



Rockets Whip Thurston, 72-49

May the "ping-pong" ball of the first World Collegiate table tennis championships bounce in the right direction for Livonia's own Glenn Martin.

The 19-year-old Franklin High grad is one of seven representing the United States in the tourney at Hanover, Germany.

Action started yesterday with the finals this Sunday, Feb. 25.

Before she left for the championships, I had the opportunity to match tennis talents with this young lass who has competed in something over 1,500 tournaments around the country.

Miss Martin clobbered your sports editor, 21-7, but in all fairness to her triangular spins, I was utilizing a regulation paddle while she had an exhibition paddle — three inches in diameter.

She made it known to me that I at least did better than her boss at the Livonia Family Y, Bill Cameron (Mr. Ski Heil and Court Jester in disguise), Janice beat the ol' pro, 21-5.

The best of luck to Miss Martin. The city of Livonia couldn't have asked for a brighter smile to represent it in the world championships.

Talking about championships, don't forget the upcoming first George Gee memorial suburban hockey tournament with six area high schools skating for the playoff crown.

FIRST ROUND competition begins on Monday, March 12, with the third and fifth teams playing one another and the fourth place squad facing the sixth.

The second round on Wednesday, March 14, will feature the first and second place teams against Monday's winners, with the finale on Friday, March 16.

All competition will be at Ford Arena.

THE TOURNEY IS being co-sponsored by Livonia Parks and Recreation and Observer Newspapers, with colorful activities being planned for the championship night. Detroit Red Wing great Gordie Howe will be on hand along with Mrs. George Gee and Observer Publisher Phil Power for the trophy presentation. The All-Observer hockey line-up will be announced that night.

Get your tickets early, every night is sure to be a sellout!

The John Glenn Rockets are out to show the Northwest Suburban basketball conference that they are not the Glenn club of yesteryear.

Glenn, which never has won the league, has been tabbed a team that always finds in the stretch drive, that can never come through in the clutch.

Coach Gordie Davis is out to prove differently this season.

His Rockets have been on top of the Northwest throughout the campaign, with Livonia Franklin right behind in a desperate attempt to defend its first title.

But the Glennagers are picking up drive and momentum instead of falling off as they did at this same time last season when they finished 10-7 overall.

After losing to Franklin, 58-54, Glenn has reeled off three consecutive league triumphs by 13, 21 and 23 points.

Two league contests remain on tap for Glenn and Franklin in the two-team battle for the title.

FRANKLIN sports a 6-1 mark.

Glenn can assure itself of at least a share of the crown this Friday at North Farmington while Franklin has to win at Oak Park.

Then comes the season finale with Glenn at Franklin, Friday, March 2.

"We have to keep playing steady ball," said Davis. "We have been playing each team with more balance this second time around."

The victory over Thurston was sparked by the performance of 6-4 1/2 Jeff Brittain who hit a prep high of 23 points and hauled in 13 rebounds.

"Jeff is really coming around for us," added Davis. "He has been averaging about 19 points a game these last three contests and has been turning in an excellent showing on both ends of the court."

THURSTON HELD Glenn's leading scorer, Dave Carlington, to just three field goals and six points. Carlington had been averaging more than 21 points a game.

"It was just an off night for Dave," said Davis. "He hit only three of 14 and it was just for the rest of the team to pick up the slack."

For Thurston it wasn't a very good showing.

THE EAGLES slipped to a 1-7 Northwest mark, good enough for the basement slot, and stand 3-13 overall.

"We just didn't play basketball," said Thurston Coach Dan Bennett. "We were able

to contain Carlington but Brittain picked up the slack."

Glenn hit eight of 19 the first quarter. Brian Kaluzy scoring six, and the Rockets were off to a 19-11 first stanza margin.

BOTH SCORED 14 in the second to keep it an eight point spread at the half.

The third quarter tuckered away victory for the title-hungry Rockets.

Glenn again enjoyed an eight for 19 quarter while the Eagles got off only six shots and made three.

"We just couldn't do much of anything in that quarter," added Bennett. "We just gave the ball away before we could get off a shot."

Glenn increased its 50-34 third lead to 22 points at the final buzzer with an eight for 15 shooting stanza.

The Rockets finished 30 for 61 from the floor for 47 per cent and Thurston hit 18 of 51 for 35 per cent.

THURSTON (49)

	FG	FT	TP
Hunter	7	2	18
Beale	1	8	7
Stin	2	0	4
Keenan	4	8	13
Favo	1	0	2
Rey	1	0	1
Ker	1	0	2
Toca	1	0	2
Totals	18	12	49

JOHN GLENN (72)

	FG	FT	TP
Brittain	10	8	23
Kaluzy	2	0	4
Kholman	2	0	4
McBride	2	0	8
Carlington	3	0	5
Arp	1	3	5
Taylor	1	3	4
Johanson	1	0	2
Todoloff	1	0	2
Hengenbaugh	1	0	2
Totals	30	12	72
Thurston	11	14	9
John Glenn	18	14	72

14th Loss For Farmington

Stevenson Wins, 69-50

Farmington High stumbled again and the Stevenson Spartans chipped another chunk out of the Falcon cage season.

Stevenson handed Farmington its 14th loss.

It was Stevenson's third Inter-Lakes win against three losses and its 10th overall against six defeats.

"It was a good defensive effort," said Stevenson Coach George VanWagoner whose Spartans are destined to finish third in the Inter-Lakes.

Pontiac Northern and Walled Lake Central are in the battle for the No. 1 slot. The Spartans lost to Central twice by a total of four points and Pontiac once by 12.

FARMINGTON and Waterford are battling it out for the last place position.

For the Falcons, it was the 10th straight setback since upending Livonia Bentley in the holiday season.

Farmington stands 2-14 overall and 1-5 in the Inter-Lakes. Waterford is 1-5.

The Spartans didn't waste any time jumping on the Falcons who they beat earlier, 62-36.

DALE HABERMAN popped in three buckets and Stevenson sported an 8-2 advantage and led 17-11 after eight minutes.

Stevenson led by as much as

the 80 for 35 per cent. Farmington hit 17 of 47 for 27 per cent.

Area Prep Swimming Ratings

200 MEDLEY RELAY

1. HARRISON, Farmington	1:46.1
2. PLYMOUTH, Farmington	1:46.8
3. N. FARMINGTON, Farmington	1:47.6
4. LATHRUP, Farmington	1:47.9
5. OC EAST, Farmington	1:47.9
6. BENTLEY, Farmington	1:49.6
7. STEVENSON, Farmington	1:51.6
8. THURSTON, Farmington	1:51.6
9. REDFORD UNION, Farmington	1:51.8
10. FRANKLIN, Farmington	1:52.2

100 YD FREESTYLE

1. STOLKEY, RU	1:51.1
2. RADDO, Farmington	1:51.1
3. SWEENE, OC East	1:51.1
4. DUPREY, Bentley	1:51.1
5. BRYAN, Farmington	1:51.1
6. GRISWOLD, N. Farm	1:51.1
7. DOVE, Churchill	1:51.1
8. GRAVEN, Thurston	1:51.1
9. PETERSON, N. Farm	1:51.1
10. BENTLEY, Farmington	1:51.1

400 YD FREESTYLE

1. STOLKEY, RU	4:01.0
2. RADDO, Farmington	4:01.0
3. SWEENE, OC East	4:01.0
4. DUPREY, Bentley	4:01.0
5. BRYAN, Farmington	4:01.0
6. GRISWOLD, N. Farm	4:01.0
7. DOVE, Churchill	4:01.0
8. GRAVEN, Thurston	4:01.0
9. PETERSON, N. Farm	4:01.0
10. BENTLEY, Farmington	4:01.0

100 YD BACKSTROKE

1. RADDO, Farmington	1:51.1
2. SWEENE, OC East	1:51.1
3. BLANCHARD, OC East	1:51.1
4. BENTLEY, Farmington	1:51.1
5. DOVE, Churchill	1:51.1
6. STOLKEY, RU	1:51.1
7. SMART, Farmington	1:51.1
8. GILMORE, N. Farm	1:51.1
9. KENNY, Plymouth	1:51.1
10. ALANBY, Plymouth	1:51.1

100 YD BREASTSTROKE

1. RADDO, Farmington	1:51.1
2. SWEENE, OC East	1:51.1
3. BLANCHARD, OC East	1:51.1
4. BENTLEY, Farmington	1:51.1
5. DOVE, Churchill	1:51.1
6. STOLKEY, RU	1:51.1
7. SMART, Farmington	1:51.1
8. GILMORE, N. Farm	1:51.1
9. KENNY, Plymouth	1:51.1
10. ALANBY, Plymouth	1:51.1

400 YD FREE RELAY

1. N. FARMINGTON, Farmington	3:29.2
2. LATHRUP, Farmington	3:30.9
3. PLYMOUTH, Farmington	3:31.7
4. HARRISON, Farmington	3:31.7
5. OC EAST, Farmington	3:31.7
6. FRANKLIN, Farmington	3:31.7
7. JOHN GLENN, Farmington	3:31.7
8. THURSTON, Farmington	3:31.7
9. BENTLEY, Farmington	3:31.7
10. CHURCHILL, Farmington	3:31.7

Spartan Girls Chalk Up 18th

Stevenson High's girls basketball squad knocked off three opponents to extend its unbeaten streak to 18 and now stands 6-0 for the current campaign.

The Spartans clobbered Waterford, 57-33, with Lanette Hatfield scoring 11 points and hauling in 12 rebounds.

MISS HATFIELD came back with 13 points and 16 rebounds in the Pontiac Northern contest with Stevenson winning, 39-26. Joy Felske added eight rebounds.

Seven Spartans broke into the scoring column against Walled Lake Central, with Stevenson handing the Lakers their second loss, 44-30.

Miss Hatfield was again the story with 13 points and 21 rebounds. Her performance at the free throw line kept her from any scoring records as

she hit on only three of 13 chances.

Stevenson as a team made good only eight of 30 from the charity line. Central also had its problems, making 10 of 28.

WL CENTRAL (30)

	FG	FT	TP
Shelton	0	0	1
Funk	0	0	1
Wendell	2	2	6
Swartz	1	0	2
Christensen	4	1	9
Hart	0	0	2
Totals	10	10	30

STEVENSON (44)

	FG	FT	TP
DeVoson	2	1	5
Felske	3	1	7
Hatfield	5	3	13
Kelly	3	1	7
Kaplan	0	0	0
McMahon	0	2	2
O'Connor	1	0	2
Sale	4	0	1
Walker	0	0	0
Totals	16	6	44
WL Central	8	7	30
Stevenson	10	10	44

Observer's Top 10

	W	L	AVG	PA
1. LATHRUP	16	1	71	69
2. REDFORD UNION	14	3	72	64
3. PLYMOUTH	13	4	70	57
4. CHURCHILL	14	4	61	56
5. JOHN GLENN	12	3	66	58
6. FRANKLIN	10	6	61	60
7. STEVENSON	10	6	60	54
8. HARRISON	9	6	60	52
9. N. FARMINGTON	9	8	61	57
10. BENTLEY	8	8	60	60

CAGE PICKS

Plymouth over Bentley
Churchill over Waterford
Andover over Clarenceville
WL Central over Farmington
Harrison over WL Western
Franklin over Oak Park
Thurston over GC East
GC West over Riverside
N. Farmington over John Glenn
Redford Union over Dearborn
Southfield over Seaholm
Lathrup over BH Lahser
Stevenson over Waterford

Last Week's Picks, 7-6
Overall Record, 121-56

Lahser Edges Lathrup, 26-24

Bloomfield Hills Lahser bested Southfield Lathrup in a Met Suburban wrestling match, 26-24.

The loss dropped the Charger matmen to an overall 11-8-1 dual record.

Match results:

175th Win

Wayne State University's 28-1 fencing victory over Bowling Green in 1972-73 represented the 175th coaching success in 16 seasons for veteran Tartar Coach Istvan Danosi, 1972 fencing coach of the year.

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