

Plymouth Squeaks Past Trenton, 63-61

By FRED DELANO

Can a Suburban Six basketball title contender, in fact the defending champion, go the entire fourth quarter with only one field goal, trail its opponent by two points with five minutes to play, and still win 63-61?

THE ON-AGAIN off-again Rocks twice built nine point leads over Trenton, and after three periods seemed to have

1 with Redford Union for second place in the league, one game behind Bentley's pace-setting 30-1.

That tie between the runners-up is bound to be broken Friday when R.U. invades Plymouth.

Trenton's Dave Cline opened the fourth quarter by popping in three successive buckets, Tim Van Goethem

An attempted Trenton cat and mouse waiting game went awry a couple of times, but still the Rocks couldn't find the basket and the tie lasted until the last 36 seconds.

Moments later Wolfe got the same chance and he, too, hit twice from the charity line. A Trenton basket by Butler at the buzzer accounted for the final 63-61 tally.

From the field the Rocks were whipped badly as Trenton popped in 27 field goals to Plymouth's 21, but it

was Egloff — converting 10 of his 13 chances on foul shots — who was the key to what has to be considered a free throw victory as the Rocks outscored Trenton 21 to 7 in that department.

Casey Jones led Plymouth with 13 points, Egloff, Wolfe and Dave Van Wagner also getting into double figures, while Selleck topped Trenton with 16.

PLYMOUTH (61)	G FTM FTA TP
Schryer	4 0 0 8
Wolfe	3 4 4 10
Taylor	1 0 1 2
Van Wagner	4 2 5 10
Jones	5 3 4 13
Case	0 2 2 2
Strokey	2 0 0 6
Egloff	1 10 13 12
TOTALS	21 21 29 63
TRENTON (61)	G FTM FTA TP
Selleck	6 1 1 13
Butler	2 0 0 6
Case	6 0 1 12
Shelley	2 0 0 6
Becker	2 0 0 4
Marka	1 0 0 2
Van Goethem	1 4 8 6
TOTALS	27 7 16 61
Plymouth	15-21-11-16-43
Trenton	17-15-17-12-61



ALLEN PARK'S Greg Wickert (51) taps away a rebound but leans on Redford Union's Mark Kenney (52) for support during the Suburban Six League encounter at R.U. Kenney converted the two foul shots as RU rolled to victory. (Observer photo by Bob Wiegman).

RU Bounces Allen Park, 78-62

Nothing pleases a basketball coach more than a solid defensive performance by his charges.

Defense was the major topic of conversation by Coach Dave Mattingly after his Redford Union cagers bounced Allen Park, 78-62.

While the win was the fourth

against three losses overall for RU, more important it gave the team a 2-1 record in the Suburban Six League.

In WILKIE'S CASE, his work on defense made him a game star despite the fact the box score shows he didn't make a single point.

"A box score sure can be misleading sometimes," Mattingly added. "Some might think that by looking at the sheet a kid like Wilkie contributed little. Yet, he sure made a big difference."

when Redford Union outscored the Parkers, 26-18, to put the game out of reach.

The Townshippers led most of the way, jumping ahead, 18-16, in the first quarter when Bob Schaner scored six points and Dean Naudt and Mark Kenney popped in five each. It was the same way for the trio

Schaner led in the final scoring with 26 points on 12 baskets and two foul shots. Kennedy had 19, Naudt 12 and Tom Burk 11.

Burk, who stands only 5-9½, was the rebounding whiz of the game with 21 as he grabbed just about everything that came off the boards as RU worked its defense almost to perfection.

Glenn Surprises Franklin

By BOB MCLELLAN

Jumping off to an early lead, Westland John Glenn stayed on top all the way and turned in its finest game of the season to thrash Livonia Franklin, 73-52.

Five Glenn players scored in double figures as the Rockets notched their first win in Northwest Suburban League play.

St Agony tallied 14, Tim Harlow, 13, Terry Marchant, 12, Darryl Demaray 11 and John Lee 10.

Agony and Lee also picked off 10 and nine rebounds to

give Glenn its fourth victory against the same number of setbacks.

FRANKLIN'S Bob Lee counted 11 points in a cold shooting night for the Livonia squad.

The Patriots, 5-2 overall, are tied at 1-2 with Glenn and two others in loop play. Birmingham Groves leads the league with a 3-0 mark and is trailed by Thurston with a 2-1 record.

Coach Bob Visser's Franklin squad opened the game with three straight baskets,

with his fine passing, ball-handling and ball control.

Coach Gordon Davis' team won the game at the charity stripe.

In a contest marked by rough, free wheeling defensive play, Glenn sank 20 of 51 gift shots for 76 per cent while Franklin could can only 16 of 40 for 40 per cent.

The Rockets hit 17 of 48 from the floor for 35 per cent and the Patriots connected on 18 of 50 for 36 per cent.

Glenn controlled the boards, 38-19.

GC West Is Back On Prowl Again

The Garden City West basketball story has brightened again.

West, unbeaten in regular season play last season and winners of district and regional titles before gaining the state Class A semifinals, stumbled just before Christmas.

But back-to-back victories last week — first over city rival Garden City East and then by a 78-49 romp over Southgate, would indicate that West will be a major factor once more in the Tri Rivers League race.

"I think we have become a good ball club," said Coach Chris Babler. "We're doing the right things and that's helping out, of course."

A BIG REASON for the success story of West, now 5-1 overall, has to be Dennis Leszczynski on whom has fallen the chore of replacing all-starer Rick Drezlitz who is presently at Kentucky University.

It was Leszczynski who helped turn the game against Southgate into a one sided affair in short order.

An eight-point uprising by Leszczynski in the first period enabled West to take a 20-lead as Southgate was hit by three baskets and a steal.

Then Ben Dennis unleashed 17 points in the second quarter to tie a record previously set by Drezlitz as West shot in front, 46-22, at the intermission. The rest was no contest.

Leszczynski wound up with 24 points along with 19 rebounds as he upped his season's scoring average to 23 per game. Ken Pawenski had 13 points, Kirk Lewis 12 and Gary Neustadt and Mike Kilbourn six each for the winners.

A tough game with River-side Tuesday night and against Southgate in the first period will go a long way this week to show how good West is.

Against Southgate, the team hit 21 out of 41 shots in the first quarter and 67 out of 124 for the game, just under 50 per cent.

Borgess Wins 6th Straight

If the second half of the season, which starts Friday night, is anything like the first half — Bishop Borgess High's basketball team will have no complaints.

Borgess lost its opener to Benedictine, then bounced back to win the next six in a row, ending the first round Friday with a 71-65 win over Dearborn Sacred Heart.

Thus, Borgess begins the second half on Friday, not only seeking revenge from Benedictine, but also tied with Aquinas for the West Division lead in the Catholic League.

SACRED HEART fought Borgess on even terms for three periods. The fourth quarter began with Borgess clinging to a 49-47 advantage after leading 17-15 after the first period and 33-31 at the half.

Then Ben Davis, Jeff Crawley and Mark Sobko helped Borgess break away to win without too much trouble. Davis sank three key "one and one" free throw situations to turn the tide of battle.

He wound up with 24 points while Crawley had 16 and Sobko, a sophomore, 10.

Glenn Wrestlers Take RU Tourney

John Glenn, piling up 102 points, carried off the team title in the annual Redford Union Invitational wrestling meet.

Glenn dethroned North Farmington which finished fourth with 54 points behind runnerup Farmington with 70 and Redford Union with 65.

Thurston scored 53 points, Garden City West 36, Southfield 21 and Clarenceville 19.

Individual titles were spread around in the invitational which attracted near capacity turnouts for the preliminaries in the afternoon and the finals in the evening.

The results:

38 Pounds: Dave Wesley (Garden City West) dec. Mary Lindberg (Redford Union). Third place—Bill Mason (Farmington).

105 Pounds: Larry Sanders (Glenn) dec. Jeff Donovan (Farmington). Third place—Jim Roy (Thurston).

112-Pounds: Chuck Weber (Clarenceville) pinned John Wheeler (Thurston). Third place—Mark Lesbur (Glenn).

119-Pounds: Ken Haller (N. Farmington) pinned Dennis Campbell (Redford Union). Third place—Jim Williams (Farmington).

126-Pounds: Tomby (N. Farmington) dec. Art Tiersan (Farmington). Third place—Mike Marr (Redford Union).

132-Pounds: Dave Bartley (Farmington) dec. Chuck Young (Glenn). Third place—Bill McCarty (Redford Union).

135-Pounds: Tom Byrum (Garden City West) dec. Dave Poma (Thurston). Third place—Fred Looon (Redford Union).

145-Pounds: Lamon McElley (Glenn) pinned Dennis Stairs (Farmington). Third place—Al Lowry (Redford Union).

150-Pounds: Mike Davis (Glenn) dec. Fred Chapp (Farmington). Third place—Dave Wiadumiller (Redford Union).

167-Pounds: Gary Glen (Farmington) dec. Bob Krue (Glenn). Third place—Mark Nymun (Thurston).

182-Pounds: Rick Strass (Southfield) dec. Jim Cook (Glenn). Third place—Paul Buzza (N. Farmington).

Heavyweight—John Turay (Glenn) pinned Tony Lane (Redford Union). Third place—Ron Crowe (N. Farmington).

Bloomfield Andover resorted to some last minute maneuvering to gain its first victory of the season—a 65-53 decision over Clarenceville in the Wayne Oakland League.

Forced to play catch up most of the evening, Andover tied the game at 61-61 before Bob Fischer made two free throws with 1:30 remaining to put Andover in front, 63-61.

Then, after eight seconds left, Dave Barrett hit two more free throws for Andover to wrap up the game and make a last second Clarenceville basket meaningless in the final result.

Clarenceville led, 13-11, after one quarter, by a point at the half and by five points going into the final quarter before Andover started its comeback that paid off.

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