arnold tossed in nine during the first two quarters.  
Plymouth staged a rally in the third quarter and with Mike Stakas, the fine sophomore, pacing the way with seven points, cut the differential to six points. Bob McCall clipped in with four points and Rick Jones three.  
But RU recovered, engineered three steals and quickly pulled ahead again by ten points.  
In the final period, the scoring slowed down as Redford made only 11 to seven for the Rocks, who were held to just three baskets.  
"You have to be impressed with the way our kids kept improving," said RU coach Nick Bierke.  
Bierke wound up as the game's top scorer with 23 points while Bauer had 16 and Arnold 12 for the Livonians.  
Plymouth took the reserve contest with ease, 56-35, as Jim Ruby tossed in 12 points.

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Sorrows' Squad Bested in Two Tilts

It wasn't a happy week for the Our Lady of Sorrows basketball team.  
First there was a heart-breaking 63-42 loss to St. James. Then Sorrows fell to St. Francis de Sales, 66-60.  
Against St. James, the Farmington cagers jumped off to an early 12-4 lead. But St. James rallied to go ahead by nine in the third period.  
Sorrows still wasn't hurt. With Tim Doyle pacing a late surge, Sorrows came back to take a 39-38 edge with two minutes to go.  
In the third period, Sorrows held a 39-38 edge with two minutes to go. St. James back in front, 61-59, but only until another basket by Doyle knotted the score at 61-61.  
Here St. James clicked for a basket and two free throws and it was enough to win, despite a last-second basket by Sorrows' Jerry Turner.  
Doyle topped the losers along with Turner. Each had 22 points. St. Francis de Sales moved to a 34-28 halftime command against Sorrows and the Farmington team's hopes weren't helped in the third period when the team was held to just seven points.  
Fouls didn't hurt Sorrows either. The team was called for 23 personals, 12 more than the winners.  
Mark Benner shot in 28 of the winners' points.  
In the reserve play, Sorrows lost to St. James, 33-45, with Bill Verge and Mike Barnes each counting ten for the losers.  
Sorrows' reserves rebounded to whip St. Francis, 41-34, as Dennis Perry and Mike Barnes each scored eight.  
St. Benedict invades Sorrows' gym this Friday night.

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Bentley Swamped In Swim

Trenton high's powerful swimming team had little trouble crushing Bentley in a dual meet, 73-35, last Friday night.  
Trenton won every event.  
Bentley will engage Redford Union this Friday evening.

Last Relay Gives Rocks Win

Victory in the final event of the evening, the 400-yard free style relay, enabled Plymouth high's swimming team to nip Franklin, 54-52, in a dual meet Saturday night.

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Stevenson Snaps Cage Loss String  
Stevenson high's basketball team is back on the victory trail.  
After losing four straight, Stevenson beat the Wayne high reserves, 83-52, as Jim Olson led the way with 24 points and Bob Pender tossed in 19.  
Wayne led, 13-8, after one period before Stevenson took a 24-20 halftime bulge. The Stevenson lead remained at four points through the third period. Then the Livonians cut loose to put the game out of reach.  
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RU Roars, Franklin 'Sets' Mark

Some kind of a record was set Saturday night when Redford Union continued its surprising basketball play by beating Franklin in a non-leagues game.  
The losers made only one free throw in the entire game. That's right—one charity.  
In fact, Franklin had only a total of five chances from the charity line, which probably set another mark.  
RU tossed a zone defense against Franklin and the Livonians had their problems shooting. Although they made 23 baskets to 24 for RU, the Townshipers had more good fortune with their free throws, 12 out of 17.  
The game was fairly close for three periods. But Redford Union broke loose with a 25-14 upturn in the last period to turn the game into a romp.  
Doug Mach had 17 points to top the winner. Carl Gulbrunson led the losers with 11.  
Franklin's reserves won, 54-50, as Chris Wendrick and Bill Helstein each scored 19 points for the victors. Charles Field had 18 for the losers.  
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