

# Bentley Topples Flint 5

Imagine scoring only six points in a period and still winning BIG.

It happened Tuesday when Bentley High's powerful basketball team rolled past Flint Northwestern, 65-44, in a non-league game.

Fortunately for Bentley, the team had a 32-20 lead going into the third period, which turned out to be a nightmare, as far as scoring was concerned for the Livonians.

Coach George Fettes' squad managed only two baskets and two free throws in the eight-minute span.

Notwithstanding, Bentley still was in front, 38-34, after three quarters.

Then just as fast as the Livonians had lost their shooting touch, they regained it—and in the closing eight minutes Bentley overwhelmed Northwestern, 27-10, to win going away.

IT WAS the ninth victory in 11 starts for Bentley, which staked an unbeaten record in Suburban Six League action against Flint Friday night.

Ken Bollin, Dan Doyle and Leroy Watson each had four points to get Bentley rolling in the first period. Walt Blacha slipped in with nine to pace the second stanza.

Then in the last period, it was Bollin with three baskets and five free throws who helped turn the game into a runaway.

Bollin would up as the top scorer with 17 points while Doyle and Norm Hurlbert had 12 each and Blacha nine.

Bentley had a much easier time in its 81-54 blitzing of Allen Park the previous Friday.

Bollin cashed in 39 points, Doyle 16 and Chaison 10 for the Livonians, who now shape up as the team to beat for league honors.

Next Tuesday Bentley goes against arch-rival Franklin in what figures to be another interesting battle between the two schools.

But Bentley would appear to have too many weapons for the contingent from Joy Road.

## New Houseboat On Display In Show At Cobo

Four major new features will highlight the Sixth Annual Michigan National Boat, Sports and Vacation Show, at Cobo Hall Jan. 27-Feb. 4.

Perhaps the most striking of these will be the public debut of the first houseboat ever to be manufactured by Chris Craft. The two largest sailboats to ever be displayed at the Boat Show in Michigan, a 50-foot Columbia and a 40-foot Cal, will be displayed.

A new camper-boat product, the Hobo, will be introduced to Michigan boat show audiences for the first time. A Canadian product, the Hobo, is a camper-trailer which converts into an amphibious power boat.

## By George Maskin observing sports

There he was — Bill Freehan, being honored by the Detroit chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America as the Tiger of the year in 1967.

That was the year, you remember, when the Tigers went down to the last game of the season before being nipped by Boston for the American League title.

As you stood reminiscing with Freehan, both your thoughts had to jump back some 20 years.

You were living on Cheyenne avenue in Detroit and across the street resided an elderly couple by the name of Freehan.

Their grandson was a frequent visitor, a kid then of five or six. His name: Billy Freehan.

Billy, his dad and his granddad, the latter now deceased, would stand out in front of their home and play catch. Little Billy was pretty adept with the glove — even in those days.

As the years moved on, Billy moved to Florida with his parents.

You didn't see too much of him until around his senior year in high school. He came back to Detroit to visit and to play summer sandlot baseball.

By that time, Billy had become one of the most prized baseball youngsters in the country. He could hit and he could catch. He also was a whole of a football player.

WHEN HE FINISHED high school, Billy had a chance — he could either sign professionally in baseball or go to college. He picked the University of Michigan.

It was after his freshman year at the university you had the pleasure of escorting Bill to New York for the Hearst National baseball game.

He again was offered big money — "way up in the five figures" — by the pro baseball folks. But Billy decided to play at least another year of football and baseball at Michigan.

Then he made his move to pro baseball and picked up around \$80,000 or \$100,000 as a bonus. You know the rest of the Freehan story. He has developed into one of the key ball players on the Tigers — one of the best catchers in the business.

As Bill received his award the other evening from Bob Sieger, the sports editor of the Detroit News, he was far more outspoken than Tiger owner John Fetzer, or general manager Jim Campbell or manager Mayo Smith about the Tiger outlook in 1968.

The first three made no predictions. Freehan did.

"The way we shape up now, we should win the pennant," Bill forecast.

"We have the material, we have the extra experience, we have what it takes to win the pennant."

"Besides, most of our players feel that way (including Livonia's Joe Sparna)."

"Last year, you'll remember, we were a young ball club. Few of us ever had been through anything as tense or as exciting as a pennant chase."

"It'll be different in '68."

FREEHAN RETAINS the modesty which marked him as a six-year-old and during his teen days.

He expressed thanks to his manager, to coaches Wally Moses and to Johnny Sain.

"You know, 235 hitters don't receive awards like this. And I was one the year before."

"Men like Mayo and Sain and Moses helped me last year. They helped me with the bat, with my catching and with my mental approach to baseball."

Mental approach . . . Two big words in sports, or any other line of endeavor.

## Pershing High Rated State's No. 1 Team

Pershing High of Detroit remains the No. 1 ranked Class A prep team in Michigan. East Lansing is second with Ypsilanti third, Battle Creek Central fourth and Muskegon Heights fifth.

Memorize those Class B ratings with Detroit All Saints leading in Class C and Adrian Catholic in Class D.

THE FORDS and Plymouths will renew their rivalry Sunday in the 500-mile road race scheduled at Riverside, Cal., Sunday.

The event is sanctioned by the National Association for Stock Car Auto racing and will carry a purse of around \$90,000.

Most of the top drivers in the country, including Richard Petty, Dan Gurney, A.J. Foyt, Mario Andretti and Cale Yarborough will contest.

THE BIG TEN draws a blank in the latest college basketball ratings.

UCLA, Houston, North Carolina, Tennessee and Utah comprise the first five, followed by New Mexico, St. Bonaventure, Kentucky, Vanderbilt and Columbia.

COACH ADOLPH RUPP of Kentucky, this week celebrated the winning of his 770th game since coming to the Wildcats.

HOCKEY TEAMS: The National Hockey League will expand its schedule to 76 games next

Detroit has 54 parks comprising 3,775 acres under the jurisdiction of the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation.

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