

# Franklin, Thurston Both Win

It will be Observerland against City of Detroit in the semifinals of the Franklin High district basketball tournament Wednesday (tonight). Franklin, the only school in the six-team field boasting a winning record, made history Monday with its first victory in a tournament. Although sponsors of the district and regional meets for the past several years, the Patriots

had never been able to get past the opening round. They did it this time with a 69-54 triumph over Crestwood and advanced to the semis against Detroit Cody Wednesday in the opening game at 7 p.m.

Thurston, from Redford Township, displayed a hot hand in disposing of neighboring Bishop Borgess, 77-60, in a free-scoring affair.

Borgess, also of Redford Township, was never entirely out of the contest but actually didn't press the torrid shooting of the Patriots.

Wednesday's winners move into the championship round Friday at 8 p.m. and the district champion advances to the regional meet next week on the same Franklin court.

Kaseta was the big gunner for Franklin, which recorded its 13th win against eight losses, with 11 field goals and

five free throws for 27. He was in foul trouble most of the second half and was used sparingly.

Sam Clay with 14 points, Mike Tate and Walt Luedtke with 10 each were the high scorers for Crestwood. It was the 20th setback against two victories for the losers.

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## Thurston

Thurston opened a 14-2 edge over a cold-shooting Shamrock crew in the opening four minutes of play and then had to battle for survival when Bishop Borgess came storming back and knotted the count at 23-23.

That happened midway through the second quarter and the Eagles had only a 29-28 lead with a minute remaining in the half. Six consecutive free throws by Ken Kerr, Steve Hunter and Kevin Keenan gave Thurston a 35-28 edge at the intermission.

Keenan and Mark Falvo couldn't miss at the start of the second half and built a 45-

30 lead that was to hold for the remainder of the game.

Keenan enjoyed his biggest night of the season, connecting 12 times from the field and hitting six of six from the foul line for a high of 30. Hunter was next to line with 13 and Falvo had 11.

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## B. BORGESS (60)

G	F	P
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3
1	1	3

## THURSTON (77)

G	F	P
4	5	13
3	2	8
2	0	4
2	0	4
2	0	4
2	0	4
2	0	4
2	0	4
2	0	4
2	0	4

By quarters: 9 10 13 19-60  
THURSTON 19 19 13 23-77

# Churchill Repeats As Cage Champion

The trophy case at Livonia Churchill High School is beginning to bulge.

Not to be outdone by the Charger football machine, which captured the Western Six title last fall, Churchill's basketball troops now have their second straight league championship.

Churchill edged Farmington Harrison, 46-45, on the latter's court to finish 6-2 in the loop and push Harrison back into a second place tie with Waterford Mott at 5-3.

Although it was a squeaker for the Chargers, they led all

the way and built the margin to as much as 12 points in the third period before the Hawks started their torrid comeback.

Down 25-18 at the half, Harrison outscored Churchill 27-21 in the last two periods as Jeff Sietoff and Dan Hickey found the range to lead their club with 19 and 12 points respectively.

Meanwhile, behind Phil Damaska's 17-point output, Churchill clung to its lead largely through domination of the boards. The Chargers grabbed 41 rebounds to Harrison's 23.

"This had a big part in our victory," said Churchill Coach Pat Montagano. "Mark Reed got 22 rebounds and Dan Brown 16. In addition, Reed did a great defensive job on Nick Nicolay, holding him to four points after he got 28 points against us the first time around."

Montagano praised Harrison's persistence. "They pressed us hard and never gave up. It was a first up ball club but I never felt that we lost control even though they were coming on strong at the end."

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This was their undoing as Mott hit 13 of 24 from the line. Mark Lawrence, who paced the Mott attack with 19 points, scored 17 of them in the second half after his team had led at intermission, 31-28.

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Harrison outshot the league champs from the floor, 22 field goals to 19, but notched only one free throw to Churchill's eight.

The victory sent the Chargers into tournament action with an overall 15-5 mark for the season, while the defeat left Harrison at 12-7 after winning seven in a row since January.

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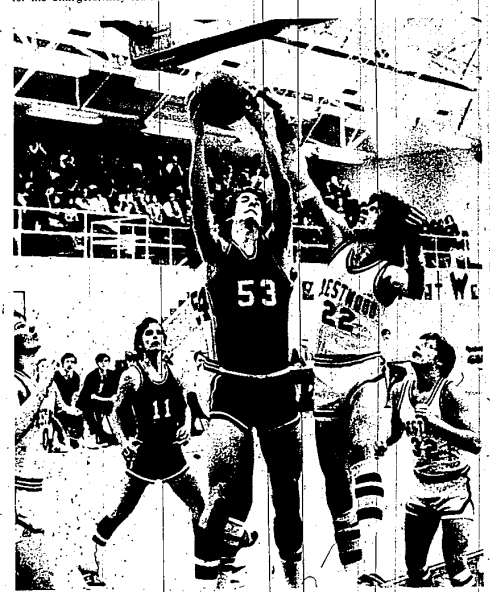
## CHURCHILL (46)

G	F	P	TP
Skene	1	0	2
Quinlan	1	0	17
Brown	1	2	4
Reed	0	1	10
McGrath	1	2	11
Foster	0	1	2
Foster	0	1	2
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## HARRISON (45)

G	F	P	TP
Hickey	4	0	12
Nicolay	2	0	4
Quinlan	0	2	19
McGrath	0	0	0
Clayton	4	0	8
Hersch	0	0	2

Score by quarters:  
Churchill 15 10 10 11-46  
Harrison 8 10 14 13-45



REACHING HIGH to snag a rebound is Franklin's Tim Fischer (53) despite the efforts of Crestwood's Sam Clay (22). The Patriots fought off underdog Crestwood to win their first tournament game ever. (Observer photo by Harry Maubel)

# Chargers Rally For Hockey Tie With Stevenson

League-leading Livonia Stevenson and second place Churchill gained ground against the rest of the Suburban Hockey loop this week, but it was a standoff when they met each other.

Meeting for the third time this winter, Stevenson and Churchill battled to a 3-3 tie after Stevenson's Spartans had won both earlier matchups.

Well into the second period it looked as though the Spartans were going to make it three in a row, but their 3-1 lead vanished in face of two late Charger goals.

Don Finn put Stevenson in front 1-0 with a goal at 1:13 of the first period, but Churchill knotted it 38 seconds later when Steve Ursitti scored.

Doug Lloyd put Stevenson on top 2-1 late the same period and made it 3-1 for the Spartans on an assist from Finn at 5:05 of the second stanza.

Churchill came back to cut the count to 3-2 on a goal by Kris Kostalansky, assisted by

Ursitti, and in the third period tied it up for keeps when Brian Vessey scored. Sam Bird got the assist.

Stevenson drew nine penalties and Churchill six, with seven of the 15 coming in the third period.

Stevenson had it easier in a 6-1 romp over winless Lathrup when Finn and Brian Van Norman led the attack with two goals apiece.

Churchill, in its other match of the week, skated to an easy 8-3 win over Southfield after building up a 5-1 lead in the first period. Seven players shared in Churchill's scoring, Kostalansky getting the only double.

In other league action Bentley took it on the chin twice, the Bulldogs losing to Franklin, 5-1, and then to Southfield, 4-5. Bob Wasilewski scored three of the Bentley goals against Southfield, but they came too late to offset an early Blue Jay lead of 6-2.

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