

Thurston Tops Raiders In Double Overtime

Everything happened last Friday night when Thurston out-battled North Farmington, 87-83, in double overtime in their Northwest Suburban League game.

Dramatics never were any higher. Key situations prevailed time and again. The regulation action ended on a wild note. North Farmington never played a better game.

It was the kind of action that required strong hearts on the parts of players, coaches, officials and fans.

It would have been a dandy for television or the movies. The two overtimes actually were slightly anti-climatic to what happened in the fading moments of regulation time.

With around 45 seconds left, Thurston clung to a 69-68 lead.

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Falcons Let Down To Bathers

The letdown was inevitable. Farmington high's basketball team had won the Interlakes Conference title the week before.

Now it was Farmington against Mt. Clemens. The game was a non-leaguer.

The closest margin a good run at the Bathers. After Mt. Clemens went ahead, 21-16, at the close of the first period and led, 32-21, at halftime.

Farmington with Mike Wilson starting took a two-point edge.

But the lead didn't last for long as Mt. Clemens rebounded and went on to finish in front, 63-53.

It wasn't too disappointed, said Farmington coach Jack Quiggle.

"We played well most of the time, especially on defense," Wilson had 22 points to top Farmington which closes its regular season at Roseville Friday and then moves to North Farmington for next week's Class A district tournament.

The Farmington box score: Mike Wilson 22, Steve Moore 11, Steve Moore 11.

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Glenn Falls To Parkers

Inexperience keeps plaguing the John Glenn High basketball team and the picture won't get any brighter next week in the districts at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti.

Glenn will meet the contest against such teams as Conestoga, Wayne and Ypsilanti.

Against Oak Park last Friday night, Glenn fell behind, 14-10, at the end of the first period and was down 36-20 by halftime.

Ken Decker and Len Wells each scored 11 points in a losing effort.

The Glenn reserves also lost, 80-47, despite 18 points by Steve Decker.

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worked into position and shot with 10 seconds remaining. The attempt failed. Back court was thrown.

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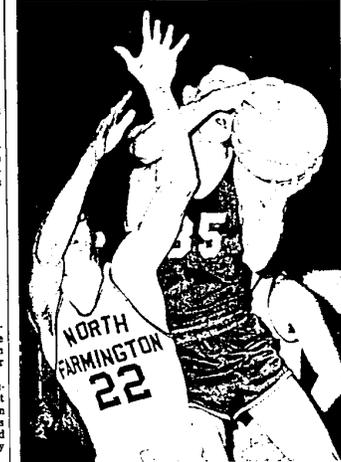
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GRABBING A REBOUND off the hands of North Farmington's Ken Schumaker (22) is Ianky J. Amick (35), of Clarenceville. N. Farmington whipped the Trojans, 80-50.

2nd Half Woes Costly to C'ville

What goes wrong with Clarenceville High's basketball team in the second half?

If you have an answer call coach Bob McKillop. Last weekend, the Trojans bowed twice, to East Lansing for a game on Friday, 72-61, in a Wayne-Oakland League game and on Saturday to North Farmington, 80-50, in a non-leaguer.

The script was the same each time — Clarenceville collapsed after the intermission.

In the W. Bloomfield game, Clarenceville reached the half tied at 30-30.

Thereafter, Clarenceville made only seven out of 25 shots from the floor, while West Bloomfield netted 25 out of 22.

Dave Wilson was the lone member of the losers to score in double figures, notching 14 points.

Twenty-four hours later against North Farmington, the halftime count read 23-28 for the Farmington team.

But in the third period, North Farmington outscored Clarenceville, 19-6, as Bill Bowles led the winners with six points and began in the final period.

Rich Schultz popped in 12 points on his own at North Farmington outscored Clarenceville, 32-16.

In the game, Clarenceville's reserves were giving up the ball nine times without getting off a shot.

Mike Rafferty led the winners with 24 points. High for Franklin, which finishes the regular season against Thurston this Friday, was Paul Katoch with 15.

The Franklin box score: Katoch 15, Paul Katoch 15.

The varsity box score: Dave Wilson 14, Steve Moore 11, Steve Moore 11.

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Observing Sports

(Continued from First Sports Page) more, not with the great expressways which make it possible to drive from the Straits of Mackinac, or Muskegon or Benton Harbor or Monroe right into downtown Detroit without a stoplight.

Since there's nothing to indicate the finals are about to be shifted, let's take first things first — this year's districts and the various area participants.

Much as we hate to say so, it would not appear that any of our local teams have too much a shot at capturing the golden glory.

There are no top rated teams in our midst in any of the polls — Hal Schrams' in the Free Press or the AP or UPI rankings carried in the News.

On the basis of the regular season, Farmington and Bentley look like good bets for district honors in Class A.

The two Garden City teams, East and West, have come on like gangbusters of late and could stage big surprises. Redford Union might be a real sleeper in the entire works.

The luck of the draw plays a big part often in how well and how far a team goes. Many teams have been fortunate to avoid bumping into one tougher after another.

It's frequently happened that a team has landed in a district with a bunch of soft touches. And that's helped.

However, over the years, the state tourney has produced very few upset winners. Most champs . . . in fact, most finalists . . . get to East Lansing for the grand windup because they deserve to be there.

They are NOT flukes. But don't ask to make any predictions. All we do by going off on the limb is to put the hex on a team.

Also don't ask for any tickets for the state finals. We can get you all you want to see some other basketball — the Pistons.

BOUNCING AROUND: A couple of area youngsters, Rick Clark from Redford Township and Leo Marentette from Garden City, are among the standouts now drilling under the watchful eye of Manager Charlie Dessen and his aides at Tigertown.

The trade the Red Wings swung was a dandy from where we sit. It could mean a championship from Manager Sid Abel's club.

If you have an extra buck to spare, why not contribute to the "Spirit of Detroit" fund to help foot the bill for bringing the famed Gold Cup boat race to Detroit next July 3. Send your cash to the "Spirit of Detroit Committee," Detroit, Mich.

State Racing Commissioner Barry Besman wants no part of what's in Michigan, but those of you who like to follow the trotters are in for a treat if you'll just head for the Windsor Raceway. The plant over there will make you eyes pop. It makes no difference what the weather is outside. Everybody enjoys a comfortable, warm spot to see the races.

We didn't know it, but the City of Livonia collects \$500,000 from the racing action each spring and summer over at Middlebelt and Schoolcraft.

There's no word yet on who'll succeed the late Les Anders as athletic director at Stevenson High School. At least, there wasn't any at the time these words were put together.

We can't see where the Detroit Lions suffered by those three players lost to the Atlanta Falcons. It would have been a different story had the Lions and other teams been permitted to protect only 22 or 23 players.

Just to clarify a point, the Pistons can't automatically qualify as the first team to pick in the draft just because they finish with the poorest record in the National Basketball Association. Under the rules, the last-place finishers in each division flip a coin for that honor.

As it now appears, it'll be Detroit and New York who'll toss up for the right to grab Michigan's Cazzie Russell. New York wants him just as badly as the Pistons.

Franklin Beaten by New Kings

It's all over—the title race for the Northwest Suburban League's basketball flag.

Birmingham Groves looked away an outright crown last Friday night by rolling over Franklin, 67-54.

The win was Groves' ninth without a loss in the league and its 15th without a setback in all action.

Only Wayne's John Glenn stands in Groves' way to a perfect campaign when the teams collide Friday night. It'll take a super miracle for Glenn to dump Groves.

Groves rolled past Franklin without a great deal of difficulty. The Birmingham team led 18-12 after the first period and made it 31-24 by halftime.

Franklin was guilty of too many turnovers, giving up the ball nine times without getting off a shot.

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Prep Bags 18 Points In Period

Eighteen points in eight minutes.

This was the achievement exhibited by Tim Doyle of Our Lady of Sorrows in leading his team to a 66-55 victory over St. Charles in a non-league Catholic high basketball contest.

In turning in his one-man show, Doyle notched six baskets and six free throws to put the game out of reach. In all, Sorrows scored 24 points in the closing minute to 18 for the opposition.

Doyle finished with 23 points on 11 hoops and seven charities. Next was Frank Carico with 13 points.

The Farmington career ended their regular season on Tuesday against St. Fredericks and next week plunge into the Class C district tournament at Pontiac Central, Sorrows, St. Fredericks, Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Ortonville will make up the district field.

Orchard Lake shapes up as the favorite.

The Sorrows reserves beat St. Charles, 48-29, as Mike McAtkin and Mike Briolar each scored 13 points.

The Sorrows' varsity scorers: Doyle 23, Frank Carico 13, Steve Moore 11, Steve Moore 11.

Franklin

100-yard individual medley: 1-Rick (RD), 2-Ramas (F), 3-Hill (F), 4-Lorenz (F), 5-Clancy (RD), 6-Lorenz (F), 7-Lorenz (F), 8-Lorenz (F), 9-Rice (RD), 10-McCord (F), 11-Rice (RD), 12-McCord (F), 13-Rice (RD), 14-McCord (F), 15-Rice (RD), 16-McCord (F), 17-Rice (RD), 18-McCord (F), 19-Rice (RD), 20-McCord (F).

100-yard free style: 1-Woot (F), 2-Brent (F), 3-Tim (RD), 4-Woot (F), 5-Brent (F), 6-Tim (RD), 7-Woot (F), 8-Brent (F), 9-Tim (RD), 10-Woot (F), 11-Brent (F), 12-Tim (RD), 13-Woot (F), 14-Brent (F), 15-Tim (RD), 16-Woot (F), 17-Brent (F), 18-Tim (RD), 19-Woot (F), 20-Brent (F).

100-yard back stroke: 1-Leonard (F), 2-Tim (RD), 3-Leonard (F), 4-Tim (RD), 5-Leonard (F), 6-Tim (RD), 7-Leonard (F), 8-Tim (RD), 9-Leonard (F), 10-Tim (RD), 11-Leonard (F), 12-Tim (RD), 13-Leonard (F), 14-Tim (RD), 15-Leonard (F), 16-Tim (RD), 17-Leonard (F), 18-Tim (RD), 19-Leonard (F), 20-Tim (RD).

100-yard breast stroke: 1-Leonard (F), 2-Tim (RD), 3-Leonard (F), 4-Tim (RD), 5-Leonard (F), 6-Tim (RD), 7-Leonard (F), 8-Tim (RD), 9-Leonard (F), 10-Tim (RD), 11-Leonard (F), 12-Tim (RD), 13-Leonard (F), 14-Tim (RD), 15-Leonard (F), 16-Tim (RD), 17-Leonard (F), 18-Tim (RD), 19-Leonard (F), 20-Tim (RD).

100-yard butterfly: 1-Brent (F), 2-Tim (RD), 3-Brent (F), 4-Tim (RD), 5-Brent (F), 6-Tim (RD), 7-Brent (F), 8-Tim (RD), 9-Brent (F), 10-Tim (RD), 11-Brent (F), 12-Tim (RD), 13-Brent (F), 14-Tim (RD), 15-Brent (F), 16-Tim (RD), 17-Brent (F), 18-Tim (RD), 19-Brent (F), 20-Tim (RD).

100-yard mixed stroke: 1-Leonard (F), 2-Tim (RD), 3-Leonard (F), 4-Tim (RD), 5-Leonard (F), 6-Tim (RD), 7-Leonard (F), 8-Tim (RD), 9-Leonard (F), 10-Tim (RD), 11-Leonard (F), 12-Tim (RD), 13-Leonard (F), 14-Tim (RD), 15-Leonard (F), 16-Tim (RD), 17-Leonard (F), 18-Tim (RD), 19-Leonard (F), 20-Tim (RD).

100-yard freestyle: 1-Brent (F), 2-Tim (RD), 3-Brent (F), 4-Tim (RD), 5-Brent (F), 6-Tim (RD), 7-Brent (F), 8-Tim (RD), 9-Brent (F), 10-Tim (RD), 11-Brent (F), 12-Tim (RD), 13-Brent (F), 14-Tim (RD), 15-Brent (F), 16-Tim (RD), 17-Brent (F), 18-Tim (RD), 19-Brent (F), 20-Tim (RD).

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Gary Shaw of Bentley set a new school record of 53.3 seconds in the 100-yard free style although placing second in the Trenton meet.

The Bentley results: Bentley 53.3, Bentley 53.3.

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