

Trenton, Bentley Win; Remain Deadlocked for Lead

The three-way tie for the lead in the Suburban Six basketball race dissolved into a two-way deadlock between Trenton and Bentley, each winning its fifth league game in six starts Friday night.

Trenton, the defending champion, shaded Redford Union, 87-83, and dropped the Panthers,

now 4-2, out of first place into third while Bentley rolled over Allen Park, 65-62.

Trenton had to work much harder for its 10th win in 12 overall games than it had in an earlier meeting with Redford Union which resulted in an easy, 87-70, victory on the Panther court.

The Trojans led 23-22 after one quarter

and built their margin to 51-38 at the half on the strength of 5-10 guard Dave Fisher's torrid shooting. Fisher pumped in 16 of his team's 26 points in the period.

Redford Union came back in the third period, outscoring Trenton, 24-14, to trail by only three (65-62) and cut its deficit to one (67-66) with five

minutes to go, but could never quite catch up.

Fisher paced the winners with 33 points on 14 field goals and five free throws. Lee Bjerke, a 6-0

junior forward, canned 26 for Redford Union, and forward Bill Arnold, the team's top rebounder, added 21 despite missing nearly the entire second quarter with three personal, fouling out in the game's final minute. Center Doug Mach contributed 16.

Bentley, boasting an 11-2 season mark, broke open a tight game in the

second quarter and coasted to an easy win.

Larry Grimm, a 6-3 forward, started his first game for the Bulldogs and led both teams in scoring with 17 points, eight coming in the second period when Bentley outscored the Monarchs, 18-8, to take a comfortable, 35-22, halftime lead.

Coach George Fefles emptied his bench after building a 51-33 third quarter margin and 14 players saw action, eight of them scoring. Guard Gary Faulkes sank 14 points for the winners while Gary Gooagan paced the Parkers with 11.

Chuck Catlett, a six-foot-one senior forward, broke the school scoring record with a 31-point effort to spark Plymouth's 66-40 decision over Belleville.

Catlett tallied 11 baskets and sank nine of 10 free throws to erase Ken Kisabeth's former mark of 30 set in the '52-53 campaign.

Forward Mike Stakias added 10 points for the Rocks. Mike Armstrong's 15 paced the toothless Tigers which went down to their 12th consecutive defeat.

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West Rips Kennedy, 93-48

Garden City West strengthened its hold on third place in the Tri River Conference by walloping Taylor Kennedy, 93-48, Friday night in a foul-ridden encounter.

The referees called 74 fouls in the game played at Garden City, 45 against the home club which lost four men on fouls — yet the Tigers managed to outscore their taller opponents from the foul line.

Garden City hit 33 of 47 free throws to only 24 of 45 for the Eagles, despite a 16-foul edge for the visitors.

The Tigers' more aggressive play paid off in all facets of the game. They outshot Kennedy 41 to 26 per cent from the floor and outrebounded their foe, 61-34.

Garden City started slowly, building up a 20-16 margin after one quarter, then ran Kennedy practically out of the gym in the second period by outscoring the Eagles, 34-12.

Garden City's "mighties" did all the damage.

Ro Ardell, a 5-foot-8 guard, got 13 of his 18 points in the second quarter. Partner Gary Slade at 5-foot-7 made 11 of his 17 in the same period to double the Kennedy point total.

Teammate Ford Simpson, a 5-9 forward, notched six of his 15 points in the second stanza to round out a fine day for the shorties.

Tiger center Bill Johnston dominated the

boards with 19 rebounds and added 11 points to the victor's total.

The third period was a whistle-happy parade

from the foul line to the bench. Simpson, Slade and sophomore forward Gary Robinson each fouled out for Garden

City during that eight-minute period.

Sub George Domalski joined them on the bench one quarter later.



SHUTTING EYES TO this action is Bob Lor-Franklin, for the ball near the out-of-bounds line. It was a losing cause for Loren since Al Jones (35) and Karl Gulbranson (43) of North Farmington absorbed a 65-49 loss.

C'ville Hits Rivals On Hot Night

Clarencville had the misfortune to run into Northville on one of its finest nights and dropped a 96-45 struggle to the Wayne-Oakland leaders Friday.

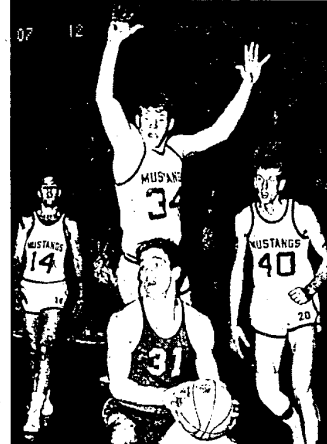
The Mustangs outscored Clarencville, 18-9, in the first quarter and added to its margin after each remaining period. It was 32-24 at halftime and 50-31 at the end of three quarters.

Northville hit 26 shots in 55 attempts for a sizzling 47 per cent while Clarencville could only make 18 baskets in 63 tries for 29 per cent.

The Trojans held Jerry Inland, Northville's scoring ace, to seven points but forward Mark Cushing picked up the slack to lead the Mustangs with 20 points.

Forward Chris Hawkins paced Clarencville with 19 points on eight baskets and three from the line while Mike Nye, a 5-6 junior guard, chipped in with eight second-half points.

Northville also whipped Clarencville in a junior varsity game, 50-20.



Observer Photo by Gerry Gazda

NOW WHAT? That's the question Chris Hawkins (31), of Clarencville, appears to be asking as three Northville High players close in on him. The trio includes: John Jamerson (14), Jerry Inland (34) and Mark Cushing (40). Northville was hot and Clarencville cold in the one-sided defeat.

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Collegians Split Two Swim Meets

Schoolcraft College swimmers split a pair of dual meets Friday, the past week, defeating Windsor, 55-29, and then losing to Detroit Tech, 58-34, at the Franklin High pool.

The split gave Schoolcraft a 3-5 season record. The collegians swung into action over the weekend with a double dual meet against Aquinas and Windsor. Both teams will be swimming against the others at the same time.

Schoolcraft won eight of 11 events against Windsor with Freshman Larry Fitzgerald, of Garden City, stealing the spotlight with a school record of 2:47.9 in winning the 200-yard butterfly.

He was one of the two double winners. Fitzgerald won the 50-yard freestyle in addition to the butterfly and Doug Jaskierny, sensational Plymouth Freshman, captured the 200-yard individual medley and the 500-yard freestyle.

Jaskierny won the medley against DIT while Ron Lotzenroth, of Southfield, took the 100-yard freestyle and Tom Carney, of Livonia, the lowboard diving.

OBSERVING SPORTS

By George Maskin

IT'S BEEN ONE of those weeks . . . Detroit, Fort Wayne, Boston, New York, Philadelphia . . . all stops on a busy parade in sports.

Yet, what we're going to talk about today originated in the kitchen of a residence up Jericho North Farmington school district where we were flanked on the right by Joe Falls, the new sports editor of the Free Press, and Jim Campbell, the general manager of the Detroit Tigers.

It has been our pleasure to know Campbell for several years, but always on a far more formal basis, like at a dinner or maybe during his working hours at Tiger Stadium.

There are many who pick Campbell apart for the way he has been running the Tigers.

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"Would you trade for Dick Radatz of Boston?"

"Any day of the week. But they aren't about to give up Radatz."

We asked the G. M. about his infield . . .

"The way it looks now, I'll go with Norm Cash. (Continued on Next Sports Page)

Falcons Push Waterford Into Third

The congestion at the top of the Inter Lakes basketball league cleared somewhat after Friday night's results were posted.

The four team loop had three teams tied for first place with 21 marks. Farmington and Pontiac-Northern maintained their tie for the lead with wins but Waterford fell into third place, one game away, by losing.

The Falcons charged into a 23-13, first-quarter lead, faltered slightly in the second period when the Skippers rebounded to within a three, 31-34, but cruised to a 24-10 third-quarter margin and swept home free.

The final was 18-92.

Mike Wilson led four men in double figures for Farmington with 19 points. Mike Ames (11), Greg Dorow (14) and Steve Moore (11) helped the Falcons to their fourth straight win.

Rick Ziem scored 25 to pace Waterford which took the first meeting between the teams, 58-57.

Farmington will meet Pontiac-Northern in two weeks for the title. The Hawks ousted winner Walled Lake, 53-76, on some late-game free throw heroics.

GC East Surprises Top Team

Garden City East surprised Riverview, 63-50, Friday night and threw the Mid-Wayne basketball league into a turmoil.

Riverview, 9-4 this season, had won five consecutive league titles and the loss dropped the loop leaders into a tie with Inkster, 51-43 conqueror of Taylor Center.

Garden City squared its league mark at 3-3 and still rates an outside shot at the title.

The game was a strange one by ordinary standards. East jumped into a 13-2 lead in the first quarter but Riverview bounced back to tie at 15 by the quarter's end. Garden City moved seven points in front in the second quarter, but at halftime there was only one point separating the two teams, 31-30 for East.

The third period duplicated the second. East led by seven at one stage but only by three, 48-45, at the start of the final period.

Then the Pirates collapsed. Threatened by a half-court press, they committed five or six errors. When they got to the hoop they shot 12 times—and missed 12 times.

Garden City outscored Riverview 15 to five free throws at an upset win.

Paul Kightlinger, Garden City's star 8-5 center, rapped in 23 points and cleaned the boards for 22 rebounds. North Farmington tallied 19 and Joe Huber added 13. Dale Robinson paced the Pirates with 19. Charles Hixey scoring 13.

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Garden City West at Dearborn

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Garden City East at Taylor Center
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