

# Stevenson Puckmen Rip Churchill, 5-1

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There were auxiliary stands, colorful posters and banners of every sort and 1,500 fans to ignite the top two teams in Observerland.

Stevenson and Churchill were battling again, with the Chargers faced with a must win situation to have a shot at overtaking the Spartans.

The tension at Ford ice rink increased with each period. It was one-kill after the first period and 3-1 Stevenson after two. Only two penalties were called in the first and six in the second.

It was the second time this year Churchill fell to Stevenson. The Spartans nipped the Chargers in the first meeting, 5-4.

their own blue line." Mitchell went to netminder Mike Merrill and Goode to his all-area performer Van Vermeesch.

WITH GAGNON off for hooking, Hillman beat Merrill for the second time, Kurt Geiger getting the assist.

nine seconds clicked off and Stevenson picked up his two points.

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CHARGING RIGHT IN - Churchill's Bob Rion dives right into the Stevenson net and Stevenson netminder Van Vermeesch, with Spartan defenseman Brian VanNorman arriving

too late. Notice Vermeesch's facemask (arrow) which Rion knocked off attempting to get to the puck. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

"THIS WIN has to give us some breathing room," said Spartan Coach Gerry Goode. Stevenson stands 8-0 for 17 points with Churchill second at 6-3 for 13 points.

Franklin, Bentley and Southfield are all breathing down Churchill's back for that second place slot with 11, 10 and nine points respectively.

"THAT 5-1 score isn't at all indicative of the game," added Mitchell. I have to say one thing about Stevenson, they never let up, they just keep coming at you.

Churchill still has one more shot at Stevenson before the start of the George Gee tournament.

Stevenson's Don Finn got the Spartans on the board 8:15 into the game, with Steve Hillman assisting.

Churchill skated back to notch it at one-kill after one period. Kris Kostolansky bested Vermeesch, with Mike Heger plucking up the assist.

CHURCHILL 1 0 0-1  
STEVENSON 1 2 2-5

FIRST PERIOD  
Stevenson - Finn (Hillman), 8:15  
Churchill - Kostolansky (Heger), 13:30  
Penalties: D. Finn (G), 10:37; Morrill (G), 14:58

SECOND PERIOD  
Stevenson - P. Vermeesch (McIvhal), 11:57  
Stevenson - Hillman (G), 12:22  
Penalties: Van Norman (G), Meyers (G), 2:48; Gagnon (G), 5:51; Gagnon (G), 8:45; D. Finn (G), 10:37; Rice (G), 14:20

THIRD PERIOD  
Stevenson - Hillman (G), 10:23  
Stevenson - McIvhe (Dhruas), 14:51  
Penalties: Van Norman (G), Thauverre (G), 4:58; Shop (G), 5:08; Rice (G), 9:27; Finn (G), Hillman (G), 11:27; Meyers (G), 14:47; Morrill (G), misconduct, 14:51; Lloyd (G), misconduct, 14:51; Churchill bench penalty, 14:51; Gagnon (G) game misconduct, 14:51

## Glenn Rockets Thump GC East Cagers, 75-54

The John Glenn Rockets are title hungry. Gordon Davis' Glenn cagers have never won the Northwest basketball championship, but now all signs are pointing toward their upending defending champion Franklin. Especially after the stunning victory over Garden City East, 75-54.

Northwest with Franklin second best at 5-2. But Davis hasn't made room for the Northwest trophy in the school showcase - yet. Three games remain on the Northwest card, with Thurston moving into the Rocket gym Friday night. Last year at this time the Rockets were in almost exactly the same position and appeared on route to their first

league title. Glenn sported a 5-1 league record with Franklin second best at 4-2. Thurston proceeded to knock off Glenn in a 77-69 upset and the Rockets dropped the next two to finish 6-4 in the league with Franklin shining bright at 8-2.

extremely fine ball game," said Young, who had to be tremendously disappointed in his squad's showing. East sported an 8-4 record going into the clash. Of the six losses, not one had been by more than seven points except three nights prior at Churchill where the Panthers came up flat and lost 71-54.

So the Panthers have now fallen by 17 and 21 points in their last two outings. Glenn's Dave Carlington turned in an outstanding all-around performance with 11 field goals, eight of 13 at the line and 22 rebounds to his credit.

The other two members of the Rocket front three sparkled along with Carlington. Jeff Brittain came up with 18 points and Brian Kaluzny scored 13 and collected 10 rebounds.

Glenn shot 48 per cent from the floor, 31 of 65, while East spluttered to 32 per cent, 18 of 55.

THE ROCKETS also won the rebounding clash, 53-36, with Glenn scoring 15 points off the offensive boards. East's big gosse-egg. Glenn now waits for the 3-12 Thurston club Friday, while East will try to find the pieces against Oak Park at home.



ROCKET HOOK-SHOT - John Glenn's J.P. McBride goes high over Bernie Soya and John Grigal of Garden City East for two points. The Rockets won the Northwest clash, 75-54. (Observer photo by Harry Maute)

THE GAME before the Thurston upset last season, Glenn edged Birmingham Groves. Groves is no longer in the Northwest but Glenn toppled Groves' replacement, East, and now comes Thurston again.

"The other teams have to catch us now," said Davis whose Rockets stand 11-3 overall. Glenn surprisingly enough took care of GC East in handy fashion.

EAST WAS coming on strong in the Northwest and it appeared that Billy Joe Young's Panthers just might make a move for all the marbles. But the Panthers lost their spark and the Rockets exploded.

Glenn grabbed a 16-13 first quarter lead and increased it to 24-26 at the half. The Rockets were up by as much as 15 points in the second but East rebounded with a 9-2 margin in the last four minutes of the second quarter.

Glenn outscored East, 14-8 in the third stanza as the Panthers hit a cold streak from the floor, making only two of 15, and fell to a 40-34 deficit.

That was it for the now 8-7 overall Panthers who stand 3-4 in the Northwest. Glenn went on to win the final eight minutes, 27-20.

GLENN (76)

Brittain	9	0-1	18
Kaluzny	6	1-3	13
Khivinske	1	0-0	2
McBride	1	0-0	2
Carlington	11	8-13	30
Johannes	2	1-2	8
Pfeiffer	1	3-4	5
Totals	31	13-20	76

GC EAST (64)

Haydon	6	1-4	11
Taylor	5	8-18	16
Grigal	2	1-3	6
Arner	0	0-12	0
Soya	2	2-8	6
Kinkaid	2	8-11	11
Bills	0	0-2	0
Totals	18	18-33	54

GLENN

18	14	23-36
GC EAST	13	8-20-54

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