

Harrison Upsets Franklin On Shot At Buzzer

Two amazing things happened within a matter of six seconds ... first Jim Mason, senior sharpshooting guard, fired at the basket, missed and grabbed the rebound and then hit the cords from 15 feet out as the whistle sounded ... second, the two points gave Farmington Harrison the most important victory in two years of competition, over powerful Livonia Franklin, 61-60.

Given slight chance against the team which had clinched

the Northwest Suburban Conference championship a few nights earlier, Harrison staged an astonishing comeback in the final period to tie the score, fall behind with 16 seconds to play and then finally recorded the upset when the ball slipped through the hoop as the buzzer ended play.

The triumph gave the Hawks a 7-8 record and the loss was Franklin's fifth against 11 victories.

NEITHER TEAM showed much in the opening quarter which ended in an 8-8 tie with lanky Tim Dietz scoring six points for the Patriots. The Hawks woke up in the second stanza when senior Tom Doa contributed 10 of 18 points and Harrison went off the floor with a halftime margin of 36-23.

Franklin came out for the second half with a zone press which confused Harrison and resulted in numerous mental lapses and turnovers.

It also found Rick Graham and Tom Luch finding the range for Franklin with the former getting 10 and the latter seven points as the Patriots' lead, 46-39 going into the final quarter.

Harrison caught fire in the last eight minutes, hitting on eight of 11 free throws to gradually whittle the Franklin lead. The Hawks finally knotted it at 58-58 when Doa stole the ball on a fast break. Jeff Sicoff's free throw put Harrison in front, 59-58, and

then Luch appeared to clinch the victory for Franklin when he fired one in from the corner with 16 seconds to play.

HARRISON COACH Bob Sutter tried desperately to get his team to take a time out but didn't get the message across until only six seconds remained.

He set the strategy for a final shot and Mason was delegated to take it. He did, the ball hit the edge of the rim and bounced back into his hands.

He fired again from 15 feet and the ball was going through the cords when the final 'ell sent Harrison rooters into a wild celebration.

Franklin wound up with a 54 per cent average from the field on 23 baskets in 42 shots Harrison had 43 per cent on 23 of 53.

The one-point difference came from the foul line where the Hawks made 15 of 21 and Franklin 14 of 22.

Doa and Sicoff divided scoring honors for Harrison

with 19 each. Luch was high for the losers with 18.

The box score:

HARRISON (61)				
	G	F	P	
Doa	9	13	19	
McGrath	3	2	8	
Sicoff	5	10	15	
Mason	5	2	12	
Franklin	1	1	2	
Totals	23	15	61	
FRANKLIN (60)				
	G	F	P	
Luch	8	2	18	
R. Graham	5	0	10	
Doa	4	3	11	
Newman	1	0	2	
Warstone	1	2	4	
M. Graham	1	0	2	
Davis	3	4	10	
Cass	0	2	3	
Burke	0	1	2	
Totals	23	14	60	

GC East, Franklin Contest Tops District Tourney Play

The regular season has ended and now Observerland's schoolboy gunnits start gazing at the 1972 state championships with play beginning Monday in district tournaments and continuing throughout the week.

Winners of the district meets, which are slated at Livonia Franklin, North Farmington, Ferndale, Southfield and Romulus as far as area teams are concerned, then advance into the regionals on another week and

the survivors there win berths into the quarterfinals.

The sites of quarterfinals haven't been announced as yet but the semis will be held in Crisler Fieldhouse at the University of Michigan and then to the championships at Michigan State University on the final Saturday of the month.

AS THE LUCK of the district draw would have it, two of Observerland's top contenders clash in the opening round of the Franklin district Monday night and one

is certain to end its season in a hurry.

Garden City East, generally considered the finest in the area, tangles with Franklin, recently crowned champions of the Northwest Suburban Conference, at 7:30 p.m.

It will be a battle of East's jumping jack center Dave Jackson, who passed the 1,000 point career mark two weeks ago, and Jack Hayes against Franklin's rangy Tim Dietz, who can be good at times and average at others, and the Graham twins, Rick and Mike.

Despite the fact that Franklin will be playing on the home court, it will enter the contest as the underdog. Billy Joe Young, East coach, has a way of getting his teams primed for the tournament and it looks as if he could go all the way.

The Patriots were upset earlier in the week by Farmington Harrison and on the same night, East dropped a decision to a Lutheran West club it beat by 20 points earlier in the year.

Southfield's Blue Jays swing into tourney play Monday on the home court when they entertain Thurston at 8 p.m.

This could be one of the best games of that district.

Neither team has had an exceptionally good year, but each has soared to the heights on occasions to knock off top quints.

Especially has this been true of Thurston, which whipped Redford Union, Franklin and John Glenn during the regular season.

SOUTHFIELD's biggest moment came in meeting with

unbeaten, Birmingham Seaholm when the Jays pressed the state - ranked team all the way before losing.

Two Farmington rivals clash in the opening test on the North Farmington court Monday at 8 p.m.

North, the host team, faces Harrison in a game that could go either way. Harrison showed it has the power when it upended Franklin Tuesday night with the game winning basket at the final buzzer.

Brother Rice, finalists in the Catholic League championship where it was crushed by unbeaten U of D High, goes against Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the first game of the Seaholm district Monday at 7:30 p.m.

The schedule for the remainder of the tournaments is found elsewhere on this page.



REACHING HIGH to tap in a rebound is Harrison's Jeff Sicoff (44) who was one of the big reasons for the stunning victory over Franklin. Rick Davis (25) and Mark Newman (43) look on with little chance of stopping the shot (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Schoolcraft Goes Wild To Upset Monroe, 90-87

"Sometimes it pays to change horses in the middle of the stream."

After playing a man-to-man defense all year, Schoolcraft College's basketball team switched to the zone against Monroe and registered its greatest victory in the eight year history of the sport.

Monroe entered the game with a record of 19-1, losing

only to Highland Park, 90 to 87, compared to Schoolcraft's 12-9 and 7-4 in league play.

Once the game got underway past performances were forgotten as Schoolcraft took the lead on three baskets by Wally Suchara and Jerry Knoph and set the pace the rest of the way.

Schoolcraft held a 47-33

margin at halftime and for a time it appeared that Monroe was about to rally. But the closest downstate club came was nine points.

Once that rally was turned back Schoolcraft just cantored to the victory that boosted its season record in the league to 8-4 and put the Livonia club in third place.

The victory has given the Schoolcraft club a real shot in the arm as it now looks forward to the meeting with Kellogg, of Battle Creek at Delta on Feb. 29.

Knoph, former Cody star was the top scorer for the winners with 24 points and Joe Jetchick was right behind with 22 and K.C. Jones, former Plymouth luminary, added 21.

SCHOOLCRAFT (97)

	G	F	P
Jetchick	8	6	22
Knoph	10	4	24
Suchara	7	0	14
Denham	7	2	16
Jones	10	1	21
Totals	42	13	97

MONROE (76)

	G	F	P
Hodges	2	3	7
McElroy	10	1	21
Gardner	2	3	7
Monsi	5	4	14
Lorenzen	1	0	2
Wahg	2	0	4
Bryer	4	0	8
Mitchell	1	0	2
Woodward	5	1	11
Totals	32	15	76

Groves Boosts String To 14

Birmingham Groves made it 14 straight victories in swimming when it swept every first in crushing luckless John Glenn, 86-18.

Don Lindsay and Kurt Rudolph were double winners with the former setting a school record in the 400 freestyle with a time of 4:04.4. Lindsay won the 400 and the 50 freestyle and Rudolph hit the finish first in the 200 and the 100 freestyle events. Rudolph had a full second on his closest rival in the shorter distance with a clocking of :52.2



HARRISON'S Mike McGrath (30) looks for someone to pass the ball as Franklin's Tim Dietz guards him from behind on an attempt to dribble by. The Hawks scored as the buzzer sounded to beat the Patriots, 61-60 (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

It's Cage Tourney Time; Districts Begin Monday

AT FRANKLIN

All games at 7:30 p.m.
(Monday, Feb. 26)
1-GC East vs. Franklin
(Tuesday, Feb. 27)
2-Phonath vs. GC West
(Wednesday, March 1)
3-Churchill vs. winner No. 1
(Thursday, March 2)
4-Cherry Hills vs. winner No. 2
(Friday, March 3)
5-Championship
6-Winner No. 3 vs. Winner No. 4

AT NORTH FARMINGTON

All games at 8 p.m.
(Monday, Feb. 26)
1-North Farmington vs. Farmington Harrison
(Tuesday, Feb. 27)
2-Wednesday, March 1
3-Stephenson vs. Farmington
(Thursday, March 2)
4-Renties vs. winner No. 1, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 3

1-Winner No. 2 vs. Winner No. 3, 8 p.m.
AT ROMULUS
All games at 7 p.m.
(Monday, Feb. 26)
1-Romulus vs. Taylor Kennedy
(Tuesday, Feb. 27)
2-Taylor Center vs. Inkster
(Wednesday, March 1)
3-Water vs. Winner No. 1
(Thursday, March 2)
4-John Glenn vs. Winner No. 2
(Friday, March 3)
5-Winner No. 3 vs. Winner No. 4

AT SOUTHFIELD

All games at 8 p.m.
(Monday, Feb. 26)
1-Southfield vs. Thurston
(Tuesday, Feb. 27)
2-Treeshold vs. Redford Union, 8 p.m.
(Wednesday, March 1)
3-Treeshold vs. winner No. 1, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 2

1-Farndon vs. winner No. 2, 8 p.m.
(Saturday, March 4)
2-Winner No. 3 vs. Winner No. 4, 8 p.m.
AT BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM
All games at 7:30 p.m.
(Monday, Feb. 26)
1-Brother Rice vs. Bloom Hills Lahser
(Tuesday, Feb. 27)
2-Birmingham Seaholm vs. Bloom Hills Lahser
(Wednesday, March 1)
3-Birmingham Groves vs. winner No. 1
(Thursday, March 2)
4-Like Oates vs. winner No. 2
(Friday, March 3)
5-Winner No. 3 vs. Winner No. 4

Can you name the three great radio stations in Detroit?

ONE OF THEM IS WIIID. WE'VE GOT TO BE GREAT BECAUSE WE'RE SMALL. WE MAKE UP FOR IT BY BRINGING YOU GREAT MUSIC AND FEATURES. YOU KNOW HOW IT IS WITH LITTLE GUYS. THEY HAVE TO RUN-FASTER TO STAY IN THE RACE. WE MAY NOT BE THE BEST RADIO STATION IN DETROIT ... BUT WE'RE RUNNING A CLOSE SECOND.

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Farmington Girls Beat Taylor Center

With victories in five of six events, Farmington High's girl gymnasts outpointed Taylor Center, 100-02:80-45 in a

Girls Gymnastic Conference meet.

2 Livonians Crack Wayne Track Marks

A pair of Livonia products broke Wayne State University indoor track records at the 46th annual Central Collegiate Conference championships at Western Michigan University.

Junior Geoff Lane (Livonia-Bentley) sped to a 1:54.5 clocking in the 800-yard run preliminaries, the third fastest qualifying time, to convincingly erase 1963 record of 1:54.7. Lane came back to place second in the finals of the event at 1:55.0, still a good time.

He's now regarded as an outside threat to make the NCAA indoor meet March 10-11 if he can cut his time in the next two weeks to 1:52.0 or better.

Senior John Gores (Livonia-Stevenson), a WSU team captain, raced to a record 9:09.8 in the two-mile run to shatter his own school mark of 9:17.5 set last year.

It was the final test for the teams prior to next Saturday's conference championship meet at Farmington Harrison High, starting at 1 p.m.

Nine schools are expected to compete including: Farmington, North Farmington, Oak Park, Taylor Kennedy, Clarenceville, Farmington Harrison, Birmingham Groves and Taylor Center.

Judy Capla took honors for the Falcon lassies against Taylor with two firsts, a second and a third. Judy won the balance beam and floor exercise events, was second in the uneven parallel bars and third in tumbling.

The summaries:
VAULTING: Won by Denise Norton (F), 2. Jeanne Beard (F), 3. (tie between Tom Thomas (F) and Sue Sperry (F)).
UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS: Won by Laura Breach (F), 2. Judy Capla (F), 3. Tom Thomas (F).

BALANCE BEAM: Won by Judy Capla (F), 2. Denise Norton (F), 3. Ann Jenson (F).

FLOOR EXERCISE: Won by Judy Capla (F), 2. Tom Thomas (F), 3. Denise Norton (F).

TRAMPOLINE: Won by Debbie Thomas (F), 2. Karen Stewart (F), 3. Tracy Blumberg (F).

TUMBLING: Won by Tom Thomas (F), 2. Vickie Vanderberg (F), 3. Judy Capla (F).