

# Rocks plug in to victory over Hawks

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Remember your Christmas tree lights? One goes out, you plug another in and they keep on blinking. That's the Plymouth Salem boys basketball team.

From one season to the next and one quarter to the next, a new kid in there and the system keeps right on working.

The Rocks ran away from visiting Farmington Harrison in the second half Tuesday night to remain undefeated in 10 games this season, 63-47. Salem is 4-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Eight Rocks scored in the game, half in double figures. Ten Hawks scored but only two were in double figures. Harrison is 5-4 overall, 2-4 in the WLA.

"They play that winning brand of basketball," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "And when the other team makes a mistake, they scarf it up."

"We're spattering a bit once in a while," Salem coach Bob Brodie said. "Harrison took us out of our offense early. They're a tough, physical team. In the second half, Salem got the ball down low to center Tony Jancevski for a turnaround baseline and a layup (off a nice feed by Adam Wilson) on the first two

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possession to take a 27-23 lead. Wilson knocked down a triple from the left wing and Harrison called timeout. The Hawks recovered with a Lomar Wilson layup, but the Rocks ran off the next minute for a 41-25 lead.

Aaron Rypkowski hit a three, Wilson got a layup off a steal, Rob Jones made a layup off a turnover and Rypkowski sank two free throws.

"That third-quarter spurt helped," Brodie said. "Our seniors stepped out. We played well on both ends of the floor. But Harrison fought back and made a run."

The Hawks scored 12 unanswered points, and the third quarter ended on a Jones bucket with one second left that made it 43-37. Harrison cut the deficit to 47-43 with 6:57 left, but a Rypkowski three-point play put the Hawks back in front.

"The did their stuff well," Teachman said. "We tend to do stuff that has proven not to be successful. Jump shot, jump shot, weak pass. You can't shoot jumpers all the time like that."

"We were hurrying everything we were doing. Then they went to a zone, packed it in and beat

us. We made way too many unforced errors."

Andrew Burt and Joe Hundley led Harrison with 10 points apiece, but the next highest scorer was at six.

"Joe was a bright spot for us," Teachman said. "He came to play."

Wilson led Salem with 13 points, Jancevski and Rypkowski scored 12 apiece and Jones netted 11.

"We stand to become a spectator team, stand around and watch the guard," Teachman said. "Then, when they went into their zone, we really stood around."

"They're not an impressive team, physically. They're just impressive basketball-wise."

The Rocks just kept plugging new parts into the machine. And it kept running.

**REDFORD CC 68, BROTHER RICE 69:** Parochial schools from Redford just haven't been kind to the Warriors this season. Brother Rice is now 0-2 in games against Bishop Borgess and Catholic Central after the Shamrocks tipped up the Warriors.

Rice held a 10-8 lead after one quarter but CC pulled ahead, 30-27, at the half and maintained that margin through the third quarter, although the Warriors did manage to hold a brief lead in the period.

Rice (2-9) is 3-4 in the Detroit

Catholic League Central Division with Catholic Central (7-4) at 3-2.

CC's Nick Moore scored 31 points, 16 in the final quarter, including three threes. Rob Spars scored 13 and Matt Loides 11. Ralph Sylvester paced visiting Rice with 13 points. Josh Hammet scored 12 and Chris Agwa 11.

**FARMINGTON 74, FRANKLIN 20:** In a WLA game Tuesday, host North Farmington (8-1, 4-0) roared to a 42-14 halftime lead and coasted past winless Livonia Franklin (0-9, 0-4).

**FARMINGTON 49, FRANKLIN 20:** The Raiders with 20 points and 10 rebounds. Phil Waha, a 6-foot junior, added 19 points and eight rebounds.

Junior guard Dylan Shulman had 11 points and five assists. Senior guard Albert Del'ovio dished out five assists. Franklin was limited to six second-half points. The Patriots made just one of seven free throws (to Kuras's 11 of 16). Joe Ruggiero and Dustin Kuras each scored seven points for the Pats.

**CANTON 43, FARMINGTON 32:** The game ended with visiting Plymouth Canton going on a 5-0 run to wipe out a 32-28 lead by Farmington.

The Chiefs were 10-0-10 at the free throw line in the fourth quarter. Mike Major, who scored six of his eight points in the fourth quarter, was 4-of-4.

Canton held quarter leads of 10-8, 18-17 and 28-27. Farmington scored the first five points of the fourth.

Major hit scored 10 points and Chad Sanborn nine for the Falcons, 0-3 in the WLA and 3-6 overall.

Joe Cortallini scored 16 points and Jason Waldmann 10 for the Chiefs, 3-1 in the WLA and 9-5 overall.

## WRESTLING RANKINGS

These rankings are compiled weekly by a panel of area coaches including Marty Altounian (Churchill), Jim Carlin (Redford Union), Dave Chiola (Gorham City) and Bob Moreau (Stevenson).

1. Redford Catholic Central.  
2. Plymouth Salem.  
3. Livonia Stevenson.  
4. Livonia Clarenceville.  
5. Wayne Memorial.

**INDIVIDUAL RANKINGS**

**103 pounds:** 1. Joe Moreau (Livonia Stevenson); 2. Chris O'Hara (Redford Catholic Central); 3. Josh Gunterman (Stevenson); 4. Dan Tondreau (Clarenceville); 5. Kyle Pitt (Plymouth Canton).

**112:** 1. John Mervyn (Plymouth Salem); 2. Mike Kessabiri (Wayne Memorial); 3. Pat Sain (GC); 4. Ronnie Thompson (Salem); 5. Jesse Purdon (Westland John Green).

**119:** 1. Jon Gregg (Wayne); 2. Vinnie Zoccol (GC); 3. Rob Ash (Salem); 4. Steve Vasiloff (Livonia Churchill); 5. Jim Gouley (Redford Union).

**126:** 1. Dustin Obeid (Stevenson); 2. Eugene Antonelli (Redford Thurston); 3. Justin Beseler (Wayne); 4. Jesse Stevens (GC); 5. Justin Schaefer (Farmington Hills Harrison).

**130:** 1. David Lemmon (Clarenceville); 2. Trevor Clark (North Farmington); 3. Jeff Albrecht (John Glenn); 4. John Pocock (Canton); 5. Tony Lem (Farmington).

**136:** 1. Imad Kharbush (Stevenson); 2. Nate Wonsko (Wayne); 3. Josh Har-

deron (Salem); 4. Jeff Wheeler (Livonia Redford CC); 5. Dave Arzopardi (Livonia Franklin).

**140:** 1. Jeff Usher (Thurston); 2. Ryan Shiplett (Franklin); 3. Jim Shelton (Canton); 4. Jake Taylor (Harrison); 5. Mike Falzon (Stevenson).

**145:** 1. Mike Carter (Churchill); 2. Ryan Zajac (Redford CC); 3. Ken Rupp (Wayne); 4. Josh Fee (GC); 5. Alan Duff (Franklin).

**152:** 1. Mitch Hancock (Redford CC); 2. Brandon LaPointe (Churchill); 3. Kevin Stone (Canton); 4. Eddie Traynor (GC); 5. Mark Ostach (Farmington).

**160:** 1. Robert Demelch (Canton); 2. Brian Barber (Stevenson); 3. Pete Langer (John Glenn); 4. Kurt Spann (Wayne); 5. Eric Toska (Franklin).

**171:** 1. Brian Hamman (GC); 2. Ryan Mathison (Redford CC); 3. Adam Marcum (Clarenceville); 4. Ben Lucas (Farmington); 5. Scott Archer (Lutheran Westland).

**180:** 1. Steve Mylinski (Franklin); 2. Walter Rogard (Clarenceville); 3. Andy Wood (Farmington); 4. Andy Conlin (Redford CC); 5. Ollie Myskewicz (RU).

**215:** 1. Bruce Nasymchuk (Redford CC); 2. Dymal Lameroux (Thurston); 3. Will Baker (RU); 4. Eric Puninske (Stevenson); 5. Kalon McPherson (Clarenceville).

**275:** 1. Casey Rogowski (Redford CC); 2. Brian Brinsden (Farmington); 3. Charlie Hamblin (Salem); 4. Mike Goffke (Churchill); 5. Carl LaLonde (Thurston).

# Whalers accomplish 2 more road wins

It was a weekend like any other for the Plymouth Whalers — two more road games, two more wins.

The Whalers have played 26 of 46 games on the road this far this season and have fared well. Wins at Erie Friday and Saturday gave Plymouth the points lead in the Ontario Hockey League, with 75; Ottawa and Barrie have better winning percentages but have played fewer games.

Solid defensive play and an offense that features too many weapons for opponents to handle were both evident in the sweep of the Otters. In Friday's 5-3 victory, the Whalers spotted Erie second-period leads of 1-0 and 2-1 before taking command.

David Legwand played a pivotal role in the comeback, scoring two goals (giving him 24 for the season) and assisting on another. Jason Ward was another major factor; he scored the go-ahead goal 3:45 into the third period, then got an empty-netter to insure the victory with 30 seconds remaining. Ward also assisted on Legwand's first goal.

Goals by Eric Gooldy (his 16th), who had an assist as well, and Legwand's second of the game gave Plymouth a 2-2 lead going into the third period. Eric's Tyler Bennette tied it 3:11 into the final period, but 34 seconds later Ward put Plymouth ahead to stay.

Rob Zupp turned away 27 Otter shots before giving way to Robert Holsinger (one goal allowed, nine saves) late in the second period. Corey Batten made 24 saves for Erie.

Saturday's rematch was close for only one period. Harold Drucken's 43rd goal of the season just 3:07 into the game put Plymouth up 1-0; the Otters' Tim

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Connolly, however, tied it at 7:14 of the period with his 26th goal of the year.

Adam Colangiaco then took command, scoring the go-ahead goal on a power play at 8:19 of the second period, then adding a second power-play goal at 2:28 of the third, giving him 27 for the season. He also assisted on Drucken's goal; Drucken assisted on Colangiaco's first score.

Colangiaco's second goal, Ward scored his 12th of the season, a short-handed marker at 13:33 of the second period.

Holsinger had 36 saves in earning the victory for Plymouth. Batten started for Erie and made 17 stops, allowing three goals, before being replaced midway through the second period by J.F. Perras.

The two wins pushed the Whalers record to 36-8-3. Erie is 18-22-3.

**REDFORD CC 4, E. KENTWOOD 2:** Senior center Brad Holland has improved dramatically in the defensive end for the Redford Catholic Central hockey team.

His father, Red Wings' general manager Ken Holland, isn't quite ready to sign him up, but he's got to be smiling at what he sees.

Holland had an assist and was a major reason a speedy East Kentwood team was held to two goals in the Shamrocks' 4-2 win Friday night on the west side of the state.

The win came six days after the No. 1 ranked Shamrocks (13-1) lost for the first time this year to Trenton, 1-0.

"The outstanding player of the game unquestionably was Brad Holland," CC coach Gordie St. John said. "He's coming on so strong, just getting better every day. He's learning to play hockey in the defensive zone. So many forwards are great once they're north of the blue

line, not very many know how to play effectively down here. One of our very best forwards in the defensive zone."

Also earning praise from St. John was seldom-used sophomore goaltender Andy McCoy, who entered in the first period with Junior Ben Dunno going to the bench with a stomach ache after making nine saves.

East Kentwood led 1-0 after one period and added another goal in the second period, which ended in a 2-2 tie.

"McCoy did a real nice job," said St. John. "East Kentwood is tremendously fast, the fastest team we played all year. They were a little quicker than we were, we were a little bigger."

St. John said the game was a virtual carbon copy of the Trenton game in terms of the referees calling a good game. Only three penalties were called.

"We should send a tape to every official in the state and the same can be said for the Trenton games," St. John said. "Both games had absolutely outstanding officials."

Sophomore forward Rick Buttery's persistence in front of the Kentwood net

led to the winning goal, assisted by Pat O'Dea and Ryan Yost with 2:36 left. An insurance goal by Brandon Kalenicki, his second of the game, assisted by Todd Bentley and Keith Rowe, came with less than a minute left.

Kalenicki opened the scoring for the Shamrocks with a goal at 2:37 of the second period, assisted by Holland and Rowe. The Shamrocks' second goal came by O'Dea, assisted by Joe Hillbrand and Buttery, at 11:39 of the second period.

**REDFORD CC 7, GAR. RICHARD 2:** Bentley and Jim Spink scored six goals each for the Shamrocks in a Metro Hockey League victory, Saturday at Redford Arena.

McCoy again played in net, recording the win with 16 saves.

David Moss collected three assists and Bentley and Rowe assisted on two goals each. Also collecting assists were Derek Genrich, Kalenicki, Sean McGowan, Chris Morelli, Josh Bowers and Hillbrand.

Rowe is the Metro's leading scorer with 21 points.

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Trains can't judge the Shamrocks by their dual-meet record, which is 10-9 overall against some stiff competition.

"We get ripped always during the season and about this time of year our kids always start coming around," said CC coach Mike Rodriguez, whose team was second last year. "I think we have an excellent chance."

Stevenson should be well represented in the lower weights, led by the area's top 103-pounder, senior Joe Moreau, with a 9-0 record.

Sophomore Imad Kharbush, with a 23-9 record, is the area's top-rated 136-pounder, and senior Dustin Obeid, at 19-7, is the No. 1-rated 125-pounder.

The lineup also includes senior Rocky Barker, who is 19-4 and was a semifinalist at the CC Invitational at 160, junior Mike Falzon, 21-10 at 135 and 140, and junior Josh Gunterman, 15-9 at 112.

"We've been very fortunate at the smaller weights," Stevenson coach Don Berg said. "We're going to give a run at it. Without Salem there, CC probably has the most experienced wrestlers. No one is going to touch the heavyweight (Rogowski), and Mitch at 162. I don't know if anyone will touch him either."

"And you have to give Clarenceville its due. They're tough in the upper weights."

Clarenceville is hoping for its best finish ever, and its lineup is led by 189-pound senior Walter Ragland, who hopes to get another shot at Livonia Franklin's Steve Mylinski, the likely No. 1 seed. They've split their two matches this year.

The Trojans, 12-6 in duals, also have junior Dan Tondreau (103), 28-7; senior Dave Lemmon (130), 33-3 and No. 1 in Observerland; junior Matt Wehl (140), 24-9; and senior Adam McCum (171), 29-9.

"We're just looking to place some guys, make a strong finish, just be competitive with bigger schools," Clarenceville coach Todd Skinner said. "It'll give us an indication of what to look forward to in the districts."

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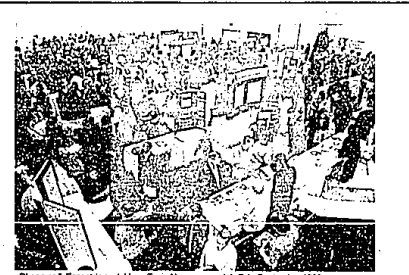
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