

# Franklin Cagers Nip North, 59-57

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with a 7-1 record, with the Patriots at 6-2.

Franklin knocked North Farmington out of contention with a come from behind victory, 59-57, to hand the Raiders their fourth defeat to match their four wins.

Glenn and Franklin each

have two league matches remaining.

The defending champion Patriots travel to Oak Park Friday and wrap up the campaign with a home clash with Glenn the following Friday, March 2.

Glenn is at North Farmington this Friday.

THE PATRIOTS just did get by North to remain in the race.

"We hang tough," said Franklin Coach Bob Visser whose Patriots stand 10-6 overall. "Glenn stands a chance of getting knocked off by North."

"North is out of it now and they could play a loose game that could surprise Glenn."

GLENN BESTED the Raiders in the first meeting, 64-59.

"But we are not looking for any help," said Visser. "We can do it ourselves and I would like to see this go down to the last game."

North's second loss to Franklin was a hard one for Coach Ken Dean to take.

They lost to Franklin earlier on the North court, 52-51, and won by two points.

Their other league losses

were to Glenn by five and to Thurston by eight.

DEAN KNEW this was the year for the Raiders to make waves in the Northwest with four of five starters back, but the ball just didn't seem to bounce his way.

"We didn't deserve to win," said Dean whose Raiders stand 4-8 overall. "I died some with that loss. We missed three easy layups and you just can't do that when you play a team with the same ability."

"The calls just weren't coming our way," added Dean. "We only had five free throws and Franklin finished with 26; it didn't balance out."

Franklin jumped ahead, 3-0, on a three-point play by Kevin Kaseta but North fought back to take an 8-7 lead.

The Patriots then scored the last six points of the first quarter on Kaseta and Jeff Waterstone buckets and two free throws by Tim Fischer.

Franklin was up, 13-8.

The Patriots went up by as much as seven in the second period. North's Dave

Ellsworth and Mike Daley each picked up their third foul.

Dean knocked over a chair on the bench and the Raiders came back to life with Kim Parker popping in a pair. It was sliced to 28-26 Franklin at the half.

A BUCKET by Parker tied it at 30-30 early in the third period. The lead then exchanged hands seven times and North jumped ahead at the end of three, 44-41.

With 5:36 remaining, Ellsworth fouled out for North from the line to put Franklin back in command, 47-46.

Tim Gasior sparked a Raider spurt with two quick baskets and Franklin fell behind, 52-49 with 3:55 left.

With two minutes remaining, Jim Foster missed a layup that would have given North a three point lead.

Instead, Franklin got the ball and the lead, 55-54, on a bucket by Jeff Waterstone.

North missed on its opportunity and Parker fouled Fischer.

The Patriot 6-6 center popped in two from the line to push the margin to 57-54, 1:19 remaining.

PARKER CAME down court for North, drove up the middle and was fouled on a shot. The ball dropped in and he made good the free throw to tie it at 57-54.

Waterstone then took over the controls for Franklin, dribbling around and through the Raider defense for two points.

North was called for traveling when it got the ball and the clock ticked away hopes of toppling the defending champions.

WATERSTONE came up with the last six points for Franklin.

North made six more two-pointers than Franklin, but lost at the charity line.

The Raider hit 26 of 32 from the floor for 81 per cent while Franklin connected on 20 of 45 for 44 per cent.

NORTH WAS called for 19 fouls and Franklin only 10.

"We just don't foul that much," said Visser, whose squad hit 19 of 26 from the free throw line while North was five for five. "In fact we got called for more fouls than we actually committed, and I thought North was called for fewer fouls than they actually committed."

"Our kids kept their head in the game," said Visser, whose squad hit 33-30. Kaseta hauling in 13. This was Franklin's 10th win against six defeats and the seventh victory for the Patriots by less than four points.

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## N. FARMINGTON (57)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Franklin	7	0	14
Ellsworth	1	0	2
Daley	1	0	2
Gasior	7	0	14
Dean	2	0	4
Foster	2	2	2
Total	20	2	50

## FRANKLIN (59)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Burke	2	2	2
Waterstone	5	3	13
Kaseta	7	8	11
Fischer	3	6	11
Calwell	1	2	2
Total	19	20	50

Player	FG	FT	TP
N. Farmington	8	10	18-57
Franklin	12	10	13-27

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# Trenton Jars RU Title Hopes, 72-66

The Suburban Eight basketball race is all but over.

Just when it appeared that Redford Union was going to make a run at front-running Allen Park, the Panther machine and defending Eight champions ran smack into a brick wall labeled Trenton High.

RU had moved to within one game of Allen Park by beating them on the Panther court, 72-66.

But the 72-66 score came back to haunt RU three days later.

"About all I can say is that we lost the game," said RU Coach Carl Andrews after the 72-66 setback that just about settled things in the Suburban Eight. "We just turned up

flat. We weren't up and Trenton was."

The setback places RU in shaky ground now in the quest for second place. The Panthers stand 8-3 behind Allen Park's 10-1. Behind RU comes Plymouth at 8-1 and Bentley at 6-4.

Andrews is in his second year of coaching at RU and is already hovering over a job while playing at Trenton.

"When I first started at RU, everyone warned me about playing at Trenton," said Andrews. "They said anything can happen there no matter how good a club you have."

About everything has happened to RU there in its two games in two seasons.

RU won the Sub 8 last season with a 10-2 mark, one of two losses coming at Trenton, 64-63.

"It was the same ol' story this time," added Andrews. "They are tough at home."

RU clobbered the same Trenton team earlier, 93-71, on the Panther court.

Trenton came out flying to jump to a 25-12 first quarter lead with Jeff Lutz scoring 12 points.

"That first quarter was really something," said Andrews. "Everything started falling in for them and I knew we were in trouble."

Things quieted down in the second period with both clubs hitting for 11 points and Trenton was sitting on a 36-23 halftime margin.

Trenton outscored RU in the third quarter, 18-7, to copy a 54-40 lead into the last eight minutes and the Panthers had their' back to the wall but gave it one last shot.

With three minutes remaining, RU had sliced it down to five points. But Trenton's Steve Spaldsbury hit two from 25 feet out and the margin was back up to nine

and the RU spark dampened in the closing seconds.

RU finished 23 of 61 from the floor for 38 per cent and lost the rebounding battle, 37-23.

"They beat us on the boards," said the RU coach. "They went after the ball. Trenton isn't big but they had a lot of desire."

"It was very apparent that we didn't rebound well," added Andrews. "Fischer was high for us with eight."

"The race is over," said a dejected RU coach. "I can't envision Allen Park losing two more. They may lose against Bentley but not against any other."

The setback gives RU a 14-3 overall showing and Andrews is now showing concern over what the disappointing defeat will do to his cagers.

"I hope this doesn't take the wind out of us for the state tournament," said Andrews. "I really think the kids will make a comeback."

Andrews and his cagers will find out in the two final home games with Dearborn this Friday and Bentley the following week, March 2.

### REDFORD UNION (66)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Pomerville	4	2	10
Pesch	4	2	10
Blund	3	6	15
Djirke	5	5	15
Falks	2	4	9
Richmond	1	3	3
Campbell	1	2	5
Totals	23	25	68

### TRENTON (72)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Spaldsbury	10	24	22
Jon Lutz	5	4	12
Diller	5	2	12
Jeff Lutz	5	4	14
Cochran	2	0	3
Trotman	2	0	3
Meyers	0	2	2
Totals	27	18	72



# GC West Slips In Tri-River Race, 53-49

The Tri-River basketball race which featured a four-way first place tie two weeks ago, narrowed to three last week and then dropped to a two-way tie when Garden City West fell to Southgate Schafer, 53-49.

Now Taylor Kennedy and Schafer remain tied for the No. 1 slot with 9-2 marks.

West slipped out of the top berth for the first time and sports an 8-3 record.

West still has Southgate, Riverside and Cherry Hill on tap. Schafer has to play Crestwood and Melvindale, while Kennedy has Cherry Hill and Crestwood left. Then Schafer and Kennedy meet in the season finale.

TIGER COACH Chris Babler is looking to take the Tri-River crown.

"I still think an 11-3 record is going to win this thing," said Babler. "We can't lose another and have to hope for Cherry Hill to beat Kennedy and for Kennedy to beat Schafer."

"We had our chances against Schafer," added Babler. "But the ball just wasn't dropping for us."

West got off to a good first half, hitting 11 of 25 from the field and leading 14-12 after one quarter and 29-26 at the half.

SCHAFER, meanwhile, connected on 12 of 32 from the floor.

Mark Kilbourn was the spark plug to the Tiger first half with 11 of his 15 points.

West hit the first bucket of the second half to push the margin to 21-25 and then missed on three straight scoring opportunities. Before the Tigers knew what had happened, Schafer had slipped ahead, 32-31.

Schafer led after three quarters, 41-38.

But with 2:41 remaining, a shot jumper by Kilbourn notched it at 46-41.

Ken Hammond then popped in two quick two-pointers for Schafer and West couldn't make a comeback, especially with 5-4 rebounding, see Ken Kinvasator on the bench. Kinvasator fouled out with 6:03 remaining.

West hit only 20 of 56 from the field for 35 per cent, while Schafer popped in 24 of 48 for 50 per cent.

THE TIGERS did it outside Schafer, 32-23. Kilbourn hauling in nine.

## SCHAFER (53)

Player	FG	FT	TP
Pilon	4	0	8
Barr	6	6	8
Veseth	6	0	14
Hammond	6	2	14
Jervis	6	2	14
Rupert	3	1	7
Houston	2	8	11
Total	24	8	65

## GC WEST (49)

Player	FG	FT	TP
B. Carr	3	4	10
Taylor	2	0	0
Kilbourn	9	3	15
Kinvasator	2	0	4
Geech	0	0	0
Richmond	4	1	9
M. Carr	2	2	1
Totals	20	9	49

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UP IT GOES--North Farmington's Jim Fredericks (43) slips by Franklin's Kevin Kaseta (34) en route to two points. Franklin wound up slipping by North, 59-57. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)