

ALL ARMS AND LEGS crashing into his defender is Garden City West's Scott Chidester (12) with Riverside's Ken Szcerba taking the brunt of Chidester's drive which wound up being a three-point play. West took the final brunt with Riverside winning, 73-64. (Observer photo by Tom

# Churchill tops Mott, 48-47

conquered.

Observerland's No. 1 basketball squad with a 10 win and one loss record put its mark on the line against another 10-1 club with the out-

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It was the Western Six showdown between the unbeatens and Churchill hung on in the closing seconds to the tune of a 34 - 47 triumph over Waterford Mott.

"I really didn't expect it to be this type of game." commented Churchill Coach Pat Montagasno. "Things were realed come to the court. The officals let the game go but at the same time didn't let things get out of hand."

"Heek, of our 59 shots, we were foulded on 10 of those alone." The added.

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"Churchill came up with its poorest showing of the season from the floor on 21 of 50 me of the short of the beat of the boards saw Don Braun hauli in 21 rebounds as the Chargers led in that facet, 47 -0.30.

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Churchill's Don Forest had to have some anxious moments in the closing seconds as he missed four free-throws in the final minute in the Chargers attempt to tuck victory away.

"This one really had me worried," explained the Churchill coach. "The com-plexion was constantly





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## Oak Park cagers scalp Franklin in overtime

By TOM DONOGHUE Sports Editor

Roar . . purr . . sputter. The Franklin High basket-ball machine must have been touched by the energy crisis. Just when the Patriots ap-

Just when the Patriots appeared to be building victory. The other was Franklin's momentum, with the Northwest loop title just one item to be captured . . . it failed to produce.

"The game was ours but wasn't." commented Franklin Cach Bob Visser after his cagers were thwarted by Oak Park in jober the word of the town of the word of the wore

Visser knows better than anyone the importance of this Friday's game and the difficulty he will encounter. Glenn is 10-3 overall, with two of the losses coming at the hands of Cherry Hill by a total of four points.

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marker.
Willie Rankins and Frank
Miles proved to be the thorns
in Visser's side. Rankins popped in 29 points and Miles 22.
The No. 1 scorer in Observerland Kevin Kaseta managed to hold his slot as he



BOB VISSER His Patriots fall

"I just couldn't figure this ne out," added the Franklin one out," added the Franklin coach after the stunning up-set. "We had 20 fumbles and 36 turnovers. This is the most any team I have ever coached has come up with in one ball game."

"Sure Oak Park was aggressive and on our bodies all night and the fumbles, well, the 20 came when our kids had the ball and then they didn't." added Visser.

"It was just bad news."
Franklin spurted to an early, 11-6 advantage but set-lude for a 14-31 lead after the first eight minutes. The Partiots then went on to out-score the Redskins, 20-17, in the second period to lead at the half, 34-30.

"The first half was a de-cent game," commented the Franklin coach. "The second half turned into a free - for -

Franklin opened up an 11-point, 43-32 lead early in the third. But the Redskins start-ed streaking and proceeded to up Franklin, 13-6, to slice it to 49-45 heading into the fi-nal eight minutes.

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Oak Park quickly lied it at 50-all. Franklin missed on hree one - and - one situations and before Visser could blink it was 58-all.

Kaseta came through with a bucket with 11 seconds remaining to give Franklin a 60-58 lead and it appeared the Patriots had survived a Redskin sach survived survived a Redskin sach survived surviv

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The Patriots had survived a Redskin scare.

But Oak Park danced down court and fin the midst of a mad scramble. Miles tossed up a short hook jump that found the mark and the buzzer sounded with the score bucket. Southfield proceed to reel off 26 points, Greg Miller popping in 10 points and Greg James six and the Blue Jays found themselves up. 41-17, at the half.

Nine of 10 players on the Southfield roster scored in the third period as the Blue Jays exploded to a 67-33 margin with eight minutes still to play.

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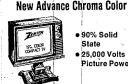
Seaholm finally won the last quarter. 27-20.

Southfield fines with a 3 shooting per cent, hitting 23 of 14 white Seahold shoe at 143 to 27 advantage.

Box score:

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## Southfield Blue Jays blitz Seaholm, 87-60

Southfield Coach Don That 87-60 win over BirRaump has to be hoping that mingham Seaholm was 
maybe — just maybe, his Southfield's first in the 
Blue Jays have found the 
Southeastern Michigan Conwinning spark that quickly 
vanished early in the season. 
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For the first time, South, slipped to an 0-4 showing, secutive wins, an 87-60 first quarter push over Seatriumph following a four hom and then took advangoint decision over Wyandotte.

## Harrison matmen tie Salem, 29,29

After the Harrison Hawks, who are now, 41-1, won the first five of six matches, 53, lem captured the next five and the meet was down to the final heavyweight berth, Kurzeja pinned Salem's Bob Craig and the Hawks had sale vaged at ite.

Results:

A 1:27 pin by Wally Kur22ja at heavyweight gave
Farmington Harrison a come
from behind 29 all tie with
Plymouth Salem in a
non-league werestiling match.
After the Harrison Hawks,
who are none, 4.11 won the S), 8-2. Kevin Hickey(FH) drew Jeff Ken-