

Hawks answer challenge to defeat Chargers in OT

It was a night for big plays by the Farmington Harrison basketball team.

"After a tough loss to Plymouth Salem, I got the kids together in the locker room and challenged them," Hawks coach Dave Turquist said. "I told them someone has to step up and make plays. And a handful of them did."

The result was a 72-69 overtime victory over visiting Livonia Churchill that featured more big plays than Jeff Daniolo's Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea.

One was a four-point play by Matt Elsey with eight seconds left in regulation that prompted the overtime.

The junior forward whipped up a shot from the left corner that went in, was fouled and made the ensuing free throw to square the score at 63.

Elsey, who had nine points in the game, opened the fourth period with a triple, but Churchill jumped out to a 68-65 lead early in the overtime, thanks to a triple by Jeff Ross, but the Chargers' Brandon Dakilinski countered with his own three-pointer to tie.

Junior guard Agim Shabaz made one of two free throws and junior Dave Condeni made three of four in Harrison's last three possessions to seal the win.

Both teams are 1-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 3-12 overall.

Senior guard Will Pendergrass led all scorers with 25 for Churchill, including a 12-for-17 performance at the free throw line.

Dakilinski scored 14 with four threes and Kevin Zialinski added 10.

Harrison's Terrill Mayberry scored a career-high 22 that included three triples, and Condeni reached a career high

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with 20 and also had 10 rebounds.

"It's just great for the kids to finally get over that hump," Turquist said. "It's been an unbelievable battle for them. For the most part, they've stayed focused and continued to work."

"They needed this. I needed it, too."

The Chargers went 23-for-37 from the line while the Hawks were 16-for-33.

"Ross hit a big three," Turquist said. "Mayberry was throwing them in from all over. Elsey hit big shots; Condeni made big plays."

"And John Rauch started in his last home game, scored five points and solidified both ends of the floor while he was out there."

Harrison started with an 18-13 lead after one quarter, but Churchill took a 37-34 lead at halftime.

W.L. CENTRAL 63, N. FARMINGTON 62: Ryan Traill scored 22 and Condeni played Friday night were the difference.

North Farmington held a three-point lead and was looking at an upset with slight margin a minute to play when Mark Bortz hit a baseline jumper to slice the lead to one.

Mike Leach hit a free throw to put the Raiders up a pair, but his second was nullified by a lane violation. Steve Horn's 14-footer from the baseline created a tie, and North turned the ball over.

However, the Vikings missed two free throws to give another chance to the Raiders, who turned the ball over once again.

Trailer ended up at the free throw line with six seconds left, and made both to keep Central undefeated (9-0, 15-0).

Leach scored 22 points for North (6-4, 8-7); Blair Weiss scored 22 and Mike Patterson 11. Bortz led Central

with 22; Horne hit 20 and Justin Spencer 21.

The Raiders trailed at halftime, 25-23, but outscored the Vikings in the third period, 20-15.

REDFORD CO. RICE 60: Birmingham Brother Rice controlled most of the tempo, but Redford Catholic Central controlled the first score as the Spartans wound up with a 53-50 win over the Warriors on Friday night.

"Aside from a stretch of the mid-second quarter to the first part of the third quarter where we put some pressure on them, they controlled the tempo," said CC assistant coach John Murphy. "We didn't shoot particularly well and allowed them to hang around. We were up 23 near the end of the third quarter and let them get close to us."

The Warriors did have a chance to send the game into overtime, but Tom Jakacki blocked a 3-point try from Hayes Grooms at the buzzer to preserve the win.

Ryan Celestey led CC (13-3, 7-1 Catholic League Central Division) with 20 points, while Jakacki had 18 points and seven rebounds and Ryan Murphy kicked in with seven points and eight rebounds.

Grooms led Rice (7-9, 2-8 Central) with 12 points. Tyrone White had 11 points and Matt Farnell had 10.

LUTHER WESTLAND 49, C'VILLE 37: Three players scored in double figures Thursday as Lutheran High Westland (2-1, 6-0) clinched at least a tie for the Metro Conference regular season title by outscoring stubborn Livonia Clarencville (4-10, 1-6) by nine in the final quarter.

"It's so young and they (Lutheran Westland) have been there before," Clarencville coach Kevin Murphy said. "They know what it takes. That's why they're No. 1 in the conference."

"We came out playing great, the game plan was to be patient, keep the ball and don't let them have the ball."

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Patriots use solid 3rd quarter to earn 52-47 win over Chiefs

A close game at the half turned into a Livonia Franklin runaway in the third quarter.

The Patriots took their one-point lead over Plymouth Canton at the half and bumped it up to 13 going into the fourth quarter, thanks to 11 points in that span from Joe Ruggiero.

After that, it was just a matter of holding Canton off, which they did to post a 52-47 victory in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys basketball game Friday at Franklin.

Ruggiero, who led all scorers with 21 points, was the key in Franklin's 22-10 third-quarter spurt. Ruggiero also had 10 rebounds.

Mike Petta added nine points, getting five of those in the third, as the Patriots improved to 5-10 overall, 3-6 in the WLAA. Chad

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Reed came off the bench to dish out five assists and make four steals.

Canton (6-9 overall, 5-4 in the WLAA) was paced by Jerry Gaines with 10 points and 10 boards.

"In the third quarter we got some transition baskets," said Franklin coach John Santi. "We got outrebounded 21-12 in the first half, but we did a better job in the second half."

"We got some better opportunities. We really played hard, we played with effort."

STEVENSON 57, JOHN GLENN 55 (OT): A three-point shooting spree by Livonia Iverson in the final quarter enabled Livonia Stevenson to overcome a nine-

point Westland John Glenn lead and force overtime Friday at Glenn.

Once in OT, the Spartans (6-9 overall, 4-5 in the WLAA) scored the first two points and weren't threatened until a three-pointer by the Rockets (4-11 overall, 3-6 in the WLAA) in the final second.

The key was Iverson. He finished with 24 points, but it was his three consecutive threes in the fourth quarter that saved Stevenson. His third one tied the game at 52-all with 1:17 left in the fourth.

Matt Battnick added 16 points for the Spartans. Glenn was paced by Brent Bogie with 17 points, nine coming in the fourth quarter. Anthony Harrell and Mike Franks added eight each.

The Rockets led 16-9 after one quarter and 28-20 at the half. Stevenson narrowed the deficit to 41-38 after three quarters.

Glenn was held scoreless for the last 2:58 of regulation and until the last second of OT — a stretch of nearly eight minutes.

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Hoskins blocked the ball backward and the game ended.

"It didn't come down to that," Mikel said. "There are a whole lot of reasons for losing. Make your free throws. You've got to guard people."

The Rocks have fashioned their winning streak at the right time — in the conference season. They are also 7-2 in WLAA play, a game behind Walled Lake Central.

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pointers — he made five in a 16-point game — let the Falcons stay out in front. Curtis Tillman had 10, all in the second half, and Matt Mikel scored 12.

Nick Tochman made a nice assortment of putbacks, runners in the lane and rebounds to keep Salem hanging around in the fourth quarter, when he scored his 16 points. Diacher had 11 while Pat Abraham, Haar and Hoskins had eight apiece.

"We did a good job rebounding," Mikel said, "but we gave them far too many easy baskets. We didn't do a good job defensively."

The game began slowly, with Farmington holding a 4-2 lead midway through the first quarter, which ended with Salem up by 8-7.

The Falcons held a 21-17 halftime lead as Barenie fired in three triples, but the score was tied at 36 after three periods.

"Our objective was to keep them off the glass," Brodie said. "We didn't do a very good job of that."

Brodie put the primary responsibility of checking Matt Mikel on his sophomore point guard, Kevin Savitskie, who along with Diacher did a nice job

of holding down a very good player.

"We tried to wear him down," Brodie said. "He didn't get too many good looks at the basket. He did a real good job — and he's not a sophomore any more."

Tillman did a good job of keeping Hoskins under control for Farmington.

The Falcons were up 16-8 early in the second quarter and 23-17 early in the third, but the Rocks wound up taking the lead, 26-25, on a Diacher triple with 3:45 left in the third.

The game went back and forth thereafter, with both teams refusing to be put away.

Brodie will remember this season more than some of his others for the way his team refused to go down the slide.

"When you're on that slide, it's tough to get off," Brodie said. "But when they're good kids it's not as tough as you think."

"I'm a pretty patient man. And there's a lot of tradition here — and they know that. They know the coaching staff will work with them and their opportunities will come."

They may have a chance to square off again in a couple weeks. In the WLAA tourney.

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game with a win under our belt," Calanchi said. "I have a group of girls who play better when they don't have that pressure."

Amy Berke served five straight points to give North a 5-1 lead in the second game and, after losing some steam temporarily with 10 points, regrouped for a strong finish.

"I was concerned because the game was not close to being over," Calanchi said, adding her players got fired up again. "If they weren't in the right spot, they were diving to get there. They left it all on the court."

"The first game was not pretty and we didn't play spectacular volleyball, but what we did do was play as a team. Different people made big plays, and the team rallied off these."

Berke was 13-of-14 serving with three aces, Elna Plinitis 12-of-13 with two aces and Meghan Callahan 11-of-11 with one ace.

Berke (11-of-11), Meghan Traczyk (12-14) and LeClerc (7-9) had four kills apiece and Callahan (14-16) three.

Lisa Scher was 16-for-16 setting with four assists and Lisa St. Charles 19-of-21 with two assists. Plinitis also had five digs.

"We got better as the night went on," Calanchi said. "I told the girls, 'When we pass the ball and give ourselves a chance to play the game, we're good.'"

North is 2-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association,

ending a six-game losing streak since winning the WLAA opener.

Farmington's Julie Kimmel was 17-of-19 hitting with eight kills, Jessica Janowicz 16-of-16 with seven kills and Lynday Howard 10-of-13 with five kills.

Setter Randin Brown had 23 kill assists. Kimmel also had seven digs and Howard six.

"It was a little frustrating; (Glenn) had home-court advantage, even though we were at Farmington," Perrin said.

"They brought quite a few people, and they were pretty loud. It had a mild effect on the game. It's not the reason we lost, but it doesn't help things when you hear the home crowd rooting against you."

Chiefs outcore Hawks: Plymouth Canton defeated visiting Farmington Harrison Wednesday, 16-7, 16-10. The Hawks were minus three girls who were out with respiratory ailments, reducing the number of available players to eight, according to coach Kevin Lashbrook.

"Canton played a good match," he said. "They were solid and we were not able to overcome the deficit we had."

Harrison's Latoya Burrell had seven kills and Maggie Condeni six; Kelly Taylor, Marina DeMeyer and Jill Maxey added four each.

DeMeyer also had four blocks; setter Gayle Ternea had 20 assists and served three aces.

"There was nothing we did wrong," he said. "There was just nothing we did right. We didn't have any errors; we were still hitting the ball in; they were digging it."

"We were just not making plays we needed to make. Their defense picked up dramatically, and we became a little predictable offensively."

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