



## Hawks rap Falcons; get Central in semis

Farmington Harrison began its quest for the Western Lakes Conference championship in grand fashion Friday night with an impressive 62-49 win over Farmington on the Falcons' home court.

Harrison was crowned champion of the Western Division of the Western Lakes Conference with a 10-3 record. The Hawks are 13-5 overall.

The Hawks punished Farmington (8-10) with an aspect of their offense that had been lacking lately — outside shooting. Harrison hit 28 of 47 shots from the field.

"They shot the ball very well," Farmington coach Rich Roy said. "We tried to zone them and (Ken) George and (John) Miller were hitting from the outside. We went to a man and (Vince)

**SEMIFINAL GAMES**  
Livonia Churchill (8-10) at Livonia Stevenson (10-2)  
Walled Lake Central (12-0) at Farmington Harrison (13-5)

**CONSOLATION GAMES**  
Plymouth Salem (10-8) at Plymouth Canton (7-11)  
Livonia Bentley (7-10) at Northville (7-11)  
Walled Lake Western (12-10) at Farmington (8-10)

Enright and (Mike) Dempsey killed us on the inside."

**HARRISON LED 35-27** at halftime and steadily increased its lead. The Hawks downed the Falcons in their last meeting 53-39, but Roy thought his team would make it more of a battle this time around.

"I'm a little disappointed," he said. "I thought it would be closer, even though we're not a great scoring team. We haven't been all year."

Dempsey's 15 points paced four Harrison players in double figures. Miller and Enright each added 14 and George chipped in 13 for the winners.

Kyle Mott topped the Falcons with 13 points and Tony Racka added 11.

Roy said he was pleased with the play of Racka, who started his first game for Farmington.

If the Hawks are to reach their preseason goal of playing in the WLAA, they will have to survive a stiff semifinal game with Walled Lake Central Tuesday. The last time Central invaded Harrison's gym, the game went into overtime before the Hawks escaped with a win.

## Churchill ousts Rocks

By Brad Emons  
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Send Livonia Churchill's basketball team to Las Vegas because they're on a roll.

The Chargers trounced Plymouth Salem in their own gym Friday night, 54-51, in a first-round Western Lakes Conference playoff game.

It was the second year in a row in which Churchill has ousted the Rocks. The Chargers will take an 8-10 record into Tuesday's semifinal battle with Livonia Stevenson (15-2).

The right numbers came up for Churchill on several occasions with the clincher being Ken Gendjar's free throw with four seconds left.

"We've been talking about composure at Churchill this season, and I thought we showed it tonight," said the Chargers' coach Don Albertson.

Salem coach Bob Brodie, whose team fell to 10-8 overall, had this assessment: "I think our problem was that too many times we had a lack of intensity. There were loose balls and rebounds to get, but Churchill got them."

**THE LEAD** changed hands throughout the final quarter.

Churchill's pencil-thin center Mike Hermanson scored 2 of his game-high 19 points with 1:41 to go, putting the Chargers ahead 50-47.

But only 16 seconds later, Bryan Waldron came cold off the bench to hit a short baseline jumper, cutting the margin to 1.

The Rocks then stole the ball and took a short-lived 51-50 lead when LeSean Haygood scored with 51 seconds remaining.

Waldron then fouled Andy Oliver 10 seconds later. The Churchill guard made his first free throw, but missed the second. Hermanson, using all of his lanky 6-foot-5 frame, tipped the rebound to Gendjar, who found himself with an open shot in the lane — bingo — 2 more points for the Chargers.

Salem came down and missed with 29 seconds to play but got the ball right back when Scott Hille was called for an offensive foul after grabbing a missed Oliver foul shot.

**THE ROCKS** called timeout with 14 seconds to play, but never got a shot off, turning the ball over with 6 seconds remaining.

Churchill was able to get the inbound pass to Gendjar, who was immediately fouled. He made the all-important first shot as Churchill hit the jackpot.

"We got good shots, but we have to have those second and third chances," said Brodie. "We had breakdowns and Churchill capitalized."

There were several other key points in the game:

• Guard Mickey Katschor made a

shot and was fouled at the buzzer to end of the first quarter, pulling Churchill to within 4 points.

• Hermanson scored with 3 seconds left in the half to give the Chargers a 31-29 advantage at intermission.

• Gendjar dealt Salem another blow at the end of the third quarter when he hit a shot with 3 seconds left, putting his team to within 2.

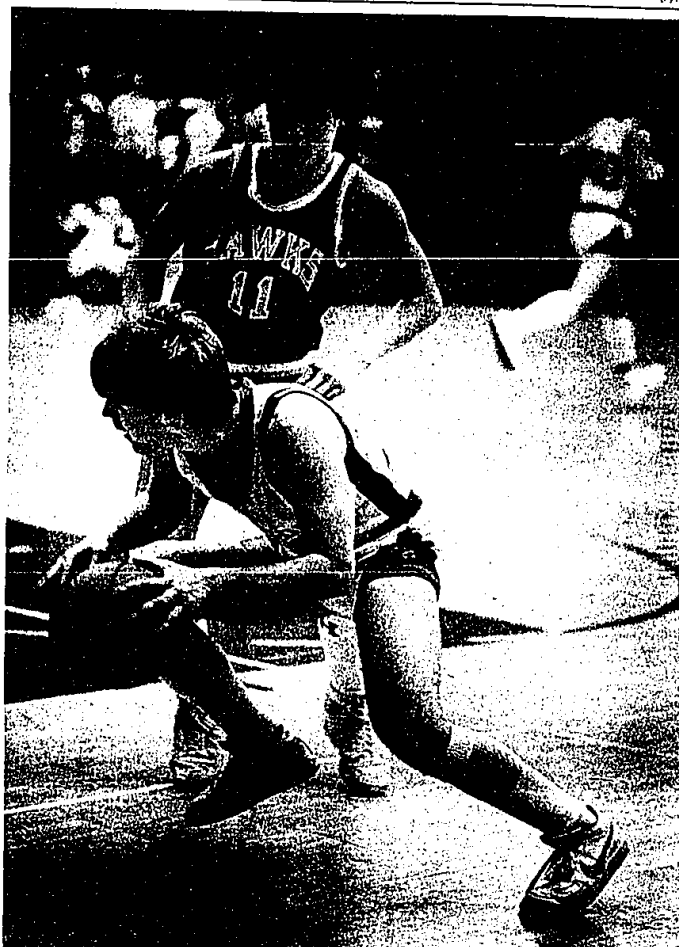
• He also scored a layup to open the fourth quarter and Salem's Mike White was called for a technical foul (slapping the backboard). It turned out to be a 5-point play as Hermanson made good on the foul shot and Hille followed with a basket.

**"WE FELT** Hermanson could beat LeSean Haygood (Salem's center) speedwise, but we couldn't outmuscle him," Albertson said. "Mike played a whale of a game. When he's one step off the low block, he's deadly with that turnaround jumper."

Hille finished with 12 points and 8 rebounds, while Katschor, the key to running Churchill's offense, finished with 7 points and 10 assists.

White, who got into early foul trouble and sat out a good portion of the second quarter, led Salem with 14 points. Ed Sovine and Haygood added 10 and 9, respectively.

"I'm happy with the way we played," Albertson said. "Winning at Salem is a win, but it was a lot more difficult winning here than it was at Churchill."



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Dwayne Kratt (with ball) scrambles to get by Harrison defender Ken George Friday night. The Hawks survived the first round of league tournament play and will host Walled Lake Central Tuesday.

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## Garden City hoists NSL flag

By Chris McCosky  
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It is mighty tough to win a basketball game at Garden City. Just ask Westland John Glenn.

The first thing visiting teams have to deal with at Garden City is a raucous pep band that stations itself immediately behind the visitor's bench. Then there's the humble public address announcer, Dan York, whose booming orange and blue voice can be heard on Middlebelt Road.

Then there's the Garden City faithful, equal parts parents and students. They combine to get the small but acoustically amplified gym reeling and a rockin'.

As if that's not enough, the visiting teams still have to contend with coach Bob Dropp's hustling basketball team, one of the best in the Suburban League.

Westland John Glenn put up a valiant fight at Garden City Friday, but the effort fell short.

**THE COUGARS**, behind a sterling performance from sophomore Skip Barnett, defeated Glenn 80-74 to clinch their first Northwest Suburban League championship.

"This team has really come a long way," said a happy and relieved Dropp. "We had one kid back off last year's team. But, once the people started to establish their roles, that came about the beginning of January, we've really come on."

Indeed, the Cougars haven't been beaten in 1985 and have won 13 in a row since losing to North Farmington on Dec. 20.

"The kids just worked so hard all year," Dropp said. "We really wanted this. We've come in second place the last two years in this conference. The kids really wanted to be on top. It was their turn."

**NSL STANDINGS**

c-Garden City	.....	8-1
North Farmington	.....	8-3
John Glenn	.....	8-3
Livonia Franklin	.....	6-3
Redford Thurston	.....	3-6
Redford Union	.....	3-6
c-clinched championship	.....	1-8

Barnett, a 6-foot-5 forward, had his front two teeth disengaged from his mouth in pride Wednesday, but that didn't take the bite out of his game. The sophomore scored 23 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to lead a balanced Cougar attack.

"He's really an unbelievable kid," Dropp said. "He missed half a practice on Wednesday because he got his teeth knocked out. He asked me the next day if he had to run extra laps to make up for the time he missed."

Sieve Dunning, a 6-2 senior, shredded the middle of Glenn's defense for 21 points, the recipient of several super passes from Kevin Sheridan. Dave Wegzyn chipped in 13 points and 9 rebounds, Steve Freier scored 11 and Sheridan notched 12.

**FOR GLENN**, multi-talented senior Mike Baydarian scored 23 points, 13 in the final quarter to rally the Rockets back into contention.

Glenn carried a 1-point lead, 33-32, into the third quarter. But the Rockets could score just 3 baskets in their first 18 possessions of the second half and

GC made a 17-3 run that appeared to have Glenn buried.

But Baydarian and company turned the final quarter into a shootout. Some sloppy ball-handling by Garden City, a bizarre technical foul called on Dropp and some electrifying play off the bench by reserves Tim Wisely and Andy Granulis and suddenly Glenn was down only 5, 69-64, with 2:30 to play.

But Sheridan, Dunning and Barnett effectively broke Glenn's desperation press and created easy hoops to preserve the win.

"The third quarter really hurt us," said Glenn coach Gordie Davis. "We missed an awful lot of shots. And they were good shots. We wanted to press them in the third quarter, but you have to score to make the press effective. We just went dry."

"But give Garden City credit. They are a good team and will represent this league very well."

Pall Koeller contributed 14 points to the Glenn cause.

The Rockets are now 6-3 in the NSL, 10-8 overall. Garden City is now 8-1 in the conference, 15-3 overall.

## North assigned Milford district

The goal is to play volleyball on Saturday, March 16, at East Kentwood High School.

To do that, area high school volleyball teams have to survive pre-district, district and regional tournaments. It's volleyball's own version of March Madness.

It's no easy road, but several Observerland teams, namely Livonia Stevenson, Bishop Borgess, Garden City and North Farmington, have a good chance to survive.

The pre-district matches will be played throughout the state this week with the districts taking place Saturday, March 2. Here's a look at where the Observerland teams will be stationed:

**CLASS A**  
AT YPSILANTI: Plymouth Salem, Plymouth Canton, Wayne Memorial and Westland John Glenn. Others: Adrian, Ann Arbor Huron, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Belleville, Romulus and Ypsilanti. (Winner advances to regional tournament at Wayne Memorial vs. winner of Dearborn Fordson district.)

**AT DEARBORN FORDSON:** Garden City, Dearborn, Edsel Ford, Fordson, Detroit Chadsey, Detroit Cody, Detroit Mackenzie, Detroit Northwestern, Detroit Southwestern and Detroit Western. (Winner advances to regional tournament at Wayne Memorial vs. winner of Ypsilanti district.)

**AT BISHOP BORGESS:** Farmington, Farmington Hills Mercy, Livonia Bentley, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Bishop Borgess and Redford Union. Others: Detroit Cooley, Detroit Henry Ford, Detroit Redford and Southfield. (Winner advances to regional tournament at Wayne Memorial vs. winner of Dearborn Fordson district.)

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**AT BIRMINGHAM GROVES:** Farmington Harrison, Others: Berkeley, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Marian, Birmingham Seaborn, Bloomfield Hills Andover, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Southfield-Lathrup, Royal Oak Dondero, Royal Oak Kimball, Troy Athens and Troy. (Winner advances to regional tournament at Flint Carman vs. winner of Carman district.)

**AT MILFORD LAKELAND:** North Farmington, Others: Brighton, Howell, Lakeland, Milford, Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake Western, Walled Lake Central and West Bloomfield. (Winner advances to regional tournament at Lansing Waverly vs. winner of Rockford district.)

**CLASS B**  
**AT BISHOP FOLEY:** Clarenceville, Livonia Ladywood and Redford Thurston. Others: Avondale, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, Clarence, Detroit Benedictine, Detroit Renaissance, Bishop Foley, Madison Heights Lamphere and Royal Oak Shrine. (Winner advances to regional tournament at Allen Park vs. winner of Monroe Jefferson district.)  
Semifinal and championship matches for Class A winners will take place at East Kentwood. Kellogg High School will host the Class B semifinals and championship.

## North's 'big men' topple RU in OT

Redford Union gave Northwest Suburban League basketball foe North Farmington a scare Friday night forcing the Raiders into an overtime period before falling, 59-55.

In the end it was North Farmington's size that spelled doom for the Panthers, according to RU coach Lee Bjerkie. "They took us inside and beat us," Bjerkie said. "Our kids played about as well as we can play. We were out-rebounded by a 3-to-1 margin. We like to win, but what can you do?"

Dennis Bushart kept the dream alive for RU (3-14, 1-8) with 2 free throws in the last 6 seconds of the game. The Panthers couldn't hold on in the overtime, however.

North Farmington led 30-21 at intermission, but came storming back in the third period to pull within one going into the last period.

Bushart finished with 33 points for RU including 11 for 13 from the charity stripe.

Rick Anderson paced the winners (8-

3, 13-5) with 24 points and Bob Chwalk added 18.

Anderson and Chwalk are two fine ball players," Bjerkie said. "They've done a great job for (North Farmington)."

**HAMTRAMCK 40, CLARENCEVILLE 37:** Hamtramck, despite a slow start, held on to beat Friday Metro Conference rival Livonia Clarenceville. The Trojans carried a 1-4 first quarter lead over visiting Hamtramck. The Cosmos, however, got fire in the second

and third quarter and took a 32-26 lead going into the final period.

Eric Esser and Jeff Vakraits led Clarenceville (6-7, 8-10) with 8 and 7 points, respectively.

Bill Moore and Brett Cary topped the Cosmos (11-2, 13-5) with 15 and 12 points each.

Clarenceville takes on Redford Thurston in the first round of Class B district play at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Detroit Renaissance High School.