

Glenn Rockets Dump West Cagers, 57-50

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Westland John Glenn hit the boards and ran to a 57-50 cage victory over Garden City West.

Thus captured Gordie Davis' Glenn Rockets is key No. 1 to a state-ranked season and hence lost by Chris Babler's West Tigers is its No. 1 key.

Glenn is out to defend its first. Northwest Suburban basketball title and will get a real test in that feature in meeting round-to-round with arch-rival Livonia Franklin on Friday.

For Glenn it was victory No. 2 and for a now 1-1 West club, a setback Babler did not want and does not believe he deserved.

"This one could hurt our entire season," commented the West mentor whose cagers have not finished below second place in the Tri-River conference. "We have to start over again and it is not going to be an easy task."

"Mountaineers we hoped to pick up from the winning win over Wayne is gone and we now have some really tough opponents before the holidays in Ann Arbor Pioneer, Cherry Hill, Brother Rice and Franklin.

"The makings of an outstanding club could just vanish these next couple of weeks," Babler added.

"I knew we were in for trouble at the outset of for



game with Glenn," he continued. "The officials were the same set that worked our junior varsity contest against Wayne."

"We will not let them work our varsity games at West."

"With a different set of officials we would have won. This one really took a lot out of my kids."

Glenn coach Davis realized that the officials were calling a wide open contest and saw that it couldn't have been much help his cause.

"I know we would have to be aggressive on the boards," said Davis. "West had us in height and I told the kids to be as aggressive as the refs would allow them to be."

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GORDIE DAVIS
"We Played Aggressive"

West hit a low 30 per cent, 20 for 66.

Rebounding saw a much smaller Glenn squad outmaneuver its way to a 39-22 advantage. Brian Kaluzny at 64 hauling in 21 for Glenn, Jeff Brittain next with seven. West's 67 Bob Peace totaled 22.

Box score: GC WEST JOHN GLENN

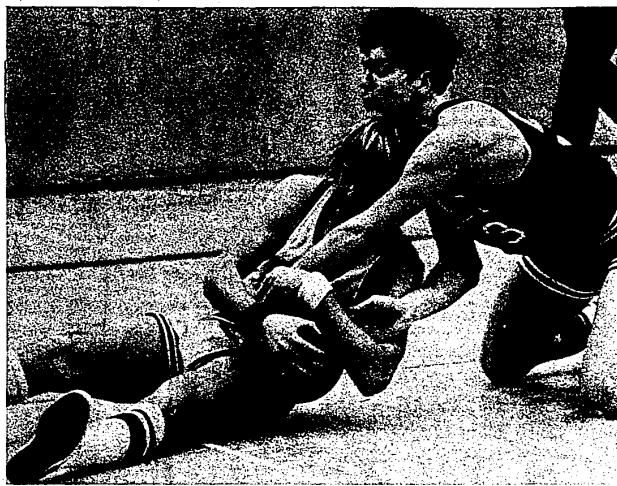
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| Taylor | 5 | 0 | 10 | Brian | 7 | 2 | 15 |
| Heu | 3 | 0 | 9 | Kaluzny | 7 | 3 | 17 |
| Krebs | 3 | 1 | 7 | Peace | 7 | 3 | 17 |
| Goebel | 3 | 2 | 7 | Johnson | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| Wright | 2 | 0 | 4 | Conrad | 5 | 2 | 12 |
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CONTESTING FOR A LOOSE BALL are John Glenn's Jeff Brittain (sitting on floor) and Garden City West's Bob Peace (63). A jump

ball was called, Glenn got the tip and the game, 57-50. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Jittery Salem Rocks Get By WL Central, 55-49

A 10-point spurt in the final minutes of play carried Plymouth Salem to a 55-49 opening basketball victory over stubborn Walled Lake Central, the latter's first home court loss in 2½ years.

The jittery Rocks, who committed 28 turnovers and caused only nine of 29 free throw attempts, did shoot a commendable 46 per cent from the floor and had a 36-25 edge in rebounds in getting an important non-league win.

Salem now opens its Suburban Eight title chase on its own floor Friday night against its most ancient rival, Livonia Bentley.

The Rocks trailed 10-7 after the first period and 23-22 at the half at Walled Lake in a battle that saw the lead change hands six times and the score tied 10 other occasions.

After the last deadlock at 45-all, Salem led the fourth quarter, Rick Neu, Bruce Johnson, Jeff Laminard and Eric Agarty combined for the points that gave

Plymouth a 10-4 margin in the stretch.

The 6'9 Agarty, a junior transfer from Allen Park, led Rock scoring and rebounding with 18 points and 11 grabs off the boards, but was the only Plymouth player in double figures.

Craig Long and Mike Inhoff paced the Vikings with 14 and 10 points respectively.

Plymouth coach Fred Imhoff began his second campaign at Salem and shuddered at the 31 per cent performance at the foul line and

the points that gave

conceded, "It wasn't much of an artistic success but for an opener we'll take it. It's a good one to have under our belts."

Box score: PLYMOUTH W.L. CENTRAL

| | FG | FT | TP | | FG | FT | TP |
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| Paster | 5 | 0 | 10 | Pastor | 4 | 2 | 10 |
| Heu | 3 | 3 | 9 | Agary | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| Krebs | 3 | 2 | 7 | Long | 7 | 3 | 14 |
| Goebel | 2 | 0 | 4 | Johnson | 7 | 3 | 14 |
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| Wright | 1 | 2 | 3 | Jeff | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Wright | 1 | 2 | 3 | Peace | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTALS | 27 | 10 | 57 | Totals | 19 | 11 | 49 |
| W.L. CENTRAL | 11 | 12 | 25 | | | | |

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Lathrup Upends Lake Orion

Southfield Lathrup is hoping for an instant replay.

The Lathrup cagers opened a 20-2 season last year with an overpowering 84-44 victory over Lake Orion.

Jim Kourtakis' Chargers did it again.

Lathrup kicked off the 1973-74 campaign in over-

powering fashion with a 67-42 triumph against Lake Orion.

"I really feel Lake Orion would be a stronger club this year," commented Kourtakis who has only one returning senior in 8-8 John Gardner.

"I can't be anything but pleased with our performance with four new people in the lineup."

A sluggish first quarter saw Lathrup slip ahead to a 12-9 lead.

Lathrup continued to build its offensive attack and outscored Lake Orion 18-11, in the third quarter and 17-10 in the final eight minutes.

"We played outstanding defense," added Kourtakis. "We forced Lake Orion to take almost all outside shots."

Gardner's 13 rebounds paced Lathrup with the Chargers holding an overall 37-33 margin.

"I was extremely pleased with our offense but our defense picked up for whatever was holding them," commented Kourtakis whose lineup of 59, 58, 54, 63, 61 and 63 all but overwhelmed Lake Orion's 6-5, 64, 63 and 51.

Lathrup travels to Bloomfield Hills Lahser Friday night. The Chargers topped them twice last Met Suburban championship season, 88-85, and 66-59.

Box score: LATHRUP LAKE ORION

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| Shore | 5 | 0 | 10 | Drey | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Spiech | 3 | 2 | 7 | Conrad | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| Gardner | 3 | 2 | 7 | Peace | 4 | 3 | 11 |
| Conrad | 2 | 0 | 4 | Jeff | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Heu | 1 | 2 | 3 | Stekler | 2 | 3 | 7 |
| Wright | 1 | 2 | 3 | Hoffman | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Wright | 1 | 2 | 3 | Stegay | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wright | 1 | 2 | 3 | Averitt | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 20 | 10 | 50 | | | | |
| LAKE ORION | 12 | 11 | 44 | | | | |

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GARDNER 3 2 7

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