

Trojans experience joy of victory

There were tears all around, but it was hardly a sad occasion. The tears stemmed from the joy of Livonia Clarenceville's girls basketball team claiming its first victory of the season, a 34-32 Metro Conference victory Thursday night over Harper Woods.

"Everybody in the stands was crying," coach Jamie Clark said. "They couldn't believe it."

It was a dream come true for Clark, too, because it was the rookie's first coaching victory.

"I'm overwhelmed," Clark said. "This is my first season ever coaching. My first win."

Danielle Sledz delighted the home crowd with 18 points, including a pair of three-pointers midway through the fourth quarter that completed the capture of a seven-point lead that Harper Woods had built up.

Christina Skrela led

BASKETBALL

Clarenceville in rebounds with 14.

The score was tied, 10-10, after one period and Harper Woods held an 18-14 lead at the intermission.

The Trojans came back to take a 28-20 lead into the final period, but came strongly down the stretch to add a legitimate on-the-court victory to their earlier forfeit win.

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bombs away for Farmington Harrison Thursday as the host Hawks nulled 11 three-pointers.

Harrison, now 11-4 overall and 8-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, put the game away in the second quarter when it blanked the Patriots 18-0 to take a 30-6 halftime lead.

Art Ault placed Harrison with 13 points; Emily Jackson added 12 points.

Tera Merrill scored a game-high 14 points for Franklin (2-11, 1-8).

"N. FARMINGTON 88, GLENN 48: A new career high for Samantha McComb was necessary for the Raiders to upend the Rockets.

McCombs scorched the nets for 33 points Thursday in North Farmington's victory over Westland John Glenn.

She also had 10 rebounds, four blocked shots, four assists and two steals while bettering her previous high of 30 points set earlier this season.

"It was an awesome game for Samantha," North coach Linda Perkins said. "We played a strong first half, and Samantha had 21 of her points in the second half, including 12 of 16 from no line.

Katie Vitellie added 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Raiders, now 6-9 overall and 4-5 in the W.L.A.A.

Junior Samantha Crews was the only Glenn girl in double figures, scoring 22 points. Her freshman sister, Stephanie, hit nine. Glenn is 7-7 and 4-5.

The Raiders started with a 12-0 lead over the Rockets and upped it to 31-19 at the half. Foul trouble plagued North in the second half, forcing three of its players from the game.

"STEVENS 60, FARMINGTON 27: Livonia Stevenson broke open a close game Thursday in the second quarter of

its contest against visiting Farmington. Leading 11-6 entering the second quarter, the Spartans outscored the Falcons 21-6 to take a commanding lead.

Stevenson, 10-5 overall and 5-4 in the W.L.A.A., received a game-high 23 points and eight rebounds from senior Stephanie Dutz.

Stevenson also had a strong performance from sophomore Lindsay Gussick, who recorded eight points and six assists. Cassie Ehlendt and Becky Smith added seven and six points, respectively.

"Pennsylvania Marx led the Falcons to 10 points. Megan O'Rear and Beth Jager chipped in seven and six points, respectively.

Farmington dropped to 1-14 overall and 0-9 in the W.L.A.A.

"MERCY 81, REGINA 37: The Marlins used a 17-7 run in the third quarter Friday to beat visiting Harper Woods Regina in a Catholic League Central Division game.

Jessie Brennan led the Marlins (8-6, 3-7) with 14 points. Teammates Susie Roble and Alecia Dunn contributed eight points each.

Carrie Culos scored a game-high 20 for the Saddleties (9-7, 5-5), who qualified for the Catholic League playoffs.

Regina made seven of 12 free throws, while Mercy was 12 of 20.

"NORTHVILLE 44, CHURCHILL 42: The Churchill almost pulled the upset at home Thursday but was unable to get the crucial rebound at the end of the game.

Kersten Conklin led Churchill with 13 points. Stacy Sapanich and Lauren Ruprecht, both 10 apiece. Northville received 15 points from Janel Hosse and 10 points from Meredith Hassa.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 30

Wayne at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Taylor Kennedy at RU, 7 p.m.

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

Trenton at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.

Thornhill at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.

Carlton vs. Salem (CFL), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 31

Clarenceville at Liggett, 1 p.m.

Luth. Wald at Harper Woods, 1 p.m.

Lakeland at Farmington, 1 p.m.

Howell at N. Farmington, 1 p.m.

Country Day at Harrison, 1 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Monday, Oct. 20

Agape at Akiba Hebrew, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

W. Wayne at Agape, 6 p.m.

Cville at Luth. Wald, 6:30 p.m.

Honeycrack at Luth. Wald, 6:30 p.m.

Churchill at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.

Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.

N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Trenton at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Truman, 7 p.m.

River Rouge at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Oak. Christian at PCA, 8 p.m.

Huron Valley at Rooper, 8 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 29

Clarenceville at Luth. Wald, 6:30 p.m.

Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.

Stevenson at N. Farm., 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.

Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.

W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.

Harrison at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.

Woodhaven at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Willow Run, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Dearborn, 7 p.m.

PCA at St. Field Christian, 7 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE SOCCER