

Riverside Rebels daze GC West hopes, 73-64



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The Tri-River basketball race is now up for grabs. Garden City West's inability to take full advantage of its height to halt Riverside's fast break has turned the race into what has to shape up to be a scramble to the finish.

Chris Babler's West was the remaining unbeaten team in the Tri-River and in excellent position to jump to a two-game lead on everyone at the finish of the first round.

But it was just not to be. Riverside saw to that and instead of West sporting a perfect 7-0 mark heading into the home stretch, the Tigers find themselves in a tie for first with Riverside at 5-1 and a surging Cherry Hill club right on their heels at 5-2.

Riverside defeated West, 73-64, with four of the Rebels coming up with 65 of the 73 points. Greg Schupra led the group with 21 points fol-

lowed by Tim Adams with 18, Ken Szerba with 16 and Bob Wright with 10 points.

West was sputtering behind with Tiger Ken Kinsvater staying out of foul trouble and hitting a game high of 24 points.



"They just did a fine job on us," commented Babler whose Tigers are now pitted against Cherry Hill Friday in what is a must contest for both clubs. "Our execution was very poor. This has to be considered an upset. We just couldn't stop their break."

"We didn't want to run with them but we were forced to."

For West it was its fourth loss in 13 games.

Riverside came up with a 51 shooting per cent from the

field, 24 of 47. West popped in three more field goals at 27 of 57 for 45 per cent. The difference came at the line where the Rebels sank 25 of 30 charity tosses and West only 10 of 18.

West did win the battle under the boards, 32-22. Bob Peace and Paul Tatro hauling in seven each and Kinsvater at 6-5 staying out of foul trouble by staying away from the boards.

A bucket and free throw by Randy Shelley slipped it to 14-13 at the end of the first quarter in favor of Riverside.

West took the lead at the 1:12 mark into the second stanza on a bucket by Kinsvater, 17-10. The Rebels went on the drive and popped in 10 straight points to take a 26-17 lead with four minutes remaining in the half.

For all practical purposes, West never seemed to get itself back into the contest after that scoring lapse.

Two free throws by Kin-

svater and a bucket by Scott Chidister brought West back to six at the half, 36-30.

The Rebels jumped to a 10-point lead early in the third quarter and maintained it to the start of the fourth at 54-44.

Then with 6:01 showing on the clock, and West down, 62-50, Kinsvater hit two from the line and Peace popped in a bucket. Riverside missed on a free throw and Chidister hit two from the line to slice it to 62-56.

That was the closest West could get — six points, as Riverside held on and stretched it back to nine at the final buzzer.

Box score:

RIVERSIDE (73)	Adams, 7-4-5-12; Bower, 1-2-2-4; Bailey, 1-0-0-0; Curren, 1-0-0-0; Wright, 4-2-4-10; Szerba, 2-12-13-16; Schupra, 6-5-8-21. TOTALS, 24-25-30-72.
GC WEST (64)	Tatro, 4-2-4-10; Chidister, 4-3-3-11; Kinsvater, 10-4-4-24; Peace, 4-0-0-0; Dooch, 2-0-0-0; Gley, 1-0-0-0; Nix, 2-0-0-0. TOTALS, 27-15-18-64.
BY THE WAY	17 15 10 23-70
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CONTESTING FOR A LOOSE BALL under the bucket are Garden City West's Paul Tatro (14) and Riverside's Tim Adams. Riverside (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

WONDERING JUST HOW the official could ever have called it the way he did in Garden City West case Coach Chris Babler in a stunning upset loss to Riverside, 73-64. (Observer photo)

Ripening Salem trips Trenton, 70-52

It's time that some Plymouth Salem basketball foe again forced the Rocks to keep their minds on their work, and Friday it's more than likely to happen when Plymouth takes its 11-2 record into the Bulldog country of Livonia Bentley.

The Rocks pulled themselves together in the fourth quarter at Trenton last week to outscore the Trojans 20-2 in the last five minutes for a 70-52 triumph. They finished the first half of the Suburban Eight schedule all alone in first place at 6-1.

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Of Plymouth's 17 turnovers

for the game, nine came in the third period. It saw the Rock lead shrink to 48-40 and then into a 50-50 deadlock early in the final stanza before Plymouth turned on the heat for its seventh straight win.

Eric Agardy, 6-9 junior center, scored seven of his game-leading 28 points in the final stanza. He took possession of the boards to beat his rebound total to 20 as Coach Fred Thomann parlayed Agardy's height with a trio of ball hawking guards to thwart Trenton's zone.

Dan Moore and Jim Ellinghausen, with 12 and 11 rebounds respectively, helped give Plymouth a 55-27 edge in that department. Until Trenton's John Lutz fouled out after a 20-point performance the Rocks weren't in as safe as the statistics would indicate.

The heater-skelter victory followed a ragged 56-36 win over Redford Union. In neither triumph did the Rocks look as impressive as in previous "must" wins over Allen Park and Dearborn.

Pruiter were in double figures with 14 and 11 points respectively. As the Sub 8 goes into its final seven games, Plymouth leads the pack at 6-1 and Edsel Ford is second at 5-2. Deadlocked for third at 4-3 are Bentley, Dearborn and Allen Park followed by RU and Belleville at 2-5 and Trenton 1-6.

Plymouth's invasion of Bentley Friday marks renewal of one of the area's oldest athletic rivalries and will see the Rocks trying for at least a repeat of their 54-53 home

court win over the Bulldogs in December.

In other league action Edsel Ford will be at Belleville, RU at Dearborn and Trenton at Allen Park.

PLYMOUTH SALEM (70)	Kins, 2-0-0-0; Moore, 1-2-4-6; Agardy, 11-7-4-23; Ellinghausen, 4-2-2-10; Johnson, 4-0-0-0; Ford, 4-3-4-11; Lutz, 4-0-0-0. TOTALS, 24-16-18-70.
TRENTON (52)	Lutz, 7-4-8-20; Delfer, 3-4-6-8; Weaver, 3-0-0-0; DeWalt, 3-0-0-0; Redneck, 3-0-0-0; Delfer, 1-1-1-3; Hood, 1-0-0-0. TOTALS, 21-10-18-52.
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Prep Schedule

FRIDAY (Feb. 1)
GARDEN CITY EAST at North Farmington
St. Agatha at **ST. ALPHONSUS**
PLYMOUTH SALEM at Bentley
Bishop Borgess at **SERVITE**
Farmington Harrison at **CHURCHILL**
Clarenceville at **WEST BLOOMFIELD**
Franklin at **WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**
CHERRY HILL at Garden City West
WATERFORD at Plymouth Canton
Redford Union at **DEARBORN**
BERKLEY at Southfield
SOUTHFIELD LATHROP at Groves
Stevenson at **PONTIAC NORTHERN**
Thurston at **OAK PARK**

RU Panthers tip Belleville

Redford Union made good its tosses from the charity line and in the process won itself a Suburban Eight basketball game.

The RU cagers hit 19 of 30 from the free-throw line and toppled the Belleville Tigers, 51-44, who missed on five chances from the line.

It was RU's second win in the Sub Eight against Belleville and victory No. 3 in 12 outings.

Belleville hit six more field goals than RU, 22 of 67 for a 33 per cent and RU collected 16 of 15 from the field for 36 per cent.

RU was called for 11 fouls while the Tigers collected 22.

Gary Kichish's and Tom Sweeney's 10 rebounds each paced RU to a 42-23 triumph in that department as the Panthers jumped to a 14-8 first quarter scoring edge and maintained that at the half, 22-16. Belleville nudged closer after three periods, 33-32, and managed to slice it to within one early

in the fourth. But RU went on to outscore Belleville, 16-12, in the final eight minutes.

Mark Holdridge's Hawks splashed Rochester Adams, 87-85.

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victory against two losses and one tie.

It was anyone's meet up to the next to final event when Harrison swept the 100 breaststroke. Bruce Howell won it for the Hawks in 1:01.5 and was followed by

teammates Jeff Hornacek and Chris Hoffer. Adams then won the 400 freestyle but Harrison had enough points for victory.

The triumph had to be extra sweet for the holders as they placed only fourth in the Oakland County championships with Adams second to champion, Birmingham Groves.

The diving event saw Harrison's Rich Kral hand Adams' Ken Goussneau his first defeat in two years. Kral lost to Cousineau by six points in the Q and final but Kral captured this one going away with a 217.5 total, 17 points above the Adams diver. Kral is now ranked No. 1 diver in the state.

Double winner in the meet for Harrison was Mark Rado in the 200 freestyle and a .301 in the 100 freestyle.

Meet results:

365 day winless drought ends St. Agatha finally wins, 58-57

Second year Coach Frank Turk knew it would be just a matter of time for his St. Agatha cagers to break into the win column.

The time finally arrived — 61 days after the Aggies opening loss to Royal Oak St. Marys, 57-52.

After dropping their first 10 contests of the campaign, St. Agatha nipped Mt. Carmel, 58-57, on a last second 10 foot jumper by Nick Mond.

This ended a basketball drought around Aggie territory that hadn't seen a vic-

tory for a day short of a complete year.

The last victory was back on Jan. 26, 1973 when St. Agatha toppled the same team, Mt. Carmel, by a 79-59 score. The Aggies were 21-16 last season, their only other

victory against the same Mt. Carmel crew, 61-58.

In fact, the last time St. Agatha beat someone other than Mt. Carmel was on Feb. 9, 1972 when Royal Oak, Mary fell to the Aggies, 65-56.

The Aggies who had been outscored by 189 points prior to the first victory had taken on losses by five, two, 28, 38, one, 40, 15, 10, 43, and 19 points in that order before Mond's 10 footer with five seconds remaining snapped the spell.

Mt. Carmel, which earlier in the season had dumped St. Agatha 78-40, edged ahead after one quarter, 14-10. The margin was increased to 20-10 at the half and up to 43-38 after three quarters.

St. Agatha finally caught up with Mt. Carmel in the final minutes and wound up outscoring Mt. Carmel, 20-13, in the final stanza.

Mike Rex and Marty Thompson paced the Aggies with 21 and 13 points respectively with Mond adding 12.

St. Agatha travels to St. Alphonsus Friday and hosts Orchard Lake St. Marys on Thursday (Feb. 5). Box score:

ST. AGATHA (58)	Thompson, 3-10-2-21; Rex, 3-10-18-21; Mond, 6-2-2-12; Vandenberg, 0-2-2-0; Kinsvater, 1-0-0-0; Tatro, 1-2-4-10; Tatro, 1-2-4-10.
MT. CARMEL (57)	Delap, 2-12-4-20; Kowalski, 1-3-5-5; Subinski, 4-2-4-17; Kwiatkowski, 6-4-20-20; Chmura, 2-2-2-4; Kubiak, 1-1-3-2. TOTALS, 22-13-24-57.
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Harrison Hawks upset Adams tankers, 87-85

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Meet results:

114 lbs - Marc Smellie(C) pinned Marc Dades(N) , 3:55.	121 lbs - Pat Mullin(C) defeated Jack ger(N) , 11-2.
128 lbs - Steve Williams(C) pinned 8 Havalin(N) , 3:54.	134 lbs - Dan Flalom(N) defeated Horanoff(C) , 6-3.
140 lbs - Wally Armstrong(N) defeated Bob Travis(C) , 4-1.	