

# Bentley Crushes Trenton, Nears League Crown

## Thurston Explosion Routs N. Farmington

Thurston or Oak Park... or both? They comprise the team that for first place in the Northwest Suburban League.

Thurston dumped North Farmington out of a tie for the top slot Friday night, 80-46, while Oak Park slaughtered John Glenn, 92-71.

The expected duel between Thurston and North Farmington never materialized.

Thurston exploded from the first jump and held a 23-8 lead after the end of the opening period.

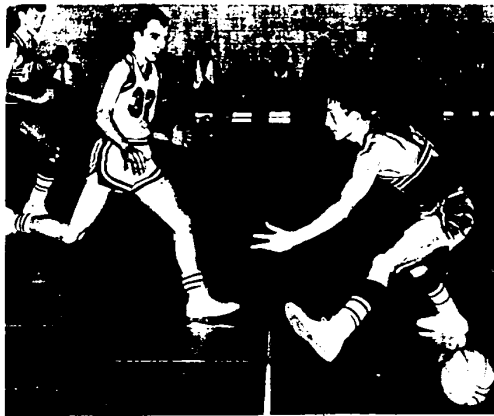
It was 40-23 for Thurston at halftime and 54-33 at the three-quarter mark.

Thurston held North Farmington to only five baskets in the first half.

Meantime, the Townships blazed from the field, hitting on 54 per cent of their shots.

"This had to be our finest all-around effort," said Coach Mike Pasternak. "We not only played great offense, we were just as brilliant on the defense after the end of the opening period."

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LOOSE BALL has the attention of Mike Kubik (right), of Plymouth, and Denny Hopkins, of Franklin, during the game on the Franklin court. The Rocks made it two straight with a 71-56 victory.

## Bollin Stars In Easy Win

Offensively or defensively, Bentley high sparkles in both departments this winter in basketball.

Little wonder Bentley has virtually wrapped up the Suburban Six League championship although four weeks still remain in conference play.

In what amounted to perhaps "the game of the season," Bentley had too much last Friday in jolting Trenton, 58-44.

The victory upped Bentley's conference slate to 6-0 and its overall record to 12-2.

More important, as far as the league schedule is concerned, Bentley now has a two-game bulge over runnerup Trenton, which stands 4-2 in the loop.

"THIS WAS IT," said Coach George Biles of Bentley, a champion last year.

"We knew that if we were to win the crown outright, we had to beat Trenton. Otherwise, they would have been tied with us and we sure would have found the pressure really on us."

"True, we can't afford now to do much slipping, but a two-game lead certainly is a happier one than finding yourselves in a tie or just a game in front."

FEFLES was especially pleased with the Bentley defense.

The downriver team was held to 12 points in the first period, five in the second and ten in the third before Bentley yielded 17 in the final eight minutes when the game was well in hand.

Ken Bollin, bidding for All-Suburban and All-State honors, again was the big gun for Bentley.

He whipped in 30 points and starred in the rebounding department. Jim Powers was the only other Bentley player to finish in double figures, Powers had eight.

BENTLEY'S FOUR remaining league games are with Redford Union, Plymouth, Belleville and Allen Park.

A split year for Bentley no worse than a tie for the league crown, assuming Trenton doesn't lose again.

If Bentley wins three of its final four, they'll hand up the crown at the Five Mile Road school, regardless of what Trenton, or any other team in the league does, the rest of the way.

## Glenn Beaten

John Glenn High's swimming team managed only two first places in losing to Bloomfield Hills Andover, 70-35, Glenn's Osterhout won the 100-yard backstroke and Glenn's 400-yard relay of Bateman, Jackson, Coger and McCreery also scored.

THE VICTORY over Franklin enabled Plymouth to even its season's record at 6-6. Franklin bounced on top 12-12 after one period and led

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By George Maskin

## observing sports

We talked about it the other week—the squabble between the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and the National Collegiate Athletic Association's track coaches.

Just about everybody connected with sports knows the same thing — the continued feud between the two groups only can tarnish the United States' hopes in the forthcoming Olympics in Mexico City.

And how can the U.S. stand much more after what happened in Saigon last week and the recent incident with the naval craft, the Pueblo?

Granted, there's a big difference between our shooting off guns over there and the backbiting which prevails between the AAU and NCAA.

But, much as we hate to say so, we now have come to the conclusion that the college coaches really are in the wrong and it's high time they climbed down off their lofty perch.

Without the daily papers, you may have missed the action taken by a special arbitration

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board designated by the vice president of these United States to settle the dispute.

The group made its announcement the other day. In short, the board ruled that the AAU has jurisdiction over all track meets in the U.S., except those which deal strictly with students.

NO SOONER did the report hit the streets, than NCAA officials screamed again.

But the NCAA had better quiet down... in a hurry. It has until Saturday to let U. S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson, who heads the Senate Commerce Committee, know whether the colleges will go along with the ruling.

The AAU has until the same day to indicate it will abide by the ruling, too.

If there is no peace, then the Senate will pass legislation to make sure the two groups follow the law.

Or else.

It strikes us that neither the AAU or NCAA should be so stubborn or stupid that in times like these, it must tie up our Senators with a sports problem.

The good people in Washington are working to get us peace on a much larger scale. As we originally said here a couple weeks ago, if we can't achieve peace among ourselves, who are we to try and do the job beyond our boundaries?

**SHORT SHOTS:** Who can say football will be the same now that Vince Lombardi has stepped out as coach of the Green Bay Packers to devote full time to his other job as general manager?

In the East last week, we repeatedly heard that Lombardi eventually will wind up as a part owner and G. M. of the New York Jets.

## Big Ten

Ohio State	W	1	272	12	6	734
Michigan	W	1	272	12	6	734
Northwestern	W	1	272	12	6	734
Iowa	W	1	272	12	6	734
Wisconsin	W	1	272	12	6	734
Purdue	W	1	272	12	6	734
Michigan State	W	1	272	12	6	734
Indiana	W	1	272	12	6	734
Minnesota	W	1	272	12	6	734
MICHIGAN	W	1	272	12	6	734

**SATURDAY'S RESULTS**  
Michigan 82, Indiana 71  
Michigan 82, Michigan 77  
Ohio State 56, Wisconsin 64  
Purdue 48, Northwestern 35  
Illinois 64, Iowa 62

**WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS**  
Michigan 71, Minnesota 181  
Ohio State 78, Indiana 71

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**  
Purdue at Iowa  
Michigan at Northwestern  
Illinois at Northwestern  
Michigan State at Ohio State  
Iowa at Purdue  
Iowa at Michigan

## Free Throws After Final Gun Keep West High String Going

Call him "Iron-nerved" or "Cool as a cucumber," West High School's basketball team showed no time left when Wilson stroled to the foul line against John Kennedy.

The score read 56-56. Wilson, a star all evening in rebounding, an instant before had plucked off his 21st grab of the game—and No. 15 on the defensive board, after Kennedy had stalled for a last shot.

The crowd was tense. So were the players on both sides. It was a "one-and-one" situation since the foul was committed just as Wilson came down with the rebound.

A second and a half remained when he made the grab and before the referee could blow his whistle, the time had run out.

Wilson didn't hesitate too much. He swished the ball neatly through. His second try was needless. He missed it, but West had won the game, 57-56, and its victory streak to four straight and upped its record in Tri River League play to 7-3.

THE WIN also lifted West into undisputed possession of second place behind front-running Shafer, which had a 9-1 record. Shafer nipped West, 65-64, with a basket in the final 19 seconds when the teams previously collided this season.

West had to fight back to win over Kennedy. After Francis Stanislas made two free throws early in the game to give West a 2-0 lead, Kennedy moved on top, 16-6, after one

period, led, 33-26, at half time and went into the final period with a 46-43 advantage.

Only 24 seconds remained in regulation time when Stanislas brought West even at 24-24. Kennedy quickly put the ball in play, worked for one decisive shot. With six seconds to go, the ball went up... it missed... and Wilson was the man of the hour in what remained of the thrilling finish.

STANISLAS HAD 14 points, eight in the last period, to pace West. Jerry Hopkins counted 12 and Dwayne Dretz 10.

But, who'll forget Wilson's "after-the-game" foul shot? It was the second league victory of the week for West. On Tuesday, West had rushed past Cherry Hill, 69-64, after leading by a 33-29 at halftime. Dretz with 18 points and Don Smith, a substitute who popped off the bench with 10 points, starred for the winners. Smith made eight points in the third period and six more in the fourth after setting only two in the first half.

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