

A TRIP-A FLOP-A SLIDE-SAFE INTO THE NET -- Churchill puckster Kris Kostolansky takes a hard check by Bentley's Paul Roshirt with Bulldog goalie Mark Reid wandering out of the crease. The puck slid

wide of the net but Kostolansky took it with afterwards. (Observer photos by Tom Donoghue)

Churchill Fights Back To Tie Bentley, 5-5

Bentley High's hockey team made a believer out of Churchill High, but the Bulldog bite didn't scare the always spirited Charger charge.

Churchill had dumped Bentley in the first round of the Suburban Hockey League, as did Franklin and Stevenson. But Bentley Coach Mike Dudley sees things a little different now and was out to prove it against Churchill the second time around.

The Bulldogs were hot off a 19-0 triumph over winless Southfield Lathrup and a stunning 11-2 massacre over Wyandotte. The Bentley team was back together for the first time since the season opened

with the injury list vacated for the first time. The Bulldogs jumped on Churchill goalie Mike Parks in the first period, 4-2, but when the final horn sounded it ended as it began.

CHURCHILL SCORED late in the second period and once in the third to finish in a five-al tie. For Churchill it had to be a thorn in its side. The Chargers have hopes of catching front-running Stevenson which knocked them off earlier in the campaign, 5-4. Churchill now sports a 5-1 record, while Stevenson stands 6-0. The two teams have two more meetings, the next on Feb. 3.

"I guess I should be happy with a tie," said Churchill

Coach Adam Mitchell. "About 50 per cent of the team is down with the flu. We had our chances against Bentley. We missed five breakaways and should have had about eight or nine goals."

"It's now going to be twice as tough to overtake Stevenson. We are going to have to beat them twice, but I think Bentley will give them a real shot. "If we are healthy, I know we can beat Stevenson," concluded Mitchell.

Only six penalties were called in the 45 minutes contest, three on each team, with Churchill capitalizing on two of Bentley's three for power-play scores.

Bentley outshot Churchill, 27-23. The Bulldogs opened the first period with two quick goals. GREG RAKOWICZ and Dave Manogian beat Parks and Churchill knew it was in for a real tangle.

Churchill's Bob Rion scored his first of two to get the Chargers back in the game at 5:15 but Bentley went up 3-1 on a slap shot by Steve Marlowe. Then came a power-play goal by Churchill's Jim Gagnon with Bulldog Paul Roshirt off for tripping.

Jeff Manson came back with another Bentley score at 13:50 to make it 4-2 after one period. CHURCHILL BESTED Bentley, 2-1, in the second stanza.

Brian Veasey slipped one by Bulldog netminder Mark Reid. Bob Wasilewski came back with a Bulldog score but Roshirt was again directed to the penalty box, this time for interference.

Kris Kostolansky got the best of Reid to seconds later and Churchill was within one, 5-4, going into the final 15 minutes. Churchill shook off an early penalty in the early stages of the period and at 4:25, Rion picked the left hand corner to notch it at 5-5.

Both teams had numerous scoring chances the remainder of the period, Churchill hitting the post twice, but it ended up one point for each team in the standings.

BENTLEY NOW boasts a 2-3-1 league mark, and 3-5-1 overall. The Bulldogs go against Franklin Friday at Ford in the 9 p.m. clash. Franklin upended Bentley in the first round, 5-2.

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CHURCHILL 2 2 1-5

FIRST PERIOD

Bentley - Rakowicz (Ward), 1:50
Churchill - Manogian (Lynch), 4:20
Churchill - Rion (Ward), 5:15
Bentley - Marlowe (Wasilewski), 9:35
Churchill - Gagnon (Lynch), 11:20
Bentley - Manson (Wasilewski), 13:50

SECOND PERIOD

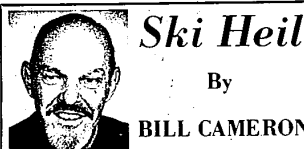
Churchill - Veasey (Lynch), 3:45
Bentley - Wasilewski (Roshirt), 4:08
Churchill - Kostolansky (Gagnon), 5:25

THIRD PERIOD

Churchill - Rion (Fenwick), 4:25
Penalties: Veasey (C), 0:45; McCann (B), 4:35

Patriots Hurting In Manpower

Spartans Blitz Franklin, 9-0



Ski Heil

By
BILL CAMERON

I've just returned from a two week seminar for professional tennis teachers. Conducted by Dennis Van der Meer, one of the outstanding tennis teachers in the United States, it had to be one of the most valuable experiences I've ever had. Held in Berkeley, Calif., "Tennis America" is owned by Van der Meer and Billie Jean King. Unfortunately, the Bay Area was experiencing the worst weather it had had in 30 years. We had rain for 10 of the 14 days I was there. For the 14 westerners would have thought that a tennis seminar would have been held in an indoor tennis club. We found out that there are only two such facilities in northern California!

But it's amazing what you can do with a little improvisation. The Tennis America Tennis Club is situated in the parking lot of the Golden Gate Fields Race Course and Dennis had set up four mini-courts underneath the grandstand. True, we suffered several forms of frostbite and the uniform of the day was raincoats or ski parkas. But we learned control and teaching situations that have only strengthened my belief in what can be accomplished in a non-tennis court situation. There were 21 of us from California, Colorado, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Oregon. A few teaching pros, and several who stand out in my mind was Lew Gerrard, former New Zealand Davis Cupper and circuit player. Lew now is a part owner in the Columbia, Md. Here was a fellow who was interested in learning new teaching techniques in spite of his rich background. A more

gracious, likable guy you couldn't find.

WE LEARNED, believe me. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a break for lunch, we were on our mini-courts learning the proper forehand, backhand, serve and volley techniques and then had lectures until 7 p.m. The first week we taught each other.

The second week we had live bodies, housewives, high school students and children. We were placed in practical situations to put into practice what we had learned from Van der Meer.

Dennis's goals were explicit. He wanted to conduct an in-depth seminar for the teaching professional in the tennis world. Wherein we would have the personal ability to demonstrate, teach and correct, and manage a group situation. Also to gain knowledge of ourselves as businessmen in managing a tennis club, running a pro shop and conducting tournaments. And lastly to improve our own games and derive personal satisfaction and improve our physical endurance and desire.

"What has it all meant to me? I feel I can do a much better job of teaching, to the point where I feel I can teach anyone a simple forehand and backhand ground stroke, forehand and backhand volley and serve in the first class. I also am a firm believer that control must come first before power. "Now if we can get the city fathers of our communities to build more courts we'll all be able to get out and get some exercise. I hope to be able to get back on the ski scene. Would you believe I haven't been on skis this season? I had entertained thoughts of Lake Tahoe but tennis came first.

Franklin High hockey Coach Paul Ferguson knew it wasn't the night to be playing powerful Stevenson, and when the Suburban Hockey League game was over, the Spartans proved him right.

Stevenson outshot Franklin, 37-11, en route to a 9-0 penalty to remain unbeaten in league play.

It was the first shutout recorded for Stevenson netminder Van Vermeesch, All-area goalie last year as a junior.

Ferguson has seen his Franklin crew starting to come of age but was without the services of four players when he took the ice against Stevenson. Then he lost two more in the first period.

THUS FERGUSON was down to two goalies and nine skaters.

"It was just one of those nights," said Ferguson. "Jack Wright had been in a car accident, Carl Noll was away on a trip. John Hart had a broken toe. Dave Hochstadt was out with the flu. Harold Vella broke a tooth in the first period and Dan Longway injured his foot."

For Gerry Goode and his Spartans it was a return to the victory road after a non-league loss to Cranbrook 5-4.

Les Anders Baseball Dates Set For May

Baseball season is fast approaching and with early signs of spring come the dates of the 73 Les Anders Invitational High School Baseball Tournament. The dates have been set for May 12, 19, 26 and 30. The site of the 16-school tourney will be Henry Ford Field in Livonia. Wayne Memorial is the defending champion and the event will again be co-sponsored by the Livonia Parks and Recreation, the Livonia Optimist Club and Observer Newspapers. Entries are being determined now on a first come basis.

STEVENSON is sitting pretty on top of the Suburban League at 6-0 with Churchill next best at 5-1.

The Spartans slapped four goals past Franklin goalie Don Perrie in the opening period. Bob McLive and Jerry DiRusso scored 20 seconds apart in the first five minutes and Perrie was then called for slashing.

KURT GEIGER responded with a power-play goal at 6:30, Steve Hillman assisting, and Stevenson came back with another power-play score at 12:35.

Franklin right-winger Mike Capenka was off two minutes for hooking and Don Finn blasted it home to give Stevenson a 4-0 first period advantage. Only one other

penalty was called in that period, a two minute hooking infraction to Stevenson's Wally McLinturray.

The whistle started going Stevenson's way in the second stanza with the Spartans getting the gate five times compared to one penalty against Franklin. However, it didn't stop Stevenson from getting the best of the Patriots and Perrie.

Dale Marzetta and Finn scored to push the margin to 6-0 going into the third period, with Ferguson going to his second goalie, Steve Filarecki.

Stevenson greeted him with three goals.

HILLMAN flipped in two in the opening three minutes and DiRusso scored his second at 8:22 to complete the assault. Hillman, Finn and DiRusso all nothing two apiece. It was Franklin's fourth loss

in eight games and the third place Patriots get another test

FIRST PERIOD

Stevenson - McLive (F. Vermeesch), 4:30
Stevenson - Di Russo (P. Vermeesch), 4:50
Stevenson - Geiger (Hillman), 6:30
Stevenson - Di Finn (Shup), 12:35
Penalties: McLinturray (S), 1:55; Perrie (F), 5:00; Capenka (F), 12:00

SECOND PERIOD

Stevenson - Marzetta (VanNorman), 1:25
Stevenson - Finn (Moran), 3:20
Stevenson - Di Russo (Hillman), 8:23
Penalties: McLinturray (S), Field (F), 4:47; P. Vermeesch (S), 7:25; Pennington (F), B. Finn (S), 7:38; Field (F), 11:10; Lubig (F), 12:25

THIRD PERIOD

Stevenson - Hillman (D. Finn), 1:30
Stevenson - Hillman (Marlowe), 3:20
Stevenson - DiRusso (Hillman), 8:23
Penalties: McLinturray (S), Field (F), 4:47; P. Vermeesch (S), 7:25; Pennington (F), B. Finn (S), 7:38; Field (F), 11:10; Lubig (F), 12:25

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