

# Beavers Top Houghton Lake in Thriller

By Arthur Thayer

Beaverton high school came through with a blaze of glory in the final quarter of their game against Houghton Lake at home Tuesday night to overhaul the Lakers and take a 1 point victory 59-58. With 15 seconds left to play Ken Govitz was fouled. He stepped to the free throw line and sank the first shot to tie the game at 58-58, and then swished the second one through to settle the final score. Govitz netted nine field goals and nine free throws to give him 27 points for the evening. Second high went to Jerry Miller of Houghton Lake with 20. Beaver Bob Grant scored 14 to take third honors.

Houghton Lake got off to a 14-10 first period lead and extended it to 28-23. Clouds of disappointment were beginning to form over the home crowd when the Lakers made it 48 - 41 at the end of the third quarter and lengthened it to a 10 point spread early in the final frame. With every Beaver on the floor getting in the scoring act, they whittled the margin down to set the stage for the dramatic finish.

In the JV game the Little Beavers got out in front 31-25 at the half time but ran out of steam. Houghton Lake came back with a 61-40 win. Holloway of Houghton Lake picked up 25 points to pace the winners, while Pat Kalahar marked 19 for the Little Beavers.

The previous Friday night the two Beaverton teams traveled to Omer to meet Arenac Eastern and came up with their only double win of the year. The two Varsities battled on even terms through the first half as the Beavers held 14-12 and 24-22 leads at the end of the first two periods. The second half was a different story as the Beavers stacked up 24 and 28 point quarters while the Eagles were getting 15 and 12 to put Beaverton on the long end of a 71-49 score.

The Little Beavers jumped off to a 23-5 lead at half time and kept rolling for a 44-20 victory. Top scoring honors went to Pat Kalahar with 10 points and Les Smith with 8. Frank Gawlick and Lloyd Fesler led the Eagles with 6 points each.

Friday night the Beavers take their 7-2 record to Standish and will attempt to run their victory string to 8. Next Tuesday they will be host to West Branch on their home floor.