

Flutur Sets 2 Records As N. Farmington Rolls

Take a bow, Ron Flutur of North Farmington High School. Flutur accounted for two scoring records last Friday night when the Raiders roared past John Glenn, 93-49, in Northwest Suburban League play.

It was North Farmington's third win in four loop starts and shot them into a tie with Thurston for second place, a game behind leading Oak Park.

It was also Flutur's big show. His first record came in the opening half. He scored 32 points, getting 17 in the first quarter and 15 in the second.

THERE'S NO telling just how many points Flutur might have made in the game, except that with North Farmington leading 59-35, at halftime, his coach, Dick Wilson cleared the bench and gave everybody a chance to play.

Flutur already had tied the school mark of 32 points set by Rick Lorenz.

It wasn't until, with only three minutes to go in the game, that Wilson sent Flutur back to give his star a chance to crack the single-game record.

Flutur responded with one basket.

Overall in the game he had 14 baskets and six free throws while teammate Mike McCoy tossed in 21 points and sub-center Joel Comstock clicked for 13.

North Farmington's pressing defense held Glenn to only three baskets and seven points in the first period when the Raiders grabbed a 32-7 lead to turn the game into an early runaway.

Kerry Webb scored 16, Bob Walker 15 and Ron Tappie 14 for the losers.

In rebounds, the totals were as decisive as the final score. North Farmington had 61 to 23 for Glenn.

THE NEXT NIGHT saw North Farmington drop a heart-breaker to ninth-ranked South-

field, 52-31, in a game in which the teams played under the professional 24-second, shooting rules.

As was the case when Plymouth downed Farmington with the clocks, borrowed from the Detroit Pistons, in use, neither Southfield nor North Farmington found much difference in the way the game went.

"It did do away with any stall-ing and helped us at the end to

Thurston Prepares For Showdown

"It's showdown time" Friday night in the Northwest Suburban League's basketball game, Thurston entertained Oak Park and by the time the game is over, there could be a three-way tie for first place.

Oak Park is the current leader with a 4-0 record. Thurston and North Farmington are tied for second, each with 3-1 records.

Thus if Thurston wins and North Farmington beats Birmingham Groves, half of the loop's six teams will be lodged on top with identical 4-1 records.

Oak Park had no problems with Franklin, 80-56, last Friday night while North Farmington literally mauled John Glenn, 93-49.

"It was been playing like this, we could go all the way to the title," said Mike Pasternak after Thurston rolled through Groves.

THE TOWNSHIP team never was in serious trouble after gaining a 22-10 lead after one period of play.

Thurston's bulge soared to 41-21 at halftime and the team went into the last quarter with a 53-37 command.

Hitting on 60 percent of its

shots in the first period, Thurston quickly exploded as David Day and Urban Rice each made six points, while Groves was held to five baskets.

Dale Joyce and Jerry Nacowny barged through with six points each in the second period and from then on it was all Thurston.

Joyce wound up as the scoring leader for Thurston with 18 points. Day scored 13, Rice 10, Rick Wagner seven, Tim Forbes six and Nakowny six.

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Oak Park had too much of everything in gaining an 80-56 victory over Franklin.

From the opening Upoff, Franklin tried to press the Groves forces. Nothing worked.

Oak Park took a 21-15 lead in the first period and the margin kept soaring the rest of the way.

The frontline of Steve Kaplan, Bryan Harbin and Lloyd Collins was too much for Franklin. Each of the trio made 19 points and in addition turned in a sparkling job in the rebounding department.

Charles Wiggins had 12 points for Franklin, while Brad Lyons clicked for nine and John Floyd and Doug Sutton eight each.

GC West Rallies For Win

"Never give up hope"...so they say.

Garden City West proved that there is truth in the old saying last Friday in rallying for an 83-70 victory over Southgate.

The triumph gave West a 4-3 record in Tri Rivers League action and evened the team's overall record at four-four.

But more important was the way the West team came back.

One wouldn't have given a penny for the West chances at the end of the first period. Southgate had stormed into a 21-8 lead, holding West to only two baskets and two free throws.

From then on it was a much different story. West began to flourish.

IN THE SECOND period, West outscored Southgate, 22-14, to pull within two points of a tie at halftime. In the third period, West went ahead—and stayed there.

Even the loss of high scoring Duane Drewitz in the first moments of the second half didn't cool off the West comeback.

Drewitz made only seven points all evening, but his mates made up the difference. Especially Gary Robinson.

Robinson, who had started the West comeback with eight points in the second period, and then added nine in the third when Jerry Hopkins clipped in 10, finished the night with a prep career high of 29 points.

HE ALSO had 29 rebounds in 32 minutes of play which was a school record and one of the finest jobs on the boards turned in by any scholboy in the country this year.

Hopkins wound up the night with 14 points, while Craig Wilson had 11 along with Dave Leemgraves.

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