



'Win For The Gipper' Days Are Over!

The Bulldog bite is missing some teeth these days as the prep basketball season heads into its final month.

John Farrar's Bentley Bulldogs were off to a living start in the '72-'73 campaign, sporting a 5-2 mark at the start of the new year and standing 3-0 in the Suburban East.

The two losses at that time came in the Northwest Holiday Tourney, six points to Walled Lake Central and one point to Farmington on one of the flattest nights in Bulldog history.

Farrar was coming off a 15-6 "rookie season" and in the Sub-8 finished second last year at 9-3 behind Redford Union and Carl Andrews. He knew he had the talent to make a run at Allen Park and RU in the likes of Tim Bollin and Brent Boegner.

But the Bulldogs' wands of the roundball court have taken their toll. In a matter of 20 days, the Bulldogs have lost five straight games, three of those by a matter of not more than four points.

First came a disastrous journey to Flint Central when the Bulldogs bowed, 69-63. Then a real heart-breaker at the hands of Plymouth, 60-58, where two free throws were missed at the buzzer.

Following came a 66-62 loss to Redford Union, a 64-63 defeat to Churchill on a short jumper at the buzzer and then a fatal blow at the hands of Dearborn, 56-46.

THE BULLDOGS have now slipped to a 3-3 mark in the Sub-8 and a 5-7 overall showing.

"You know, you try not to let this situation get to you, but the more you try, the more it does," said Farrar.

"This has to be disheartening to the kids and I can't really make artificial apathy to them. I have to be honest and gain some insight in our reactions.

"We are not losing through lack of effort.

"When a streak like this hits a ball club, where we just as easily could be 10-2, about all you can do is explain to the kids that 'this is off' and 'this isn't quite right.'

"I can't really see myself yelling at the kids and saying, 'Hey, we have to beat Trenton because they beat us by 40 points some 10 years ago.'

"KIDS DON'T BUY this stuff any more. It's to their credit that they take a more honest approach these days. An honest approach should provide enough incentive. They are the ones who have worked hundreds of hours in the summer, fall and winter.

"When a streak like ours hits, about all that can be done is to make the kid aware of his responsibility to himself and his team.

"The idea of getting up for a game is a little out these days.

"The syndrome of the Pat O'Brien - Knute Rockne days is overplayed.

"This idea of 'let's win it for the Gipper' is not effective as a tactic any more, but only when it really reflects the coach's feeling.

"The idea of losing at the half by 11 points, and going into the locker room - slamming the lockers, kicking over the buckets and yelling and screaming just to create an effect just can't be used today.

"The kids read it as phonny!

"You just have to appeal to them realistically.

"Coaching is a funny business. Losing is much more aggravating than winning is satisfying."

Observer's Top 10

	W	L	PF	PA
1. REDFORD UNION	12	1	72	61
2. LATHRUP	11	1	71	58
3. JOHN GLENN	9	3	65	58
4. PLYMOUTH	9	4	69	56
5. CHURCHILL	9	3	61	57
6. N. FARMINGTON	8	4	61	55
7. FRANKLIN	7	4	60	61
8. GC EAST	7	5	63	57
9. STEVENSON	7	5	61	54
10. HARRISON	5	5	61	54

CAGE PICKS

St. Florian over St. Agatha
Bentley over Trenton
Borgess over Gallagher
Churchill over WL Western
Clarenceville over W. Bloomfield
Pontiac Northern over Farmington
Harrison over Waterford
Franklin over GC East
Kennedy over Oak Park
John Glenn over Plymouth
N. Farmington over Redford Union
Southfield over Hazel Park
Lathrup over RO Dondore
WL Central over Stevenson

Last Week's Results, 6-8
Overall Record, 85-36

Franklin Bags John Glenn, 58-54

The Northwest Suburban basketball race is looking more like a jigsaw puzzle these days as the predicted tangle becomes more confused by the week.

But when it comes down to the last piece to fill the puzzle on that Friday, the puzzle will be solved and the champion crowned.

And right now there are three teams that firmly believe they are the team.

FRANKLIN, North Farmington and John Glenn all have their sights glued on that crown, with Franklin hoping to defend its first ever.

Franklin's Patriots took a step in the right direction by knocking John Glenn off the shelf of the undefeated into a tie for first.

Glenn fell to the Patriots, 58-54, and finds itself with a 4-1 league mark, the same as Franklin. North Farmington at the same time topped Garden City East to push its mark to 3-2.

"This race has to go down to the last game of the season," said Franklin Coach Bob Visser. "I see an 8-2 mark taking it all. A 7-3 record will be second best."

"We can't afford not to give 100 per cent each and every game," added Visser.

The Patriots host Garden City East Friday in the start of a 29 day span which has the Franklin club playing nine games, six of them on its home court.

John Glenn, which stands 9-3 overall compared to Franklin's 7-4, snapped a three game winning streak which included a three point victory over Thurston and five pointer over North Farmington.

"THIS LEAGUE is so balanced that if you have an off-night, you are in trouble," said Glenn Coach Gordie Davis. "Every week is just about a real cliff-hanger."

"We have to get a balanced attack from our kids to keep on winning," the Rocket coach added. "Everyone is keying on Dave Carlington and we have to take the pressure off him."

"We just didn't play as well against Franklin as we have been," said Davis. "We had our opportunities to win it but didn't."

GLENN'S RICK Aro scored the first bucket of the game baskets by Jamie Knapp and Kevin Kaseki gave Franklin the lead and the Patriots were never to fall behind again.

The Patriots jumped ahead after eight minutes, 19-14, and led at the half, 30-26.

J.P. McBride tied it for Glenn in the opening stages of the third quarter at 34-all but Kaseki hit a bucket and two from the line and Guy Burke made good a field goal to give Franklin a 40-34 edge.

"We could have put it away then," said Visser. "It really wasn't that close after that."

Franklin led after three quarters, 48-19, but the Glenn Rockets hung in there and started to spurt in the fourth only to have some of the drive

taken out when Carlington picked up two technical fouls. One was for questioning a call rebounding clash, 51-28, but Kaseki was high for Franklin with 13.

Franklin missed on both technical free throws but the Rockets then threw away four scoring chances on steals and they Patriots coasted in to victory.

"WE GOT Glenn to play our kind of game," said Visser. "Our man-to-man game plan was working perfectly and the kids' attitudes just carried us through."

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Franklin hit 41 per cent from the floor (21 of 51), while Glenn scored on 24 of 57 for 42 per cent. The Patriots made up the difference at the line where they made 18 of 21 compared to Glenn's performance of six for 10.

FRANKLIN (58)			
	FG	FT	TP
Waterstone	3	8	12
Maig	0	0	0
Kaseki	7	6	19
Knapp	4	2	10
Burke	5	0	10
Fischer	2	1	5
Caldwell	2	0	2
Totals	21	16	56

JOHN GLENN (54)			
	FG	FT	TP
Brown	2	0	4
Ree	1	2	4
Kholman	2	0	4
McBride	8	5	10
Carlington	8	4	20
Kalany	4	0	8
Johnson	2	0	4
Totals	24	11	54
Franklin	19	11	18
John Glenn	14	12	14



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GC West Upended By Cherry Hill

The Tri-River title road is not going to be an easy one for the Garden City West cagers to stay on.

Things could get a little bumpy.

CHRIS BABLER'S West Tigers went through their first six league games undefeated but at the same time dropped six non-leagueurs.

In the final contest of the first round, the West bubble exploded to the sound of a Cherry Hill victory, 68-65.

West now finds itself in a tie for first with Taylor Kennedy, each sporting 6-1 records, with Schafer and Cherry Hill next in line at 5-2.

The Tri-River will be getting down to the bare facts this Friday when West travels to Kennedy. The Tigers upended Kennedy in their first meeting, 68-54, but Babler is expected a much tougher time down at Kennedy.

"It's not going to be easy from here on out," said Babler.

CHERRY HILL jumped ahead at the end of one quarter, 17-15, and enjoyed a 37-33 margin at the half.

West fought back to out-solve Cherry Hill, 20-12, in the third quarter to take a 53-49 advantage into the final eight minutes.

Cherry Hill spurted ahead again but West's Ken Kinsvator tied it up 65-all with 1:47 remaining.

West called a time out after Cherry Hill missed a scoring opportunity with 1:05 left. The play was set up for Mark Kihour but he "was hampered" and missed.

Rick McNally missed for Cherry Hill and West had the ball back with 50 seconds chewing the clock. West went into a semi-freeze but lost the ball on a stray pass with 40 seconds remaining.

Cherry Hill went into a stall again with eight seconds left, called a time out.

JOE CICHON went up for a shot but was fouled by Kinsvator.

Cichon made the first but missed the second, and Bob Fowler tipped in the rebound Drop West from the ranks of the undefeated.

West hit 43 per cent from the floor, 23 of 53, while Cherry Hill came up with 42 per cent on 28 of 66.

The Tigers also won the rebounding battle, 32-30, with Kinsvator hauling in 12.

"Cherry Hill played its top game of the season," said Babler. "We couldn't stop that 5-5 Fowler. He scored 32 points against us."

GC WEST (65)			
	FG	FT	TP
B. Carl	5	4	14
Tatro	3	1	7
Kihour	3	1	7
Kinsvator	9	8	26
Gloch	3	2	8
Richmond	2	2	6
Totals	23	19	65

CHERRY HILL (68)			
	FG	FT	TP
Easton	4	1	9
Cichon	1	4	6
Fowler	14	4	32
McNally	5	0	10
Dunmore	1	2	5
Hazlett	2	0	4
Terskian	0	0	2
Stittsmyer	0	1	2
Totals	28	12	68
GC West	15	10	12
Cherry Hill	17	20	15

Suburban Hockey Tournament Set

The George Gee Suburban Hockey Tournament is slated to "face-off" the second week in March with the six schools from the first-year Suburban Hockey League in competition. All games will be at the Ford Ice Rink, Livonia.

Bentley, Churchill, Franklin, Southfield High, Southfield Lathrup and Stevenson will vie for the tourney crown in honor of the late ex-Red Wing George Gee, who lived in Livonia.

Tourney pairings will go along with the final Suburban League standings. The first and second place teams will draw byes in the first round, with the third place team playing the fifth and the sixth in action against the fourth.

First round games will be played March 12, second round on March 14 and the final championship on Friday, March 16 at 8 p.m.

The first year tourney is co-sponsored by the Observer Newspapers, Livonia Board of Education and Parks and Recreation.

An admission fee of \$1 per person will be charged for all tournament games.

Swimming Ratings

200 MIDDLE RELAY	
1. Harrison	1:46.1
2. Plymouth	1:46.8
3. N. Farmington	1:47.6
4. Bentley	1:49.6
5. GC East	1:49.9
6. Stevenson	1:50.0
7. Thurston	1:51.6
8. Redford Union	1:51.8
9. Franklin	1:53.2
10. John Glenn	1:53.7

200 FREESTYLE	
1. Redo, Harrison	1:52.0
2. Griswold, N. Farm	1:54.3
3. Dove, Churchill	1:55.0
4. Amoldy, Harrison	1:55.5
5. Bryan, Churchill	1:57.3
6. Stokley, RU	1:58.0
7. Caven, Thurston	1:58.0
8. Balaues, Franklin	1:58.1
9. Kirschke, CVille	1:58.2
10. Lorenz, Plymouth	1:58.3

100 YD. FREESTYLE	
1. Redo, Harrison	1:10.0
2. Swaine, GC East	1:10.0
3. Sioke, RU	1:11.3
4. Griswold, N. Farm	1:11.5
5. Dove, Churchill	1:11.8
6. Caven, Thurston	1:12.0
7. Amoldy, Harrison	1:12.6
8. McKelvey, Plymouth	1:12.7
9. Ankele, N. Farm	1:12.8
10. Santo, Stevenson	1:14.2

100 YD. BREASTSTROKE	
1. Sick, Plymouth	1:58.8
2. Garrow, Thurston	1:57.2
3. Barb, John Glenn	1:57.6
4. Peterson, N. Farm	1:57.8
5. Howell, Harrison	1:57.9
6. Hecock, Harrison	1:58.1
7. Crowthers, Plymouth	1:58.5
8. Sioke, Churchill	1:58.5
9. Lucy, Bentley	1:59.7
10. Turnbull, GC East	1:59.1

400 YD. FREE RELAY	
1. North Farmington	3:31.4
2. Plymouth	3:31.7
3. Harrison	3:32.0
4. GC East	3:32.0
5. Franklin	3:36.4
6. Bentley	3:39.6
7. John Glenn	3:42.9
8. Churchill	3:43.6
9. Farmington	3:52.8
10. Stevenson	3:57.5

50 YD. FREE	
1. Dupree, Bentley	23.1
2. Swaine, GC East	23.2
3. McKelvey, Plymouth	23.3
4. Kase, Plymouth	23.4
5. Ankele, N. Farm	23.6
6. Caven, Thurston	23.6
7. Peterson, N. Farm	23.8
8. Kirschke, CVille	24.1
9. Scuderi, Stevenson	24.1
10. Sick, Plymouth	24.2

DIVING	
1. Knal, Harrison	2:29.1
2. Hogan, Thurston	2:29.8
3. Parrot, Farmington	1:49.06
4. Sidor, Clarenceville	1:30.5
5. Stokley, Plymouth	1:29.7
6. Kirschke, CVille	1:27.50
7. Kn, Harrison	1:26.42
8. Kirschke, CVille	1:26.35
9. Henry, Plymouth	1:26.50
10. Applebush, Thurston	1:26.50

100 YD. BUTTERFLY	
1. Blanchard, GC East	1:56.6
2. Hule, Stevenson	1:57.8
3. Sioke, RU	1:57.8
4. Peterson, N. Farm	1:57.8
5. Munn, N. Farm	1:57.8
6. Barb, John Glenn	1:58.2
7. Kirschke, CVille	1:58.4
8. Dupree, Bentley	1:59.0
9. Caven, N. Farm	1:59.8
10. Sioke, Churchill	1:59.4

400 YD. FREESTYLE	
1. Griswold, N. Farm	4:06.3
2. Amoldy, Harrison	4:10.9
3. Dove, Churchill	4:14.0
4. Lorenz, Plymouth	4:14.0
5. Kirschke, CVille	4:14.8
6. Kase, Plymouth	4:18.4
7. Sioke, Churchill	4:18.0
8. Bentley, Farmington	4:18.4
9. Sioke, CVille	4:17.2
10. Balaues, Franklin	4:19.5

100 YD. BACKSTROKE	
1. Redo, Harrison	1:56.9

Farmington Finally Wins RU Tourney

Farmington High sported four individual winners in capturing the eight-school Redford Union wrestling invitational with 134 1/2 points.

The Falcon grapplers had finished second the past three years and fourth in the '69 kickoff. Redford Union won it in '69, North Farmington in '70, and John Glenn in both '71 and '72.

Thurston High finished behind Farmington with 69 points and RU, which also had four firsts, was third with 57 1/2 points. Glenn was fourth at 46 1/2.

Individual champions for Farmington were Dan Longtine (93), John Gietemshi (105), Mark Churella (138) and Jeff Krause (155).

Meat results:

58 - Dan Longtine (F) pinned Jack Berger (H), 3:57; Jim Davey (T) defeated Jim Sietz (PH), 8:0; Longtine defeated Davey, 8:1.

105 - John Gietemshi (F) pinned Matt Gully (PH), 3:52; Sat Marale (T) defeated Terry Abate (UG), 11:4; Gietemshi defeated Marale, 5:1.

112 - Kerry Morgan (RU) defeated Don Chetty (UG), 23:1; Bill Mason (F) defeated Jim Mathewson (T), 4:0; Morgan defeated Mason, 6:3.

119 - Dave Johnson (RU) pinned Craig Kilmer (NF), 1:50; Bob Hodge (UG) pinned Gary Pliska (F), 5:05; Johnson defeated Hodge, 1:0.

126 - Tom Fietke (T) pinned Mark Osopny (H), 6:15; Bob Dompliere (NF) defeated Pat Van Horn (F), 9:0; Fietke defeated Dompliere, 4:1.

132 - Mike Kall (RU) defeated Brian Vernal (T), 4:0; Joe Sietz (F) pinned John Ekster (NF), 4:54; Kall defeated Sietz, 7:3.

138 - Mark Churella (F) pinned Ken Clough (NF), 3:29; Mark Mullen (T) pinned Steve Arancang (PH), 1:59; Churella defeated Mullen, 10:8.

145 - Bill Norton (H) defeated Carl Davis (NF), 8:3; Steve Peterson defeated Jack Gardner (F), 15:4; Patmal defeated Norton, 2:1.

155 - Jeff Scott (T) defeated Bill Phillips (FH), 9:0; Jeff Krause (F) pinned Keith Ostlund (UG), 3:55; Krause defeated Scott, 3:0.

167 - Bob Mink (UG) defeated Kevin Kellman (RU), 10:0; Jim Masow (F) defeated Bob O'Quigley (NF), 2:0; Mink defeated Masow, 4:3.

185 - Paul Mathewson (H) defeated Mike Stain (UG), 7:5; Mark Ward (F) defeated Bill Lough (NF), 3:1; Mathewson defeated Ward, 12:3.

HW - Bill Zukoff (B) pinned Wally Kuraja (FH), 1:10; Kevin Schafer (F) pinned Pat Mahoney (UG), 5:24; Zukoff defeated Schafer, 3:1.

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