

NFHS downs John Glenn for 4th win

By TOM BAER

Last season, North Farmington's basketball team was easy to beat. North compiled a dismal 4-17 overall record and finished last in the Northwest Suburban League.

But coach Ken Dean and his North squad are doing things differently this season—and winning games for a change.

North Farmington lifted its record to 4-1 this season by beating Westland John Glenn, 72-55, in an NSL game last Friday on the Raiders' court. North dominated every aspect of the game.

"Nobody was really outstanding; everybody was just good," Dean said. "We played well tonight. This was probably our best game so far."

North Farmington presented a balanced scoring attack with 11 Raiders making the scoring column. Mike Garcia, a 5-10 junior guard, and Mike Morrow, a 6-4 senior forward, led the team with 11 points each. Dan Werner, another forward, added nine points.

North's Bob Patek, who usually starts, came off the bench in the second quarter and scored eight points to help his teammates outpace Glenn, 22-6. The winners led 34-17 at half-time.

Glenn's George Roberts, a 6-4 center, led the losers with 19 points on six field goals and seven of 11 free throws. Dan Dadiun added 12 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter. Another Glenn starter, Marty Romanowski, picked up three fouls early and didn't score.

GLENN USED a zone press throughout the game. The defense fooled North Farmington at first, according to Dean.

"We were a little concerned about their press," he said. "But we scored

on it a couple of times and that helped a lot. After you beat the press and score on it, it then becomes less effective psychologically."

North had a fair shooting night, making 31 of 44 field goals for a 70 percent average. Glenn made 21 of 34 attempts for a 37 percent average. North was 10 of 20 from the free throw line. Glenn converted 13 free throws in 25 attempts.

North also dominated the rebounding, outboarded the Rockets, 43-23. Morrow grabbed eight rebounds. Fielding Epstein, the Raiders' 6-2 center, pulled down six. Werner five and sophomore guard Mark Thompson five. Turnovers plagued both clubs with North losing the ball 24 times and Glenn fumbling 15 times.

Both squads will participate in holiday tournaments. North Farmington meets city rival Farmington High at 8:30 p.m. on Monday (Dec. 22) at Farmington High.

Coach Gordon Davis' Glenn squad will host a tournament next weekend. The Rockets play Belleville High at 8:10 p.m. on Friday (Dec. 26).

N. Farmington- Glenn

N. Farmington (71): Dan Werner 4, 12; 9. Mike Garcia 5, 22; 11. Fielding Epstein 5, 6, 2, 4. Mike Morrow 5, 12; 11. Matt Kurajan 1, 6, 2. Mark Thompson 2, 3, 6. Kevin McCrum 2, 3, 7. John Patek 4, 6; 1. Dan Lorenz 2, 1, 2, 5. Dan Patek 2, 6; 4. Dave Heasley 1, 6, 2. Totals: 31, 16-20.

72. John Glenn (55): Dan Dadiun 5, 14, 12. Scott Wicher 2, 2, 4, 6. George Roberts 6, 7, 11, 19. Todd DeLuca 4, 12, 9. Marty Romanowski 6, 6, 1, 6. Dave Hutchison 6, 6, 6. Tom Jarvics 2, 6, 1, 4. Chris Babler 1, 1, 2, 3. Jim Daniels 6, 6, 4, 6. Totals: 21, 13-25.

55. Total Fouls: North Farmington 30. John Glenn 19. Fouled Out: Dan Dadiun (John Glenn) and Marty Romanowski (John Glenn). N. Farmington 12 12 12 25 —72. John Glenn 11 6 16 22 —55.

North Farmington's Bob Patek (34) plays keep away with John Glenn's Dan Dadiun during last Friday's game.

(Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Hawks stop Western, 69-52

Styles paces Harrison

Mike Styles scored 24 points to lead Farmington Harrison past Walled Lake Western, 69-52, last Friday in a Western Six League basketball game at Western.

Styles, a 6-3 forward, made 11 field goals and sank two of four free throws. Larry Pump, a reserve, followed with 10 points and Jeff Otto added nine. Ten Harrison players scored in the game.

Coach Bob Sutter's Harrison squad started fast, taking a 16-4 lead after one quarter and then boosting the margin to 17 points (35-18) at halftime. Western outscored the Hawks (18-11) in the third quarter, but Harrison's 23-point fourth quarter ended any hopes of an enemy comeback.

Dan Wallace scored 14 points on seven field goals to lead the losers. Jim Martin and Dan Leskinen added

nine and eight points, respectively. Harrison's statistics show the Hawks shooting close to 54 per cent (29 of 52) from the floor. Harrison made 13 of 21 free throws. Western's shooting statistics weren't so impressive. The losers made 23 of 70 shots for 32.8 percent. Western sank 14 of 22 free throws.

Harrison out-rebounded Western, 30-28. Styles and Pump were the leaders with six and five rebounds, respectively.

Harrison's Mark Borek and Western's Jim Hammer were ejected from the game after they became involved in a brief scuffle in the third quarter.

Harrison, now 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Western Six League, will participate in the Farmington High holiday tournament. The Hawks play Bedford Union at 7 p.m. on Monday.

Harrison's next regular-season game is Jan. 6 at home against Highland Park, the state Class A champion.

Harrison-W.L. Western

Harrison (69): Mike Styles 24, 6, 10. Mike Styles 11, 24, 24. Paul Rutkas 2, 0-14. Larry Pump 2, 6-10. Mike Redford 3, 22, 8. Jeff Otto 3, 3-5. Rob Stoenek 1, 0-2. Paul Chatter 1, 0-0. Bryant Gilbert 1, 0-0. 2. Scott Fader 1, 0-0. 2. Totals: 28, 13-21, 69.

W.L. Western (52): J. Martin 4, 11, 9. M. Gerbenky 2, 12, 5. M. McDaniels 0, 1-2. L. Soma 1, 1-3. F. Vickers 0, 4-4. D. Leskinen 3, 2-4. D. Wallace 7, 6-14. G. Burt 0, 4-4. D. Michaels 1, 1-3. 3. Totals: 19, 14-22, 52.

Total Fouls: Harrison 19. Walled Lake Western 18. Fouled Out: F. Vickers (W.L. Western). Harrison 14 19 11 25 —69. Western 4 14 16 18 —52.

W.L. Central is victim

Farmington wins 2nd

Walled Lake Central is the team to beat in the northwest suburbs this season—and most of Central's opponents are doing just that.

Farmington High was the latest team to fall to its record on the hapless Vikings. Coach Bruce Brown's Falcons downed Central, 51-34, in the Inter-Lakes League contest last Friday at Farmington.

Both squads started slow with Farmington taking a 5-0 lead after one quarter. Things picked up in the second stanza, and Farmington outscored the Vikings, 14-10, to take nine-point lead at halftime. The Falcons outscored Central, 23-24, in the second half to coast to their second win in six starts.

Rick Milhizer, a 6-2 junior guard, paced Farmington's balanced scoring attack by scoring 11 points on four

field goals and three of five free throws. Dick Radatz, a 5-11 junior guard, followed with 10 points. They had plenty of company in the scoring column since eight more Falcons scored.

Mickey Yeager, Central's 6-3 center, led all scorers with 17 points. He hit on seven of nine field goal attempts and sank three of five free throws. Eric Hall added seven points.

Farmington won the rebounding battle, 23-20. Brian Strussloff, Farmington's tallest starter at 6-4, snatched five rebounds, and teammate Mike Danna grabbed four.

Four of Central's five starters fouled out as the officials whistled the Vikings for 25 fouls. Farmington was called for 16 fouls and Milhizer fouled out.

Farmington-W.L. Central

Farmington (51): Mike Danna 2, 13, 5. Rick Milhizer 4, 3, 3, 11. Brian Strussloff 0, 24, 2. Dick Radatz 3, 4, 4, 10. Randy Weir 3, 24, 8. Bob Fennell 1, 24, 4. Tom Harrison 2, 6, 0, 4. Bill Stephenson 0, 2, 2, 2. Blake Walden 0, 34, 3. Pete Ponderer 0, 2, 2. Totals: 15, 21-35, 51.

W.L. Central (34): Mickey Yeager 7, 34, 17. Mike Sines 6, 3, 3, 3. Jim Seefeld 2, 0-0. Eric Hall 3, 1, 5, 7. Dan Sheldon 0, 34, 3. Totals: 12, 10-17, 34.

Total Fouls: Walled Lake Central 25. Farmington 16. Fouled Out: Mickey Yeager (Central), Mike Sines (Central), Seefeld (Central), Eric Hall (Central), Rick Milhizer (Farmington).

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