

# Austin and Shaw ignite Raiders

# North plays tall, tops Glenn in showdown



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All odds, it seemed, were against the visitors from North Farmington. But in the end, the Raiders prevailed.

First of all, John Glenn was playing before a loud and large home crowd. Secondly, its starting lineup consisted of four players taller than 5-foot-10 — North had one player of that size.

But the team that makes its shots wins and that team was North Farmington, 47-39.

The win keeps North atop the Northwest Suburban League with a perfect 4-0 record. Glenn's loss is its second in 4-0 play.

**GLENN COACH** George Sommerman was not pleased with the outcome, but the game itself, he said, was not too bad.

"Hey, this was a lot of fun. There was a big crowd and they were really into it. It's just too bad we shot poorly."

Their poor shooting prevented the Rockets from making use of their size advantage.

"If you miss those little ones inside, you can't exploit the situation. It's a painful thing. It's heartbreaking," really," Sommerman said.

The Raider defense had a lot to do with the Rockets' poor shooting. The Raiders played a cleverly disguised 3-2 zone defense in the first half and modified it significantly in the third quarter. The modification was the brainchild of North's junior varsity coach Greg Capling.

"**GREG SAW** something in the first half and we changed our defense. We kept our big people down in the wings instead of having them come up," said Raider coach Greg Grodzicki.

What the change did was close up the

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middle, and forced Glenn to bomb away from the outside. North had excellent rebounding position as a result, also.

"We have some very smart people," Grodzicki said. "They block out really well underneath. That was the key, because they were a lot bigger than us."

Any Austin and LaInna Shaw fed the attack for North, while Suzanne Howell and Mary Kozicki did yeomen's work on the glass. Austin also was a force on the boards, with 10 rebounds.

"She is such a complete player," Grodzicki said of Austin. "As a coach, you just got to let her go do her thing. Nine out of 10 times, she makes the right plays."

**AUSTIN DID** her thing to the tune of 18 points. Shaw hit for 15 points, most on long-range jumpers.

Austin got North off to a flying 16-11 start, scoring eight first-quarter points, the last six of the quarter all on free throws. Austin also made two sparkling assists on baskets by Kozicki.

The second quarter was played a little on the sloppy side, with both teams committing turnovers and unnecessary fouls. North ended the half ahead 26-20. The unnecessary fouls would come back to haunt both teams, especially Glenn.

The third quarter was all Shaw. She forced Glenn out of their press by sinking six long jumpers from the corner. Her layup at the buzzer put North up 37-30.

**FOUR GLENN PLAYERS** were in foul trouble. Diana Sommerman and Michele McCullen eventually fouled

out, and Julie Pucci and Darla Bergman each had three fouls.

"The fouls definitely hurt us," said Sommerman. "We would have liked to keep the press on them a little longer."

The home team, nevertheless, made a surge right at the start of the final quarter. Pucci, the Rockets' playmaking point guard, made some sparkling drives which resulted in a pair of free throws each by Sophie Castonguay and Sandy Lang. Suddenly Glenn was within striking distance. The Rockets' fans were ready to blast off.

Austin brought them back to earth.

She grabbed an offensive rebound, made the short jumper and was fouled.

She completed the three-point play and North was back up by six.

"Was that a turning point in the game, or what," Grodzicki said, knowingly.

Shaw, however, fouled out with 5:45 left, and North went more than three minutes without scoring another point.

**THE ROCKETS** could score just twice during the Raiders' drought.

With the score 49-37, Kozicki calmly sank three out of four free throws, and later, Austin did the same to ice the win for North.

Bergman led Glenn's scorers with nine points. Pucci added eight and Castonguay had seven. Kozicki chipped in eight for the Raiders.

North is now 9-1 overall, and Glenn is 6-3.

## Mercy tops Regina

Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy is just full of surprises for coach Larry Baker.

The Marlin rode on the strength of a 20-9, first-quarter explosion to route Regina 57-42 Thursday night.

"This was a delightful surprise for me," Baker said. "Last year we beat them 51-21. The kids played well together at both ends."

Baker praised the efforts of his junior center, Mary Rosowski, saying she played "the best game of her career."

Rosowski scored 22 points and pulled down 10 rebounds.

Sarah Basford had 14 for Mercy while Terri Moore added 12. But Mercy's domination could be linked to the

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## North dunks RU

North Farmington won every event in capturing its first Northwest Suburban League swim meet of the year, dethroning Redford Union, 128-42.

Double winners Colleen Carey and Jill Menelley led the attack as the Raiders improved their overall record to 10-1, last night 10-2-1.

Colleen Carey was first in the 200-yard individual medley (2:03.5) and then came back to win the 100 breaststroke in 1:12.0. She also was a member of a winning relay team, combining with Kathy Pierog, Kate Hardman and Jody Gerts to win the 200-medley relay in 2:04.6.

Menelley, meanwhile, took firsts in the 200 freestyle (2:15.7) and 500 freestyle (6:10.1). Pierog was also a member of the winning 400-free relay team (4:18.0), teaming with Diane

McSweeney, Holly Epstein and Jennifer Rowe.

Other winners for the Raiders were Helen Sue Howarth in the 50 freestyle (17.22), Amy Monfette in the 100 butterfly (1:19.9), Gerts in the 100 freestyle (1:03.7) and Laura Detzel in the 100 backstroke (1:19.8). Marcy Hawk was the diving competition.

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**, behind record-setting performances by Mary Schoene and Sheila Toomre, came past Farmington Harrison Thursday night, 104-64.

Sheets set a pool record in the 100 butterfly, winning in 1:02.6. She also teamed with Christi Schwedt, Kathy Sullivan and Toomre to set a pool record in the 400 freestyle relay (3:52.4).

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