Pats win consolation title

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salamon Locety was probated able to sleep a little easier Saturday night.

Eberty, a senior forward, scored 12 points in helping Livonia Frank-lin deteat North Farmington 61-65

Saturday for third place in the Western Lakes Activities Association bearing the senior of the senior of

The win Improved Franklin to 16-3 overall. Franklin led 27-25 at halftime, but Eberly scored eight points and guard Dawn Warner added seven in the third quarter when the Patri-ots built a 44-34 lead, Warner led Franklin with Epoints, Inchding three 3-point shots, and senior Cheryi Hintz con-tributed 15.

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"I can put five players on the court at a time that can shoot." Franklin coach Dan Freeman said. 'They know their roles and that's why we hit a decent percentage of our shots in the second half."
The Patriots are dedicating the rest of the season to Freeman, who will undergo medical tests this week because of pain in his pan-creas.

ereas.
"It's an inspiration for me,"

was second. I just wanted us to go

one-two."

The Raiders have their star swimmers such as Doran, Duthie, Karrle Kranz — who won the IM with a 2:14.97 time — Julianne Markey (second in the backstroke), Anna Palmer and Carrie Worthen, the last two taking second and third in the heraststroke. But Pat Duthie enphasized the importance of all those who contributed, especially since the WLAA scores 18 places now.

"In this league, you're not going to win it on first places," he said, "We put kids in events not necessarily where we thought they'd win but

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North returns to

giris basketball

Warner said. "He's a major part of me. A major part of my heart." Eve Claar led North (15-5 over-all) with 14 points, including two 3-pointers, and Kim Gurecki had 13:

W.L. WESTERN 53, STE-VENSON 44: Forward Laura Call scored 17 points in leading Walled Lake Western to a 53-44 win over Livonia Stevenson for fifth place in the WLAA

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NORTHVILLE 38, JOHN GLENN 37: Allyson Kennedy scored six of her game-ligh 13 points in the fourth quarter as Northville field off a late Glein raily to gain seventh place in the WLAA tourned.

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Forward Cathy Murk and guard Jen-

where they could help the team."

North was helped greatly by victo-ries in both relays. Palmer and Mar-key combined with Jennifer Wagner and Kristen Celko in the medley, and the freestyle unit consisted of Kranz, Duthie, Doran and Worthen.

CANTON ALSO did it with depth.
The team's best finish was Nicole
Drake's second in the 500 freestly.
She also was fourth in the 200, and
tearmate Cassie Cummins placed
lift di the backstroke and sixth in
the IM. The Chiefs also had two of
the top divers: Becky Hosington
(fourth) and Amy Kodrik (sixth).

ny Massey scored seven points each for Glenn, and Karen Olack added six points. The Rockets led 16-15 at halftime.

CHURCHILL 44, HARRI-SON 24: Junior forward Alyssa Be-latre led three Livonia Churchill play-ers in double figures with 14 points and the Chargers came away with an im-pressive 44-24 win over Farmington Blus Harrison

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FARMINGTON 50. W.L., CENTILAL BY SHEIL SCAIS loyer with 22 seconds left gave the Falcens a thritting, 50-64 win Saturday morning. Gaul, one of three scorers in double figures with 10 points, put in the winning basked off a pass from forward Erika Histoher. Of Cannon led Farminge to with 12 points, and center Bonnie Wheelis tied Gaul in the scoring department with 10 Hatcher finished with saven points.

The win improved Farmington to 7-13 overall, Central Senting of the Sential Senting of the Sential Sential Senting of the Sential Sentia

WLAA throne

Big-play Rice advances

The blood-stained jerseys said it

Birmingham Brother Rice sur-

all.

Birmingham Brother Rice survived perhaps its toughest test of the season Saturday, defeating host Westland John Glenn for the Region II (oobtail champlionship, 27-21.

It was an emotional victory for the Warriors (11-0), who advance to the State Class A semilinals against the Warriors Saturday, Now. 18, 13 Pine's Atwood Stadium.

"It's not easterday, Now. 18, 14 Pine's Atwood Stadium."

"It's not east," said Rice coach Al Fracassa, "because sometimes we expect so much of those kids. People realize you can't win all the time and that sometimes you have to lone. We were just fortunate to win, and I'm glad to have these kids around another week."

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"YOU FEEL PROUD that you "YOU FEEL FROOD that you could go toe-to-toe with those two teams, and that with one play, here or there, you could have gotten a win," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon, whose team bowed out at 9-2 overall. "But we just came up short. Our kids have played hard all year. I knew they'd play hard today, but I knew they'd play hard today, but I guess we didn't play quite well enough."

Big plays determined the final enterment

outcome.

Rice quarterback Bob Utter, who accounted for 271 of his team's 352 total yards, hit a wide-open tight end Pete Mitchell for the game-winning

touchdown, a 77-yarder, with 11:49
left In the game to crase a 21:19 deficit.

It was a play-action pass that fooled the Glenn secondary.
"If got open on a 'wheel' (pattern) and I said to myself, Thank God, list throw it," said Utter, who completed eight of I2 passes for 199 yards and three TDs to go along with 72 yards rushing. "Their defensive We got curver, good, but they like to fly around a lot."
We got curved to be "Gordon said." "But (Utier) causes that because he's always getting out on the corner. We didn't play it smart, but (Utter) puts you in that blind."

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On their first possession, the Rockets got down to the Rice 43 when upback Atonzo Jackson ran a fake punt 7 yards for a first down, but the drive stalled.
On Glenn's final possession, Mitchell interpreted Felo Stewart page 1

On Glenn's linal possession, Mitchell intercepted Eric Stover's pass at the Glenn 39 with 1:33 to play. The Warriors then ran out the clock. But the list big play came in the opening quarter when defensive end Jason Fennak stripped Stover of the ball. Linebacker Jason Randall picked it up and scampered 21 yards for a Rice TD with 4:35 left in thirst quarter.

Glenn bounced back in the second quarter when Stover (16-0-120 for 176 yards) began finding David Ryandson.

The two connected on passes of 31 and 24 yards before Stover completed the 74-yard, seven-play drive with a 10-yard scoring pass to Mark Wetmore.

BUT GLENN still found itself down 7-6 when Rice's Steve Morrison spun around a wall of blockers to block Wes Taylor's PAT. With Just under two minutes to play, Stover connected with David Ryan on a spectacular 77-yard touchdown pass, but the score stayed 12-7 when the Rockets falled on the two-point conversion.

The first-half scoring, however, was not over. Utter found Morrison, meet but dropped back before rallying in the backstroke and breasstroke. Cheri Vincent won the backstroke in 101.95 and Carrie Vanderweele was sixth.

Other winning performances had Churchill's Tara Ditchkoff swiming 5:15.79 points to edge Nortwille's Beth Frayne for the diving title and 535.70 points to edge Nortwille's Beth Frayne for the diving title and Stevenson's Jennifer Knapp going 1.07.46 in the breasstroke.

"This was a bit of a new experience for Cheri (a transfer student from the Upper Peninsula), being in this conference," Salem coach Chuck 1050s a sid, "and 1 think she has a real good understanding of what the last of the side of th

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