

Glenn Topped In Tourney Finale, 81-77

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High-flying John Glenn Rockets lost their early season spark and were toppled by Belleville in the final round of the Wayne-Westland Christmas basketball tourney. John Glenn, which had won its first six games, was edged out in the closing minutes of the championship clash, 81-77. This marks the second holiday crown for Belleville in the Wayne-Westland tourney. The Tigers captured the crown in the tournament's initial kickoff in 1966. Glenn failed again in its bid to win its first holiday title. This marks the second-runnup finish for the Rockets.

Belleville won its opening round game against Wayne, 81-66, and Glenn defeated Cherry Hill, 74-68.

THE ROCKETS led at the half, 37-20, but Cherry Hill

came back with 27 points in the third quarter to even the score at 47-47, going into the final stanza. Glenn took the lead early in the fourth quarter and held on for its sixth win of the season.

Jim Williams paced the Rocket attack with 20 points, followed by Dave Carlington with 18 and Jim McBride with 16.

Wayne trounced Cherry Hill, 80-58, in the consolation round while Glenn pitted action against Belleville.

THE ROCKETS won the opening tip, however, Belleville scored the first basket to take an early first quarter lead. John Lee scored for Glenn and Kim Horton sank a free-throw to give the Rockets the lead with three minutes elapsed.

Belleville's Mike Garland popped in three consecutive baskets and the Rockets were down 12-7.

With 1:32 remaining, Carlington was fouled and Belleville received a technical for the failure of the player to raise his hand after committing the infraction. Carlington proceeded to sink three from the line and Glenn was back on top, 16-15.

The lead exchanged hands in the closing seconds of the first quarter and Belleville held a 21-20 lead going into the second quarter.

Lee Williams and Carlington hit on three straight baskets and Glenn spurred in - front, 26-22. The score seared back and forth and Williams scored on a hook shot in the last second to give Glenn a 44-43 halftime advantage.

The lead exchanged hands 17 times in the first half with Glenn controlling rebounds.

Williams and Carlington each contributed 14 points for Glenn in the first half while Garland popped in 18 for Belleville.

Lee scored on a 15 footer to open the third quarter, but Belleville tied it at 45-45 with 1:45 gone in the second half. Midway through the quarter, Glenn jumped to a five-point lead with Lee driving in for a layup.

Belleville came back with Garland pacing the attack to put the Tigers up by one with 36 seconds remaining in the third. Williams hit on a jumper and the Rockets enjoyed a 61-60 lead. Belleville won the fourth

after a freethrow by Glenn and the Tigers were up, 68-62.

With two minutes remaining, Williams scored on a rebound and the Rockets had closed the gap to 73-71. Horton hauled in a defensive rebound and passed ahead to Lee who scored the tying basket, making it 73-73.

GARLAND scored for Belleville and Horton fouled out for Glenn and the three point play put the Tigers up, 76-73.

Lee scored two quick buckets in the closing seconds but the Rockets fell four points short in their quest of a holiday crown.

Glenn shot 44 per cent from the floor, hitting on 28 of 63 while Belleville hit on 33 of 66 for a 50 per cent.

"We ran into some cold shooting the final quarter," said Glenn Coach Gordon Davis. "We were getting the shots but the ball just wasn't dropping in."

"We just couldn't stop Garland from scoring," added Davis.

Garland paced all scorers with a 39 point output followed

by Ed Branam with 15 for Belleville.

GLENN had three players in double figures with Williams scoring 19, Lee totaling 18, and Carlington collecting 16.

The Rockets stand 6-1 overall and face North Farmington on Jan. 7 in a North-west Suburban clash.

JOHN GLENN (77)

	FG	FTA	FT	TP
Brittain	1	1	1	3
Carlington	8	10	8	16
Horton	2	8	7	11
Krause	0	1	0	0
Lee	7	4	4	18
McBride	1	3	2	4
Ratz	3	0	0	6
Williams	9	2	1	19
TOTALS	28	30	21	77

BELEVVILLE (81)

	FG	FTA	FT	TP
Cleotis	0	3	2	2
Branam	4	10	7	15
Frya	3	0	0	6
Nesley	4	1	0	8
Garland	18	7	3	39
Miller	3	2	1	7
Golden	0	3	2	2
Abraham	1	0	0	2
TOTALS	33	26	15	81

Score by quarters:

John Glenn	20	24	17	16	77
Belleville	21	22	17	21	81



DRIBBLING AROUND a Belleville defender is Glenn's Dave Carlington. Leaping in an effort to block the drive is Marty Miller of Belleville. (Observer photo by Tom Donohue)

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5th Win For Panthers

East Edges Franklin

Undefeated Garden City East rolled to its fifth win in a 57-34, victory over Franklin.

The Patriots, now 3-2, were paced by Tim Dietz who popped in 13 from the field and four from the line for 30 points.

But East, which hit 50 per cent from the field, put together a team effort and held on in the closing seconds in its narrowest winning margin.

"Both teams were forced to work for the good shot," said East Coach Billy Joe Young. "Because of this, neither team had the ball as much as it wanted."

FRANKLIN won the opening tip but Dave Jackson, of East, opened the scoring on a short jumper followed by Jeff DeHarte with a 15 footer and East was up, 4-0.

Rick Graham tipped in a Dietz shot for Franklin's first score but Jackson scored again and East was up, 6-2.

The Panthers held onto the lead up to the seven minute mark of the first quarter when Dietz scored five straight points and the Patriots were ahead, 12-11.

Jack Hayes scored from the line to tie the score at 12-12 to end the first quarter.

EAST jumped to a 20-14 lead in the first three minutes of the second quarter as the Patriots were having trouble getting the ball out of their zone.

Franklin came within one point, 20-19, with Steve Cass sinking a free throw after East's John Grigal picked up foul No. 3.

Each team popped in two from the field and Rick Graham hit one from the corner with a minute remaining in the half and Franklin had a 25-24 lead.

FRANKLIN outbounded East the first half, 18 to 16, with 10 being defensive grabs. Tom Luch collected six and Dietz picked off five for the Patriots.

Dietz led all scorers with 11 followed by East's Jackson with 10 and Rick Graham at nine.

East took the lead early in the third quarter on a short jumper by Bruce Taylor and the Panthers were never to

fall behind again. Franklin tied the score twice in the third but East managed to pull away.

The Panthers jumped to a 45-40 advantage at the end of three quarters and Franklin closed the gap to one, with Luch and Dietz hitting to make it 46-45.

East went into a semi-stall and within two minutes, increased the lead to 10 points, 54-44. Franklin's Luch fouled out with 3:53 remaining and the Patriots were having trouble controlling the ball.

DIETZ changed the momentum for Franklin, hitting on three from the field and the gap was down to four points, 54-50, with 1:14 remaining.

Jeff Derte scored for East and the Panthers went into a stall but Franklin came on strong in the final minute with Rick Graham and Dietz scoring but the Patriots were

caught holding the ball... and three points short at the final buzzer.

Dietz led all scorers with 30 points while East had two players in double figures; DeHarte collected 19 and Jackson scored 18.

EAST is 5-0 overall and travels to Garden City West for a Jan. 4 rival clash.

Franklin hosts Churchill on Jan. 4.

GARDEN CITY EAST (57)

	FG	FTA	FT	TP
Grigal	1	1	1	3
Wayton	2	1	0	4
Jackson	8	5	2	18
DeHarte	9	2	1	19
Hayes	1	10	7	9
Taylor	2	0	0	4
TOTALS	23	19	11	67

FRANKLIN (54)

	FG	FTA	FT	TP
Rick Graham	4	3	3	11
Luch	3	4	3	9
Dietz	13	8	4	30
Cass	1	1	1	3
Barke	0	2	1	1
TOTALS	21	15	12	54

Score by quarters:

Garden City East	12	32	21	12	57
Franklin	12	13	15	14	54

Cage Results

GC East 57, Franklin 54

NORTHWEST TOURNEY

First Round

Farmington 67, Dart. Redford 62
Beasley 83, W.L. Western 47
Henry Ford 78, N. Farmington 52
W.L. Central 77, Redford Union 70

Second Round

Beasley 79, Farmington 49
W.L. Central 82, Henry Ford 77
Dart. Redford 79, W.L. Western 82
Redford Union 69, N. Farmington 59

Third Round

Henry Ford 78, Farmington 84
W.L. Central 82, Beasley 65
N. Farmington 73, W.L. Western 63
Redford Union 79, Dart. Redford 66

PLYMOUTH TOURNEY

First Round

Stevenson 38, Churchill 34
Plymouth 78, Thurston 47

Second Round

Churchill 60, Thurston 54
Plymouth 50, Stevenson 46

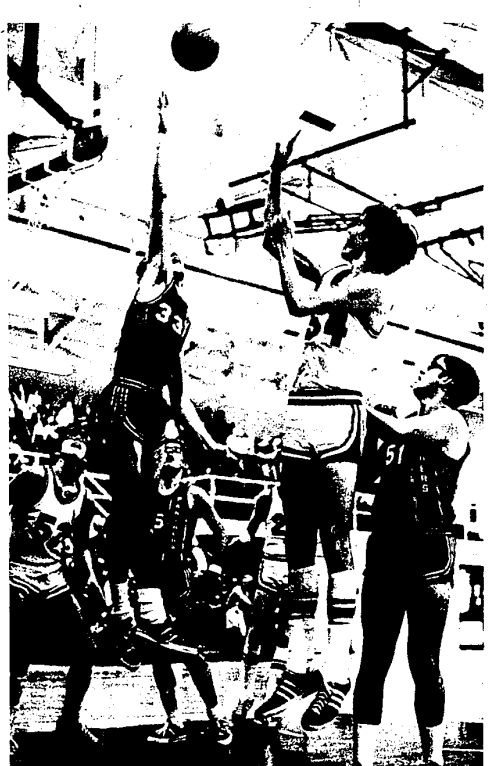
WAYNE-WESTLAND TOURNEY

First Round

Belleville 81, Wayne 66
John Glenn 74, Cherry Hill 68

Second Round

Wayne 80, Cherry Hill 58
Belleville 81, John Glenn 77



TOSSING THE BALL for a Franklin score is Tim Dietz (54) who pumped in 30 points against Garden City East. Dave Jackson (33) leaps high to block the shot. (Observer photo by Tom Donohue)

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