

Churchill Routs Dearborn; Spartans Top RU, 52-47

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Now starts the real heart of every prep basketball campaign.

With opening game jitters tucked neatly away in the scorebooks, 19 Observerland schools are ready for "tip-off" loop competition tonight.

Non-league warmups were aplenty.

Western Six defending champion Churchill roared



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Salem Rocks Nip Franklin

By FRED DeLANO

If Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Salem needed an all-out warmup for tonight's league openers (John Glenn at Franklin in the Northwest Suburban and Livonia Bentley at Plymouth in the Suburban Eight), the Patriots and Rocks sure got it Tuesday.

In the type of head-to-head battle that personifies the excitement of schoolboy basketball when fans of both sides are on their feet screaming throughout the final minute or two, Plymouth outlasted Franklin, 68-67.

The verdict turned on a corner shot by the Rocks'

Bruce Johnson with five seconds left on the clock, climaxing a wild finish which saw the Rocks overcome a 59-53 deficit in the last four minutes. The outcome left the Rocks 2-0 and the Patriots 0-2 for the first five days of the new season.

Coaches Bob Visser of Franklin and Fred Thomann of Salem sounded like echoes in voicing pride in their charges, and both said their troops will be "ready" for tonight's foes.

"I was stunned," said Visser. "These kids played their hearts out and really deserved to win, but it was just denied them. They showed great poise, executed well

and played great defense. I'm proud of them."

"Great," said Thomann of his club's comeback. "The fact that we've come from behind to win both games we've played tells something about this team and their self-control. We concentrated on bringing the ball up - court and getting the shot, and it paid off."

Thomann was referring to the fact that Salem put 74 shots in the air, hitting 32 field goals for 43 per cent, while Franklin took only 58. The Patriots hit on 27 for 46 per cent, but the scoring difference was too much for their superiority at the foul line to overcome.

Eric Agardy, 6-9, paced Plymouth with 23 points and

11 with 24 points, followed by Don Braun with 17.

Westland John Glenn slipped a notch in building momentum for tonight's clash with rival Franklin. The Glenn Rockets let a 56-43 third quarter advantage slip away into a 69-67 setback at the hands of Cherry Hill.

Brian Kaluzny's 27 points took game honors for Glenn.

Southfield Lathrup again found a nemesis in Berkley.

The Lathrup cagers lost two games last 20-2 season, both to Berkley, the last in a district championship. Berkley handed Lathrup its first defeat after one victory in

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SET FOR A TIP-IN is Churchill High's Don Braun (52) who popped in 17 points in leading the Chargers by Dearborn, 68-43. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL CARD TONIGHT (Dec. 7)

NORTH FARMINGTON at Garden City East
PLYMOUTH CANTON at **WATERFORD MOTT**
CHURCHILL at Farmington Harrison
WEST BLOOMFIELD at Clarenceville
WESTLAND JOHN GLENN at Franklin
Bishop Borgess at **DIVINE CHILD**
Garden City West at **CHERRY HILL**
SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP at BH Lahser
PONTIAC NORTHERN at Stevenson
St. Agatha at **ST. FLORIAN**
Bentley at **PLYMOUTH SALEM**
DEARBORN at Redford Union
Hazel Park at **SOUTHFIELD**
FERNDAL at Farmington
OAK PARK at Thurston

TUESDAY (Dec. 11)

FARMINGTON at Farmington Harrison
FRANKLIN at Southfield
WAYNE MEMORIAL at Garden City East
Brother Rice at **GARDEN CITY WEST**
Taylor Center at **JOHN GLENN**
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL at North Farmington
DEARBORN at Plymouth Canton
PLYMOUTH SALEM at Edsel Ford
Stevenson at **FORDSON**
THURSTON at Dearborn Annapolis

*****Probable Winners in Bold Face Caps
(Tuesday's Prediction Mark, 5-4; Overall Record, 21-6)

East Girls In Regional Cage Clash

Garden City East's girls basketball team jumped to an 11-2 first quarter lead and coasted to a 50-23 opening round regional win over Detroit Chadsey.

The East girls meet Trenton tonight (Friday) in the regional final at Lincoln Park High School, tip-off slated for 7:30. East will be after its 15th consecutive victory this year and 24th straight over a two season span.

Box score:

GCEAST					CHADSEY				
FG	FT	TP	A	P	FG	FT	TP	A	P
Gizinski	0	1-2	1		Akins	0	1-2	1	
Astner	2	7-10	11		Powell	0	1-7	1	
Kosick	3	4-5	10		G. Smith	1	0-1	2	
Lane	2	3-8	7		L. Smith	7	2-4	16	
Korla	3	0-0	0		Scott	0	3-4	4	
Dani	2	1-3	5		TOTALS	27	23-50	23	
Arner	0	0-0	0						
Hahn	0	2-3	2						
Fugabon	1	0-0	2						
Burton	0	0-1	0						
Fisher	0	0-0	2						
TOTALS	14	22-39	50						
GC EAST	11	12	17	10-50					
CHADSEY	2	5	4	12-23					

10 of the team's 28 rebounds, while All-Observer Kevin Kaseta was high for Franklin with 21 points and 23 of their 43 rebounds.

A turnaround jumper by Agardy pulled Plymouth within two at 63-61 with only 60 seconds remaining, but two free throws by Franklin's Keith Blazaitis pushed it to 65-61. A charity toss by Jeff Lamirand and a bucket by Dave Prueter left Salem trailing only 65-64 with 31 seconds left.

A tip-in by Agardy with 18 seconds to go put the Rocks on top, 66-65, but Jamie Knapp immediately countered by hitting on both of two free throws and Franklin led, 67-66, to the accompaniment of a houseful of din.

Johnson's game-breaker and Franklin's one last desperate pass under the Plymouth basket, which was nullified by an official's call of steps, ran out the clock.

In the early going the Rocks raced to an 11-2 lead and had a 17-11 margin for the first quarter, even though Agardy picked up three personals in the period.

A 24-point second quarter paced by Kaseta, Knapp and Blazaitis, gave Franklin the halftime lead, 35-31, and the Patriots still were on top 50-49 after three periods. Plymouth soon pulled into a 53-53 tie and it was bedlam the rest of the way.

Box score:

88 lbs. - Larry Mills (C) defeated Carl McNulty (P), 12-4	105 lbs. - John Majors (P) pinned Mike Banta (C), 2:53
112 lbs. - Dave Tarnage (P) pinned Tom Stadler (C), 1:57	119 lbs. - Mark Vettesse (C) won by default over Rick Schultz (P)
126 lbs. - Pat Mullin (C) tied Tom Edelman (P), 5-5	132 lbs. - Bill Mills (C) defeated Mike Kenny (P), 11-2
138 lbs. - Jack Lipford (P) pinned Nick Strayen (C), 3:19	145 lbs. - Steve Williams (C) tied Steve Goodwill (P), 16-18
155 lbs. - Scott Agnew (P) defeated Mark Berry (C), 8-0	167 lbs. - Dan Knoert (C) defeated Russ Brink (P), 3-2
185 lbs. - Larry Fidge (P) pinned Bill Anderson (C), 2:43	HWT - Dave Kuhn (C) pinned Bob Perry (P), 1:01

Wayne Grapplers Pin Franklin, 47-12

Livonia Franklin took on one of the best wrestling squads in the state in Wayne Memorial and took a 47-12 beating.

It was loss No. 2 for Tom Tucker's Patriots and win No. 2 for Wayne.

Jim O'Shea at 98 pounds got the Patriots off to an outstanding start with a pin over Ray Davis in 4:11. However, in the 10 matches that followed Tim Ninnis was the only other Patriot to score points in a 4:21 pin.

Franklin is at home Tuesday against Southfield.

Meet results:

88 lbs. - Jim O'Shea (F) pinned Dave (W), 4:11	105 lbs. - George (W) defeated Mike Kucera (F), 8-5
112 lbs. - Pat (W) defeated Dan Ogden (F), 16-7	119 lbs. - Mike (W) defeated Paul Muscat (F), 16-7
126 lbs. - Bjerk (W) pinned Jeff McCarta (F), 3:03	132 lbs. - Watson (W) defeated Dave Langley (F), 15-2
138 lbs. - Covert (W) pinned Bob Potter (F), 0:15	145 lbs. - MacGregor (W) pinned Dan Quinn (F), 3:11
155 lbs. - Rize (W) pinned Tom Smith (F), 0:53	167 lbs. - Hsiop (W) pinned Randy Epley (F), 1:09
185 lbs. - Tim Ninnis (F) pinned Sid Parr (W), 4:21	HWT - Willis (W) defeated Bob Every (F), 2-0