

Rocks Rout Franklin; Tigers Whip Cherry Hill

Plymouth, GC West Pass First Tests

Garden City West's defending champions and Plymouth moved into the semifinals of the regional 'A' cage tournament at Livonia Franklin with one-sided first round victories.

West, which clinched its third straight league championship two weeks ago, toyed with jockless Cherry Hill, 77-51, and will meet Livonia Churchill in the upper

bracket semifinal Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Plymouth's Rocks, minus the services of Howie Schreyer in bed with the flu and with starters Scott Taylor and Casey Jones far from par, routed past host Franklin, 74-61, and will clash with powerful Garden City East Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

IT WAS SWEET revenge

for the Rocks who had a nine game winning streak snapped by the Patriots earlier in the season by a 72-71 count.

There wasn't any question about the outcome this time. Plymouth was red-hot in the first half, taking a 23-12 edge in the first quarter and walking off the court at halftime with a 41-23 margin.

The streak continued through the third frame when

the Rocks opened up 25 points lead at one stage and ended the period with a 31-29 bulge.

The third quarter was unusual in that Tony Kaseta and Rick Graham scored all of Franklin's 16 points. Kaseta was loose time after time for shots and added six field goals.

Plymouth built a 72-51 lead with three minutes to play

when Coach Dick Bearup inserted his second stringers and the Patriots took advantage of the situation to tally 10 quick points in the remaining time.

Strange as it may sound, Plymouth actually won the game from the foul line where it connected on 26 of 33 free throws. Franklin had a 27-24 edge in baskets but

made only seven of 21 charity tosses.

It was a big night for Charley Wolfe who topped the scoring with 24 points. The Rock star hit on 12 of 14 foul shots and added six field goals.

Kaseta was high for Franklin with 23. Other Rocks in double figures included Gary Close 12,

Casey Jones 16 and Dave Van Wagener 14.

FAVORED GARDEN CITY West, which beat Cherry Hill twice during the regular season, couldn't get interested after taking a fat 45-20 halftime margin.

The Tigers flattened out in the third capto when Cherry Hill outscored them, 15-10. Then with Gary Nastad hitting a hot hand, during

which he had 12 points in less than six minutes, West pulled away again with a 62 point outburst that ended Cherry Hill's hopes.

Denny Leszczynski was the big gunner for the victors with 23 points on eight baskets and seven fouls. Nastad had the same number of hoops but only had one free throw and missed it, winding up with 16.

Ken Pawenski was next in line with 15 followed by Kirk Lewis with 11 and Mike Kilbourn 10.

Jerry Roberts topped the losers with 17.

GC WEST (77)	G	F	P
Lewis	4	3	11
Pawenski	7	1	16
Leszczynski	4	7	23
Nastad	8	0	18
Kilbourn	4	2	10
Valos	0	1	1
Jones	2	0	1
Totals	31	15	77

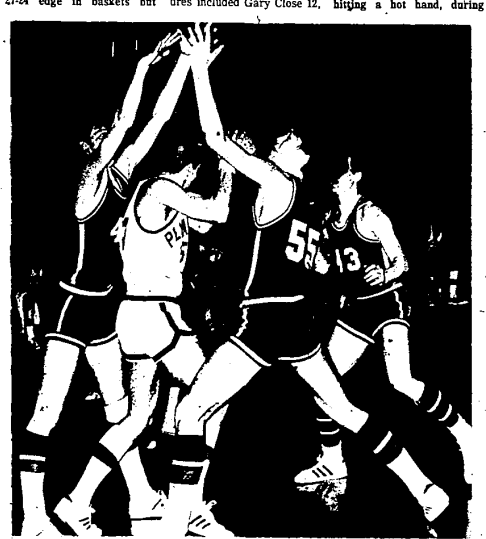
CHERRY HILL (51)	G	F	P
Roberts	3	0	8
Schreyer	4	3	11
Bucharski	3	0	8
Walters	3	0	2
Corp	1	0	2
Schulz	0	0	0
Totals	22	7	51

By quarters:	1	2	3	4	T
Cherry Hill	11	9	15	16	51
GC West	25	20	10	22	77

FRANKLIN (51)	G	F	P
G. Graham	4	2	10
Kaseta	0	3	23
Diaz	0	0	2
Davis	1	0	2
Hewman	1	0	2
Care	0	0	2
Darferian	1	0	2
Hollandsworth	1	0	2
Saywell	1	0	2
M. Graham	2	0	4
Lee	0	0	0
Totals	27	9	61

PLYMOUTH (74)	G	F	P
Wolfe	6	12	24
Close	4	4	12
Taylor	0	0	1
Jones	5	8	18
Van Wagener	0	0	14
Zander	0	2	2
Egloff	2	1	5
Totals	24	24	74

By quarters:	1	2	3	4	T
Plymouth	23	18	20	13	74
Franklin	12	11	18	22	63



WHERE NOW? That appears to be the question before Plymouth's Gary Close who is hemmed in by Franklin's Tony Kaseta (left) and Tim Dietz (right) after grabbing a rebound. Believe it or not, he managed to pass off to a teammate. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

Farmington Shows Best Form To Upset Champs

By GEORGE MASKIN-Observer Sports Editor

There are those teams which somehow rise for the state high school basketball tournament.

They blossom out come the March Madness, regardless of the fact they might have had their troubles during the regular season.

Farmington High is one of

Glenn Rolls Past Wayne In Tourney

They say the home court advantage for a state tournament game is worth five or six points.

It proved correct when John Glenn, hosting a district Class A meet, got off on the right foot by downing Wayne Memorial, 50-45, in an all-Wayne collision.

Yet, the margin of victory was somewhat of a surprise. Glenn had beaten Wayne easily in the Christmas tournament action and with a chance to play at home, one might have guessed Glenn would charge through its neighbors.

But the form sheet always goes out the window in tourney play and Wayne gave Glenn fits all the way in the district opener.

IN FACT, not until John Lee dropped in two free throws with nine seconds to go was Glenn able to wrap up the verdict and advance into the semifinals against Taylor Kennedy.

A second game Wednesday was to pit Romulus and Taylor Center with the two winners clashing for the championship Friday.

Glenn trailed after the first period, 12-10, but galloped what proved the upper hand for keeps by outscoring Wayne, 22-13, in the second period when Terry Marchand popped in three long ones to lead the outburst.

Daryl Demaray clicked for four points and St Agemy three in the uprisings.

those "good" tournament teams.

DURING THE REGULAR season, the Falcons barely escaped the basement in the final Inter-Lakes Conference standings when they downed Waterford in Friday night's closing game.

Thus, they went into the district on their home court Monday as a decided underdog against a powerhouse

from West Bloomfield, the champion of the strong Wayne-Oakland League.

But Farmington, winner of only four out of 17 in the regular schedule, took command early to down West Bloomfield, winner of 13 out of 15, 66-57, and advance into Wednesday night's semifinals against Bentley, champion of the Suburban Six League.

Wednesday's second game

pairs North Farmington and Stevenson with the two winners advancing to the title game Friday at 8 p.m.

Success in the district is nothing new for Farmington. The Falcons are the defending champs where they have won two of the last three years.

"Imagine, we have a two-game winning streak now," a happy Ray Boyle, the Farmington coach, declared.

"This victory has to give us a lot of confidence to face Bentley. Anytime you can beat one champ, it sure helps you when you have to face another."

Bentley won all 10 of its Suburban Six League encounters and has been installed as a favorite in the district at Farmington.

Bentley, like Farmington, always has been strong in the districts.

FARMINGTON TOOK a 14-10 lead in the first period, made it 28-22 at the half and then went into the final quarter, 46-35.

"That kind of made me a little nervous, our team leading by so much," laughed Boyle. "We usually don't enjoy such a luxury."

It was a simple win. West Bloomfield bounded back to within five points before Farmington locked it up.

The play of seniors Dan Steinko, Paul Kupferschmidt and Bob Chapman drew special praise from Boyle.

Kupferschmidt led with 17 points, while Steinko had 13 and Chapman 12. Dan Lekovich followed with nine, Dennis Hagen eight, Jeff Baker five and Bruce Stirling two.

Chapman topped a balanced crew of Farmington rebounders with six. Steinko and Hagen had five and Lekovich four.

Don Johnson was the game's individual star getting 25 points in a losing cause for West Bloomfield.

"I guess we concentrated so much on beating Bloomfield Andover for the league title, we just weren't ready for Farmington," said West Bloomfield Coach Art Paddy.

"But this is no alibi. A good team beat us."

Wednesday's twin bill begins at 7 p.m.

Tourney Pairings

CLASS A

AT FARMINGTON

WEDNESDAY-Livonia Riverston vs. North Farmington, 7 p.m.; Livonia Bentley vs. Farmington, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY-Championship game, 8 p.m.

AT BIRMINGHAM BEANHOLM

TUESDAY-Birmingham Grimes vs. Lake Orion, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Bloomfield Lahar vs. Beaholm, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY-Brookside vs. Lake Orion Grimes winner, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY-Championship game, 8 p.m.

AT SOUTHFIELD

TUESDAY-Thorton vs. Crestwood, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Fordson vs. Southfield, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY-Redford Union vs. Thorton Crestwood winner, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-Championship game, 7 p.m.

AT FRANKLIN

WEDNESDAY-Churchill vs. GC West, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY-Garden City East vs. Plymouth, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

AT JOHN GLENN

WEDNESDAY-Romulus vs. Taylor Center, 7 p.m.; Taylor Kennedy vs. John Glenn, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY-Championship game, 8 p.m.

AT FERNDALE

TUESDAY-Ferdale vs. Berkley, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Hazel Park vs. Oak Park, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY-Southfield/Leshon vs. Ferdale Berkley winner, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

AT DETROIT CODY

TUESDAY-Bishop Sargent vs. Detroit Henry Ford, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Detroit Coady vs. Redford, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY-Championship game, 4 p.m.

CLASS B

AT NORTVILLE

TUESDAY-Clareville vs. Farmington Hastings, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Darborn Riverside vs. Lakeland, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY-Championship game, 4 p.m.

CLASS C

AT DEARBORN ST. ALPHONSUS

TUESDAY-Wayne St. Mary vs. Novi, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Mt. Carmel vs. St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY-Our Lady of Sorrows vs. Wayne St. Mary Novi winner, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-Championship game, 8 p.m.

AT ROCHESTER

TUESDAY-Goodrich vs. Ferndale, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY-Detroit Country Day School vs. Goodrich, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY-Orchard Lake St. Mary vs. Goodrich-St. James, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY-Championship game, 7:30 p.m.

AT REDFORD ST. MARY'S

TUESDAY-St. Hedwig vs. St. Francis de Sales, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY-St. Agatha vs. St. Rita, 7 p.m.; St. Andrew vs. St. Hedwig-St. Francis de Sales winner, 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY-Championship game, 7 p.m.



THIS HAPPENED when three West Bloomfield players ganged up on Farmington's Jeff Baker in a scramble for a loose ball. That's Jeff on the floor with Dan Brinkel (23) on top, while Lee McLeod passes the ball to Daryl Downen (15). The Falcons upset the Lakers. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

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