

# Panthers knock off Bentley for 4th straight win

Redford Union continued its late-season basketball surge by whipping Livonia Bentley, 66-51, in a Suburban Eight battle which left the two clubs tied in the league standings at 6-6 behind Plymouth Salem, Dearborn and Edsel Ford.

It was the fourth loop win in a row for Coach Carl Andrews' Panthers who are now 7-1 overall after a dismal December record that saw five straight defeats before the team could get untangled. For the in and out Bulldogs of Bentley, the record now reads 9-9 for the full campaign.

Curt Montney, a senior who has been coming on strong in recent games, helped RU make amends for an earlier 47-45 loss to Bentley as he tossed in 19 points to beat out Bentley's Randy Luke with 17 for game scoring honors.

# Lathrup loses overtime battle

If there is a tougher way to lose a basketball game, Southfield Lathrup hasn't found it.

Pitted against Utica Eisenhower, Lathrup put up a great battle to hold its own in the first half that ended in a two-point deficit. Then, with Joe Gardner finding the range, the Southfield team came back to knot at the count at 47 points at the final whistle.

Then came the heart-breaker.

Sighting victory as the extra session started, hopes were sunk when Joe Rick sank two free throws and settled the issue, 49 to 47.

# Civile goes down again

In a game that was more interesting than the score would indicate, Clarenceville went down to a 62 to 37 defeat against the Bloomfield Hills Andover team.

Forced to trail, 17 to 7 at the end of the first quarter, the Middle Belt group fought on even terms in the second, only to be held to a single goal from the floor in eight shots in the third period. After that it was all Andover as the leaders piled up 23 points in the final period.

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# State rankings

The latest Michigan High School gymnastic state rankings show six area athletes ranked with teams from Farmington and Farmington Harrison placing in the top 10.

North Farmington is ranked eighth with 75.14 points and Harrison a step behind at 74.28. Ann Arbor Pioneer is No. 1 with 107.35 points.

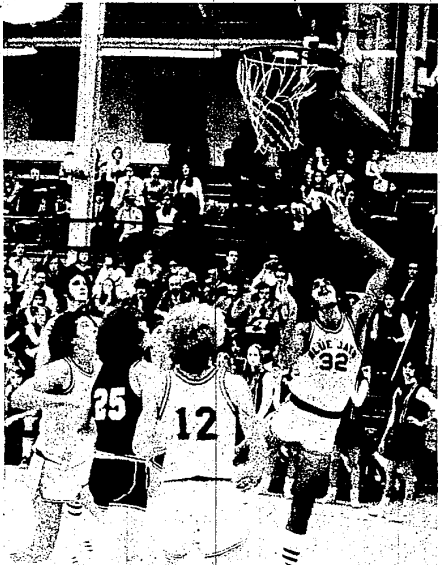
The lone Farmington High product to make the listings is Brian Ratliff with a 10th place on the still rings at 57.2.

From Harrison High are Kip Bortman in eighth place on the floor exercise with 6.98 points and Marshall Yee in ninth place on the still rings with a 5.78 average.

North Farmington's John Dickson is placed eighth on the high bar event with a 5.70 average and is ranked fourth in all-around competition with 21.10. Mike Sharp of North is eighth all-around at 20.90 and North's Tom Tomkow is placed sixth at 6.23.

Plymouth Salem grapplers won nine matches in a 55-3 victory over Bentley. The Livonians won the 135-pound class on a decision but lost all others.

The win gave Salem a record of 6-3-1 for the season.



IRA LABENSKY (32), whose 18 points helped Southfield score its fourth straight victory in a 49-44 win over Royal Oak Kimball, may have been off balance when he took this shot, but when it fell through the hoop, it didn't matter. (Enno Korthals photo)

# Bluejays whip Kimball

Southfield's Bluejays appear to have saved the best for last.

Behind the 16-point performance of Ira Labensky, Coach Don Kaump's club rolled to its fourth victory in a row by beating Royal Oak Kimball, 49-44, after being whipped by the same team by five points in January.

The only other time this winter that the Bluejays were able to put successive wins together came in triumph over Wyandotte and Seasholm, but that



GIVING WAY TO A CHARGING CHIEF is Farmington Harrison's Bob Mason (45) with Plymouth Canton's Ron Lack (32) putting up two of his 24 points in Canton's first varsity basketball win ever, 59-47. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

# IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

When Ted Bakatselos walked off the lanes at the American Bowling Congress tournament at Indianapolis last Monday, he had attained an honor that has come to few Detroit area bowlers.

The chunky Western sharpshooter had linked games of 230, 225 and 233 for a 688 that gave him top place in the singles by a margin of two points.

Bowlers claim there is no thrill greater for them than to see their name at the head of the giant standings board. And Ted, a member of the Ponderosa team in the All-Star Classic, enjoyed it to the fullest.

Ted's performance called attention again to the fact that it has been more than 20 years since Lee Jouglaard, a member of the Stroh team, set the ABC singles record with a 775. He was the last Detroit to win the singles, one of the most coveted of all titles.

Only two pins separated the leaders for the week at Country Lanes. Jerry Carlson, a 180 average bowler in the University Men's League, fired a 621 on games of 194, 227 and 200, to beat out Chuck Himman, in the same league. Chuck dropped to 181 after games of 224 and 214 and had to be content with a 619.

The Realty team in the Westland Classic put on quite a show this week when each of its members went well over the double century mark to post a 3297 series and a spot of 99 pins to reach the 3396 mark. On the way to the big score Dave Bromsted set the pace with 696 that included a 253 middle game. Bernie Peters was right behind with a 264 middle game and a 562 series. Jim Beck followed with 667, while Bob Johnson

contributed a 650 and Jerry Cole a 622.

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Many bowlers would frown with a 181 game, but not Fran Trost, a 133 average bowler at Mayflower Lanes. She has good reason to be delighted with her 181 as it was an all spare game and helped her post a 458 series.

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233 game in 575 to set the pace again.

The senior house league again furnished most of the fireworks at Bel-Aire Lanes.

Greg Hatter survived the wild scoring to land on top with a 680 gained on games of 215, 228 and 237. The runner-up spot went to Mike Walters with a 642 while Ed Demkie landed third with 640.

The women also had a big week when Myrna Helle finished with a 256 and 623 in the Ladies Classic, and Virginia Burnham fashioned a 610 in the Pin Pointers circuit.

In the Businessmen's circuit top honors went to Jack Dahlstrom with a 528 that was 13 pins better than the 615 posted by Ron Goslin.

With an entry of close to 1,000 teams, the Detroit Women's Bowling Association, of which Observerland women are members will open its annual city tournament Saturday afternoon at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy, with the first squad due to bowl at 2 p.m.

This Saturday also is the closing date for reservations for the men's city tournament that opens at Satellite Bow on April 20.

Penny Ogelsby had a big day in the Livonia Ladies Classic. She won the final game of the series 157-48-205, then took the series honors with 470-414-614. In the other games Don Fulton took first, 190-42-232, and Lorraine Ivanick took second, 180-46-225.

The best performance of the week, however, came in the Saturday Mixed League when Barbara Echols posted a 613 on games of 211, 191, and 211.

# Oak Park hands East 12th defeat of season

This simply hasn't been the year for Garden City East, which once was an area basketball power, and nothing proved it more than the 74-47 loss to Oak Park, East's 12th defeat in 18 outings.

The loss dropped East to 27 in the Northwest Suburban league standings, where Livonia Franklin currently leads the roster, but East's Billy Joe Young already is

looking to a comeback for his club next winter.

In the Oak Park clash, East matched points with the stronger foe as far as the 10-10 mark, and then the Parkers turned it on with 13 points in a row to eventually lead at the half, 36-22.

A 38-point second half only put icing on the cake for Oak Park, whose Willy Rankin led all scorers with 23 points.

Greg Emery with 14 and Jim Riley with 11 were the

pacemakers for East which hit on only 20 of 56 shots from the floor compared to Oak Park's 35 of 78.

Box score: OAK PARK (74): Levine, 8-11-15; Miles, 3-10-12; Rankin, 11-11-23; Gervais, 1-10-2; Boyce, 2-4-12; Pash, 1-10-2; Schuchter, 2-10-4. TOTAL: 74-47.

GARDEN CITY EAST (27): Giffen, 4-10-8; Emery, 2-14-14; Bill, 3-10-8; Riley, 4-10-11; Hale, 1-10-2; Barmann, 1-10-2; Mitchell, 1-10-2. TOTAL: 27-59.

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# Northville trips Harrison

Northville made the most of a runaway start with 22 points in the first period to down Farmington Harrison, 68 to 59, in one of the weirdest games of the season.

After the good start, Northville ran into trouble when Harrison broke up the press and trailed only 35 to 29 at halftime. It was nip and tuck

in the third period with Bob Mason of Harrison finding the range repeatedly. Then the game changed and Northville, because of accuracy at the foul line when it sunk 12 of 16 attempts in the final quarter, went on to win.

Mason set the scoring pace for both teams with 11 bas-

kets and three successful tosses from the charity line for 25 points, while the Eys boys, Tod and Tom, did yeoman work for the winners. Tod connected nine times from the floor and Tom added five buckets plus two from the free throw line.

Box Score \*\*\*

HARRISON (68): Brock, 1-10-2; Mason, 11-3-25; Lopez, 1-10-1; Pash, 3-10-8; Boyce, 2-10-2; Mitchell, 1-10-2; Gervais, 4-10-4. TOTAL: 68-59.

NORTHVILLE (59): Lew, 10-2-2; Bishop, 4-10-8; Rankin, 1-10-2; Miles, 3-10-12; Pash, 1-10-2; Schuchter, 2-10-4. TOTAL: 59-68.

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# Tourney pairings

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"madness" next Tuesday when it tangles with host Farmington Harrison.

Pairings for Harrison, Harrison, Brighton and Southfield tourneys follow:

AT FARMINGTON  
1-Monday, March 4, 7 p.m. - Thurston vs. Oak Ridge  
2-Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m. - Crestwood vs. Southfield  
3-Wed., March 6, 7 p.m. - Redford vs. Waterloo  
4-Thursday, March 7, 7 p.m. - Ann Arbor vs. Waterloo  
5-Fri., March 8, 7 p.m. - Winner 3 vs. Winner 4  
6-Sat., March 9, 8 p.m. - Winner 2 vs. Winner 5  
7-Mon., March 11, 7 p.m. - Oak East vs. Franklin  
8-Tue., March 12, 8:30 p.m. - Churchill vs. Stevenson  
9-Wed., March 13, 7 p.m. - GC West vs. Winner 1  
10-Thurs., March 14, 8:30 p.m. - Winner 2 vs. Bentley  
11-Fri., March 15, 8 p.m. - Winner 3 vs. Winner 4  
12-Sat., March 16, 8 p.m. - Winner 5 vs. Winner 6  
13-Mon., March 18, 8 p.m. - Plymouth vs. Farmington  
14-Tue., March 19, 7 p.m. - M. Farmington vs. Farmington  
15-Wed., March 20, 8:30 p.m. - Winner 1 vs. Northville  
16-Thurs., March 21, 8 p.m. - Winner 2 vs. Winner 3  
17-Fri., March 22, 8 p.m. - Winner 4 vs. Winner 5  
18-Sat., March 23, 8 p.m. - Winner 6 vs. Winner 7

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# Little League to register

FARMINGTON - Registration begins this week at Farmington High School for the South Farmington Baseball Association Little League. Boys 7 to 18 are eligible for the baseball program, while girls 8 to 14 may sign up for softball.

Registration will be held Saturday, March 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursday, March 7 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and Saturday, March 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fees are \$5 for boys, \$21 each for two from the same family, and \$18 each for three or more. The fee for girls is \$12 each, regardless of family size. The fee and a birth certificate are required to register.