

# Rockets

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The Rockets, the No. 3 seed in the tournament, take a 13-6 record into the final while the seventh-seeded Hawks dip to 10-9 overall.

"I feel safe in saying the team that survives this game should offer some great representation in

the league championship game," Harrison coach Dave Turnquist said. "I can't ask my kids to do any more than they did. They played their absolute tails off."

"The effort has been there the last month of the season. I was hoping the kids would be able to show the league and community how tough they've become in the championship game."

Darnell Wilson scored a game-high 24 points to lead Glenn. Jerrett Smith added nine. Darnell Smith, DeAnthony Granberry and Jeff Brantley added four apiece.

Steven (Joe) McElroy led the Hawks with 21 points. Dave Condenti tossed in nine. Matt Elsey six and Terrill Mayberry five.

The Rockets managed to win despite making only one of 17 free throws. They were 22-of-63 from the floor, which included a pair of threes.

"If we shoot 50 percent tonight (at the line), the game is out of reach," Lloyd said. "Sure, it's frustrating to see the misses, because we work so hard to get to the line. But the kids were resilient and found a way to win."

The lead changed hands seven times in the fourth

quarter, and Wilson's layup with just over a minute left gave Glenn a 45-44 edge. The play was centered under the Harrison basket for most of the final minute as Glenn got nearly every rebound and call. The Rockets were 9-for-6 at the line, which included two one-and-one opportunities, during that time.

"In the first 31 minutes, it seemed we didn't get any calls down low," Lloyd said. "There was a lot of contact and no whistles, but that's part of the game."

"We got key rebounds off missed free throws near the end. When we're shooting and have the second spot, that's amazing."

Harrison's Elsey drove the baseline in the final 10 seconds for an attempted layup, but the shot didn't go in.

An official ruled the ball out of bounds to Glenn, which made a full-court pass for a Granberry basket at the buzzer.

"One bounce, one tip, one dribble, one whistle is the difference in a close game," Turnquist said.

"That's not to take anything away from Glenn. Joel has done a terrific job. They have a great young group of players, and they are absolutely worthy of the championship game."

"But had we had one other bounce we would have been just

as worthy. I won't buy into the fact we almost pulled off the upset."

Two good basketball teams played a great game tonight, and Glenn got the last break."

Wilson sparked the Rockets with eight first-quarter points and 12 in the first half. But McElroy had an equally big half, scoring 14 to rally the Hawks from a 19-10 deficit to a 22-19 lead. Glenn forged a 23-23 halftime score with Mikell Tiller's buzzer-beater.

"At the start of the game, we felt we weren't getting the ball to (Wilson) enough," Lloyd said. "We were shooting too much from the perimeter. In the second half, he

was getting the ball in transition and the half court."

"In the first half, even though we didn't box out well enough, we played defense well enough. We only gave up 43 points to a good team. We found a way; we found a way."

Harrison scored nine straight points in the third quarter for a 32-25 lead, but Glenn countered with a 9-0 run of its own to move in front. The Rockets were on top after three, 36-35.

The Hawks were 18-of-53 from the field with one three and 7-of-10 at the line.



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM JACQUELLE

Mayberry moves: Harrison's Terrill Mayberry tries to dribble around Jerrett Smith despite the tight defense being played.

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"We had a good draw," Harris said. "We couldn't have designed it any better. Stevenson, Churchill and CC are on the top bracket. Hopefully, we'll play like we did early in the year. We have to come out and put the puck in the net."

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 0, G.P. NORTH 0: The No. 1-ranked team in Division I (CC) and the No. 1 team in Division II (GPN) played to a scoreless tie Wednesday at Mount Clemens Arena.

"We played hard but we didn't make the scoring chances we had," CC coach Todd Johnson said. "In a game like that, even the little plays become crucial."

CC goalie Jim Blanchard stopped all 18 shots as did GPN goalie Dan Vasquez, who went 24-for-24.

The Shamrocks improve to 14-5-3 overall and will face Livonia Churchill B

p.m. Monday at the Redford Ice Arena in the first game of the MHSAA ice hockey playoffs. The Norsemens are 8-2-1.

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