

STUNS FARMINGTON IN A SHOCKER

Stevenson 'Comes of Age'

The "babies" have come to life... the "babies" being Stevenson high schools basketball team.

Although there isn't a senior on the team, because Stevenson high schools barely yet, and although this is only the first season Stevenson has played a full-scale varsity schedule, the Livonians have made their presence felt.

Just ask Farmington, bidding for a repeat title in the Interlake League. Stevenson, unheralded and untouted, rose last Friday night to upset Farmington, 68-57, and

thus drop Farmington into a tie with Pontiac North for the league lead.

The Farmington-Pontiac showdown comes next Tuesday.

Coach George Van Wagoner of Stevenson wasn't surprised by his team's showing against Farmington.

which followed on the heels of a 64-56 win over Walled Lake to give the Livonians two straight in league play after they hadn't won once previously.

"I just feel that our boys have started to come of age," declared Van Wagoner. "We knew that they could do the

job as soon as they cut down on the number of turnovers they made in a game.

"Early in the season we gave the ball away 35 times without a shot. Against Farmington, we had only 10 turnovers."

"Then, too, our shooting has improved. We hit 45 per cent at Walled Lake and 42 per cent at Farmington."

A big fourth-period sewed up the victory over Farmington. Stevenson went into the closing period with a two-point bulge, and then proceeded to outscore Farmington, 12-13, as John Olsen led the way with six points.

Dave Mastny clicked off five and Jerry Dotter added four.

Dotter and Paul Tonnacher were the big guns for Stevenson with 20 and 19 points, respectively. Mike

Ames fired in 22 points to pace the losers.

In the game with Walled Lake, Stevenson reached halftime tied at 27-27. Then came another big period, as Stevenson rifled in 21 points to 13 for the Lakers, with Pender dropping nine points and Dotter six to put the game out of reach.

Pender with 21 points, Dotter with 15, Tonnacher with 14 and Olsen with 12 topped the victors who play at Waterford this Friday night.

The Farmington-Stevenson box score	
Stevenson	Farmington
Ames 22	Ames 14
Olsen 6	Olsen 12
Dotter 4	Dotter 5
Mastny 5	Mastny 2
Tonnacher 19	Tonnacher 2
Pender 21	Pender 9
Waller 1	Waller 1
Stevenson 44	Farmington 57
TOTALS 114	TOTALS 117
Farmington	17 13 13 13

Franklin Eyes Point To Groves

All eyes in the Northwest Suburban League points to Friday, Feb. 24.

That's when Franklin and Groves battle head on in what shapes up as the league's "game-of-the-year."

Groves started this week with a 7-0 conference record. Right behind stood Franklin at 6-1 with a game Tuesday against Thurston, then Glenn next Friday and finally Groves in the league a week Friday.

Franklin kept right on the heels of Groves by sweeping past Oak Park, 88-70, Friday night in a game that was decided in a big hurry.

The Livonians notched 21 points to Oak Park's 16 in the first period reached halftime with a 47-31 bulge.

Hot shooting by Earl Neely paced the early assault by Franklin. He barged in with 11 quick points and wound up with 31 points for the night.

His prep high, Neely flung in 31 baskets and five free throws.

Then came Ron Wicks, with 22 points while Tom Reich chipped in 12. Dave Scott six, Chris Wendrick six and Steve Atkinson five.

"We're really playing very well," declared coach John Hatzig of Franklin.

"It would be a shame if we were to slip before our big one with Groves. We think we have a good chance to get even with them for that early loss that registered against us."

Oak Park's reserves nosed out Franklin, 47-46, as Rick Slavin tallied 10 points in a losing cause.



DRIVING IN for a basket goes Bentley's Mark Formosa (30) as Leland Bjerkie (31) and Dennis Field (32) watch. Bentley won easily and then beat Plymouth to sew up Suburban Six League championship.

Defeats, Injuries Hit Collegians

Coach Bob Leggat of Schoolcraft College's basketball team asks for no sympathy.

Yet he deserves all he can get. And more.

Leggat is the gent who at mid-year found only two players surviving academic and other regulations.

In addition, injuries have plagued his forces all season. Now he's down to only eight players for games this week against Henry Ford at Northville Wednesday night and at Grand Rapids J.C. Friday evening.

Latest casualty is Don Crawford, out with a wrenched knee.

Notwithstanding, Schoolcraft plays well against superior foes. Last week, the collegians made a fine run at Concordia before losing, 96-

82. It was 47-46 for Schoolcraft at halftime.

John Felmet ripped in 30 points and 6-3 Steve Moore, playing center, notched 28 points.

Felmet and Moore came back with another great one-two effort against Northwest of Traverse City, but Schoolcraft bowed, 105-85, despite a 35-point hero by Moore and 20 points by Felmet.

Moore, in addition, plucked off 28 rebounds.

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It's Bentley Again... Suburban Six Champs

A familiar story—Bentley, the champs of the Suburban Six League in basketball!

For the third time in the five years that George Fettes as coach the Livonians, they have sewed up the title. The clincher was a 75-56 romp over Plymouth last Friday evening to make Bentley's record 8-0 with two games still remaining on the conference slate.

What's more, it marks the sixth time in a decade that Bentley has reigned over the Suburban Six League's champs.

Fettes isn't saying that

his unbeaten (in league) 1956-57 caps are the best he's had at Bentley.

"I will say," declares Fettes, "that this is the most unselfish group of boys I ever have had and their spirit is the best we've had on a basketball team in my days at Bentley."

It took an uphill battle for Bentley to win over Plymouth.

The Rocks, shooting for a major upset, got off to a 17-13 lead after one quarter, as Mike Kubik ripped in 10 points with five baskets.

But between periods, Fettes ordered his Bentley players to put on the pressure, to pick up more on defense, to try and force Plymouth into giving up the ball.

The result: Bentley outscored Plymouth, 22-9, in the second period and 24-12 in the third and the game became a lop-sided affair.

Greg Macy tossed in eight points and Ken Bollin seven in the second period to start the Bentley comeback. Bollin was the leader of the third-quarter surge with eight points.

Bentley, which hosts Belleville this Friday night before ending its conference play against Trenton, was led by Bollin with 19 points.

Macy had 19 and Larry Grimm, and Mike McCauley ten each.

Notwithstanding, the game's outstanding scorer was Plymouth's Nate Lulbend who hit for nine baskets and six free throws for 24 points. Kubik made only one more basket after the first period to finish with 12 points.

The Plymouth reserves came through with a 54-47 win as Latham led with 19 points. Walt Blacha had 15 for the losers.

Prior to beating Plymouth, Bentley staged a merry feast against Redford Union, triumphing, 87-70, the highest score a Bentley team has posted since 1952. A record 33-point second period put the game out of reach after Bentley had led, 19-15, after one quarter.

In the second period, Dan Doyle scored eight points, while Grimm, Bollin and Macy counted six each. Bollin had slipped in eight in the first period.

Bollin's 20-point finish topped the winners while Leland Bjerkie continued his great scoring for RU, winding up with 11 baskets and nine charities for 31 points.

The variety box score:

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One of the happier chores to come our way each year is to ballot for Baseball's Hall of Fame. As you no doubt read or heard, the recent election produced no winners. To be named to the "Hall," one's name must appear on 75 per cent of the ballots cast by members of the Baseball Writers Association.

Now they're having a run-off election. Such names as Hank Bauer, Lou Boudreau, Roy Campanella, Larry Doby, George Kell (the Tiger telecaster), Joe Medwick, Hal Newhouse (the ex-Tiger), Bobo Newsom (another one-time Tiger), Red Ruffing, Johnny (No Hit) Vandermere appear on the ballot.

A write can vote for five. We have selected just (Continued on Page 3-B)



ON HIS WAY: John Felmet (14), of Schoolcraft, goes high to get off a shot against Northwest College while teammate Al Jose (50) looks on. But the basket didn't help Schoolcraft, which lost.

Sorrows Falls In Semifinals

A hard third period Saturday night ruined the hopes of Our Lady of Sorrows' basketball team for making the finals, in the Catholic League's second division tournament.

After reaching halftime on the short end of a 55-52 score, Sorrows ran into a shooting slump right after the intermission.

While the Farmington team made only five baskets and a free throw for 11 points in the third period, St. Gregory netched 11 hoops and two free throws and from then on, the issue never was in any doubt.

St. Gregory had jumped in front, 24-16, after one quarter, but with Paul Bunker and Tim Doyle featuring the second period, Sorrows rallied to cut the differential to three.

Then came the fatal third period. St. Gregory built up as much as an 18-point bulge before Sorrows put on another rally to within eight points of a tie. But only two minutes now remained, and St. Gregory had matters tucked away.

Doyle with 17 points and Mike Christopher with 15 topped the losers. Bunker had 11, Frank Carrico and Dennis Perry nine each and Bob Thiesen four for Sorrows, which never before had advanced so far in tourney play.

It was St. Cecilia over All Saints, 44-40, in the other half of the semifinals.

Sorrows has a makeup game remaining with St. Benedict before entering the state district championship.

Mary Letzmann's 28 points and 18 rebounds against Windsor pushed him into seventh and fifth places respectively on the Wayne State University career listings with 752 points and 464 rebounds.

Tigers Will Combine Ladies, Retirees Days

Ladies Days and Retirees Days at Tiger Stadium in 1967 will be combined events for the first time.

Five Saturdays have been selected for the admission of both groups at bargain prices, with joint seating in the reserved seat areas of the Upper Deck. Retirees Days fans have previously been accommodated in general admission areas of the Lower Deck.

In addition, the Family Night schedule is being expanded to three dates in 1967 with family groups admitted at reduced rates to designated reserved seat sections of the Upper Deck.

On Ladies Days, women, girls and boys 14 or under are admitted for 50 cents each. The admission for Retirees is the same price for senior citizens presenting evidence of retirement.

Such as a social security card, DSR pass, etc. Tickets for both groups

will be sold in advance of each date, at the Advance Ticket Office, Michigan and Trumbull, or by mail. Orders should be addressed: Ticket Department, Tiger Stadium, Detroit, 48216, accompanied by check or money order and a stamped, addressed return envelope.

On the day of each game, Ladies Day-Retirees Day tickets will be on sale at all reserved seat ticket booths as long as the limit of 10,000 lasts.

On Family Nights, Dad will pay the regular \$2.50 reserved seat price but Mom and the children will be admitted for 50 cents each, with sit-down seating.

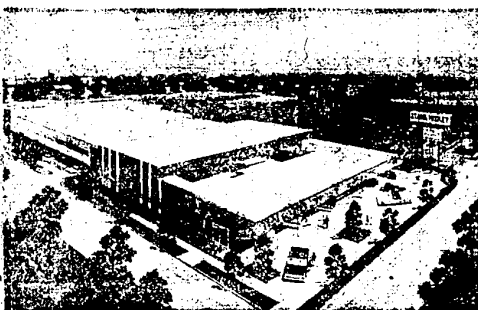
Dates selected for the bargain events:

LADIES DAY-RETIREES DAY
May 17 (Saturday)—Baltimore
June 17 (Saturday)—Kansas City
Sept. 16 (Saturday)—Washington
Sept. 18 (Saturday)—Cleveland
Sept. 19 (Saturday)—Washington
May 26 (Tuesday)—California
July 19 (Wednesday)—Washington

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