

Churchill Eyeing League Title, Whips Harrison

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It's no secret, the Western Six basketball champions are out to do it again!

Livonia Churchill won its first league title ever in the '71-'72 campaign and is favored to do it again this year.

Farmington Harrison and Coach Bob Sutter found out why the hard way.

CHURCHILL smothered the Harrison Hawks in a key Six

and final round of the Six to face a team that toppled them, 61-57, in the third game of the season.

"We are going to have to take it to them," said Montagnano. "This grudge match should be tooth and nail for us."

Western went on a six game losing streak after beating Churchill on Dec. 8. The Chargers have dropped games only to Plymouth and Walled Lake Central since and are

battle, with both clubs sporting 2-1 league marks before the clash.

The defending champs took care of Harrison, 57-50, and find themselves in a tie for first with Walled Lake Western (3-1). Meanwhile, the Hawks slipped to a 2-2 mark, tied with Waterford Mott.

Now comes the real clincher for Pat Montagnano and his 9-3 overall Chargers.

They travel to Walled Lake Central Friday in the second

boasting the same 9-3 mark this season compared to last year at the same time.

The Six "semi-showdown" between Churchill and Harrison caught both "Vlad" during the final week, with timing an evident factor being left in the classroom.

"It was an alley-cat ball game," said Montagnano. "Neither team dominated."

HARRISON spurred ahead, 4-0, in the early moments on two quick buckets by Nick

Nicolay who captured game honors with 26 points.

The Hawks maintained a margin and led after one quarter, 14-11.

Churchill rebounded, caught Harrison and went up at the half, 25-23.

The Chargers scored three straight buckets in the second minute of the third quarter, with Phil Damaska and one by Mark Reed to jump up to 10, 35-25.

Churchill kept its 10 point

margin at the end of the third to carry a 43-33 score into the last eight minutes.

Harrison fell behind by 12 but the Hawks started to flap their wings and scored four straight buckets by Dan Hickey, Mike McGrath, Dave Clancy and Nick Nicolay.

All Churchill could muster was a couple of free throws and Nicolay hit two more buckets to close it to 51-48 with two minutes remaining.

WITH 1:47 showing on the scoreboard, Churchill's Phil Skender missed on a two-point attempt, Harrison hauled in the rebound, down by three points, but threw the ball away and the game at the same time.

Damaska was fouled for Churchill and made both from the line; Charger power took over with Reed popping in two more and Don Braun one.

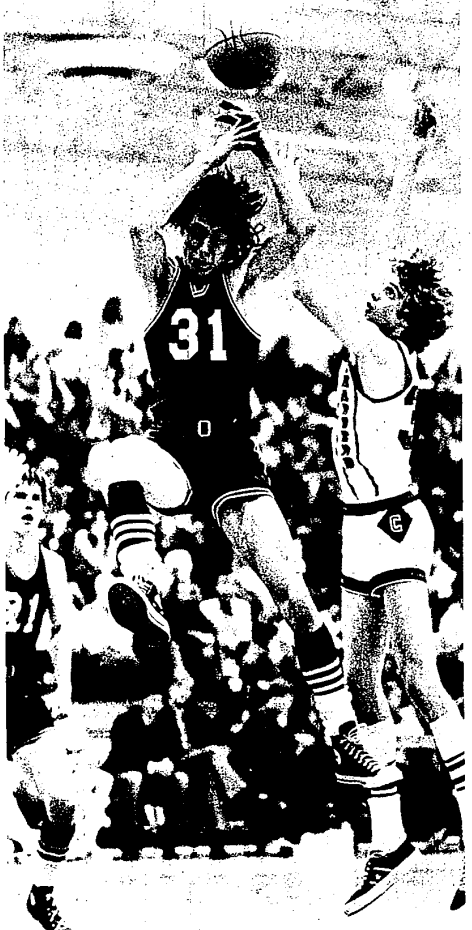
Churchill finished 23 of 57

from the floor for 41 per cent and the Chargers won the rebounding contest, 32-26, with Braun collecting 11.

The Charger defense held Jeff Siefolt to only three buckets and two free throws. The lanky center had been averaging 22.1 points a game.

"They did a good job on Siefolt," said Sutter. "Even though I wasn't one of his better games."

"Churchill's second and third efforts really killed us," he added. "They made us come out of our zone and we ended up making 20 turnovers."



LOSING BATTLE -- Harrison's Mike McGrath (31) goes up with eyes closed in a contest with Churchill's Don Phillips (32). Hawk Nick Nicolay (21) is looking on. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

'Northern Too Tough' Spartans Lose, 63-51

Stevenson basketball Coach George VanWagoner isn't throwing in the InterLakes towel yet, but his thinking has to be in that direction.

Pontiac Northern ripped Stevenson, 63-51, and sent the Spartans falling into third place in the Inter-Lakes with a 2-2 mark.

THE HUSKIES of Northern

are first at 4-0, with Walled Lake Central second at 3-1. The Spartans have lost to both.

"There still exists an outside chance for us to win this thing," said VanWagoner. "Central is going to have to beat Northern and we'll have to take the both of them."

The Northern defeat was the second straight for Stevenson which had climbed to a 7-3

mark but now stand 7-5 overall.

LINCOLN PARK stunned the Spartans, 73-64, for its first game victory in two years.

"We just had everything working against us at Lincoln Park," said VanWagoner.

Things stayed about the same against Pontiac Northern.

"NORTHERN is always tough at home," said VanWagoner. "Our reserves, who had lost only one game, even took it on the chin."

"We have managed to beat them only once in six tries on their court," said the Spartan coach.

Stevenson opened with ideas of an upset as Dale Haberman hit three quick buckets to put the Spartans up, 6-0.

But Northern fought back to take a 19-12 lead after one quarter. Tom Centers put Stevenson back on top 28-27 with 30 seconds left in the first half. However, Lo Gibson sank a bucket at the buzzer to give

HARRISON (50)

	FG	FT	TP
Hickey	4	0-0	8
Kerplisch	2	1-2	5
Siefolt	3	2-2	8
Nicolay	13	0-0	26
Clancy	1	0-0	2
McGrath	8	1-2	1
Frank	23	4-8	50

CHURCHILL (57)

	FG	FT	TP
Skender	3	0-2	6
Damaska	3	2-2	8
Braun	3	5-8	11
Reed	6	2-2	14
Phillips	2	1-2	5
Totals	23	11-19	57
Harrison	14	9	10-20
Churchill	11	14	14-27

Clarenceville Gymnasts Win 4th, 122-120

Clarenceville High captured six of the seven events to trounce Farmington Harrison in a gymnastic meet, 80.75 to 61.30, and won four events to nip Ann Arbor Huron, 122-120.

The latter was the fourth win for the Trojan gymnasts against one setback.

Clarenceville hosts North Farmington tonight, Wednesday, at 7:30 p.m.

Rocks Tip Belleville

Plymouth High recorded three pins en route to a Suburban Eight wrestling triumph over Belleville, 29-20.

Rocky Bayview right Brian Campbell remained undefeated and sewed up the match with a 5:00 pin over Belleville's Richard Perry.

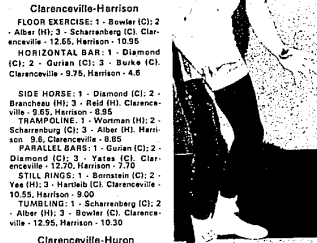
Meet results:

STEVENS (51)

	FG	FT	TP
Kaberman	5	1-5	11
Spick	0	0-0	4
Barley	1	0-0	3
Fisher	0	0-0	2
Davis	2	1-2	5
Centers	8	1-1	16
Totals	20	11-22	51

PONTIAC (63)

	FG	FT	TP
Wason	5	0-0	10
Hoch	2	0-0	4
Brinker	3	0-0	6
Clay	1	0-0	2
Olsen	4	0-0	8
Gibson	7	3-4	17
Chick	2	2-2	6
Colman	6	0-10	10
Totals	29	6-7	63
Stevenson	12	16	12-21
Pontiac	19	10	16-23



STILL RINGS: 1 - Gurian (Cl): 2 - Danner (H): 3 - Yates (Cl). Clarenceville - 20.20, Huron - 17.15.

CLARENCEVILLE-HARRISON

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1 - Bowler (Cl): 2 - Albor (H): 3 - Scharenberg (Cl). Clarenceville - 12.55, Harrison - 10.95.

HORIZONTAL BAR: 1 - Diamond (Cl): 2 - Gurian (Cl): 3 - Burke (Cl). Clarenceville - 9.75, Harrison - 4.8.

SIDE HORSE: 1 - Diamond (Cl): 2 - Branches (H): 3 - Reid (H). Clarenceville - 9.85, Huron - 8.05.

TRAMPOLINE: 1 - Wortman (H): 2 - Scharenberg (Cl): 3 - Albor (H). Harrison - 8.6, Clarenceville - 8.55.

PARALLEL BARS: 1 - Gurian (Cl): 2 - Diamond (Cl): 3 - Yates (Cl). Clarenceville - 12.70, Harrison - 7.70.

STILL RINGS: 1 - Bonneau (Cl): 2 - Yee (H): 3 - Harbale (Cl). Clarenceville - 10.55, Harrison - 9.00.

TUMBLING: 1 - Scharenberg (Cl): 2 - Albor (H): 3 - Bowler (Cl). Clarenceville - 12.65, Harrison - 10.30.

CLARENCEVILLE-HURON

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1 - Danner (H): 2 - Smith (H): 3 - Bowler (Cl). Huron - 21.20, Clarenceville - 19.10.

TRAMPOLINE: 1 - Smith (H): 2 - Thompson (Cl): 3 - Scharenberg (Cl). Huron - 15.35, Clarenceville - 15.10.

TUMBLING: 1 - Danner (H): 2 - Smith (H): 3 - Bowler (Cl). Huron - 19.35, Clarenceville - 16.80.

HORIZONTAL BAR: 1 - Danner (H): 2 - Diamond (Cl): 3 - Gurian (Cl). Clarenceville - 12.75, Huron - 11.60.

PARALLEL BARS: 1 - Diamond (Cl): 2 - Danner (H): 3 - Gurian (Cl). Clarenceville - 15.40, Huron - 14.90.

SIDE HORSE: 1 - Diamond (Cl): 2 - Danner (H): 3 - Scharenberg (Cl). Clarenceville - 15.95, Huron - 13.30.

BRIAN VANDUSEN of Farmington is one of the key reasons Western Michigan University is 3-0 in dual wrestling competition. The 177-pound junior who wrestled for Our Lady of Sorrows High School has compiled an overall record of 4-3.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

FIRST DIVISION CATHOLIC DOUBLE A

TEAM	W	L
SERVITE	6	0
DIVINE CHILD	5	1
SHRINE	4	2
REDFORD ST. MARY	3	3
BISHOP GORGESS	2	4
BISHOP GALLAGHER	1	5

CATHOLIC SECOND DIVISION WEST

TEAM	W	L
ST. FLORIAN	5	1
ST. ALPHONSUS	4	2
GL ST. MARY	3	3
AA ST. THOMAS	2	4
OL LOURDES	1	5
ST. AGATHA	0	6
MT. CARMEL	0	6

INTER-LAKES

TEAM	W	L
PONTIAC NORTHERN	4	0
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL	3	1
STEVENS	2	2
FARMINGTON	1	3
WATERFORD	0	4

MET SUBURBAN

TEAM	W	L
SOUTHFIELD LATHRAP	6	0
BLOOMFIELD LANSER	4	2
ROYAL OAK DONDRO	4	2
BIRMINGHAM GROVES	3	3
ROCHESTER ADAMS	2	4
UTICA EISENHOWER	0	6

NORTHWEST SUBURBAN

TEAM	W	L
JOHN GLENN	4	1
FRANKLIN	3	2
N. FARMINGTON	3	2
OC EAST	2	3
OAK PARK	2	3
THURSTON	0	6

SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

TEAM	W	L
1. BERKELEY	5	0
2. ROYAL OAK KIMBALL	4	1
3. SOUTHFIELD	3	2
4. FERNDALE	2	3
5. BIRMINGHAM SEAMOUNT	2	3
6. HAZEL PARK	1	4
7. SUBURBAN EIGHT	0	5

ALLEN PARK

TEAM	W	L
1. REDFORD UNION	7	0
2. ESSL FORD	7	0
3. PLYMOUTH	6	1
4. BENTLEY	5	2
5. DEARBORN	4	3
6. BELLEVILLE	3	4
7. TRENTON	1	5

TRI-RIVER

TEAM	W	L
1. GARDEN CITY WEST	7	0
2. TAYLOR KENNEDY	6	1
3. CHERRY HILL	5	2
4. RIVERSIDE	4	3
5. SOUTHGATE	3	4
6. MELVINDALE	2	5
7. CRESTWOOD	1	6

WAYNE-OAKLAND

TEAM	W	L
1. KETERING	6	0
2. CLARKSTON	5	1
3. WEST BLOOMFIELD	4	2
4. BLOOMFIELD ANDOVER	3	3
5. CLARENCEVILLE	2	4
6. WESTERN SIX	1	5

WESTERN SIX

TEAM	W	L
1. CHURCHILL	3	1
2. WALLED LAKE WESTERN	3	1
3. FARMINGTON HARRISON	2	2
4. WATERFORD MOTT	2	2
5. NORTHVILLE	0	6

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112 - Pat Beck (H) pinned Steve Parent (H), 1:25

119 - Greg Antonishak (Cl) defeated Steve (H), 1:55

122 - Rick Bohms (Cl) pinned Dave Norman (H), 0:50

132 - Dave Stobbe (Cl) defeated Mike Marioni (H), 5:1

133 - Kim Schultz (Cl) defeated Bob Aves (H), 12:4

145 - Fred O'Keefe (Cl) defeated Bob Bloomfield (H), 0:40

155 - Dave Stein (H) defeated Terry Driscoll (Cl), 3:0

167 - Brian Parke (H) pinned Greg Burke (H), 2:59

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