

Spartans skate around Patriots

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Seeing Terry Jobbitt following Livonia Stevenson's 5-3 victory over Livonia Franklin may have confused some people.

The Patriots' coach was all smiles, almost celebrating, that despite his team falling to 1-3-2 this season following Friday's loss against its arch-rival.

Jobbitt wasn't excited about the score, but he was happy with his team's play, exactly one week after an embarrassing 10-0 thrashing by Livonia Churchill.

"This is the best we've played all year," Jobbitt said. "We came together as a team and this will be a good building stone. They're finally coming around and it's sinking in what we have to do. It was a great team effort. You hate to lose but I'm proud of the team."

But Franklin's effort couldn't stop Stevenson's senior forwards Doug Gulau, Mark Peterson and Scott Johnson. The "production line," as Peterson called it, recorded eight points, while accounting for Stevenson's tying and winning goals in the second period.

Stevenson coach Matt Mulcahy, on the other hand, didn't

care for the way his team played. "I didn't think it was a game," Mulcahy said. "There wasn't a lot of crisp passing. You get that every time two Livonia schools play each other. Maybe we were over-anxious. But the team did give 120 percent and that's all that matters."

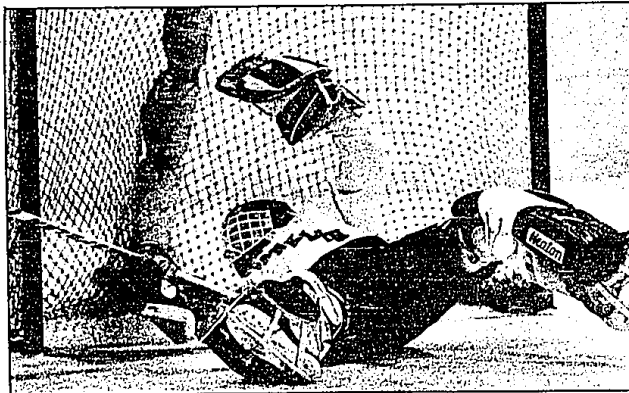
The Spartans (2-3 overall and 2-0 in the Suburban High School Hockey League) needed to rally from one-goal deficits twice.

Franklin opened the scoring when senior Jeremy Klosewski tapped a rebound of a missed Shane Hastings' drive past Stevenson goalie Daryl Chamberlain. Matt Harrigan notched an assist. Stevenson countered at the 9:58 mark when senior Ryan Schmidt broke loose off a face-off at center ice and faked out Franklin goalie Dan Schemanske for an unassisted goal.

The Spartans took their first lead when Johnson fed Peterson at the side of the Patriot's goal. Peterson redirected the pass into the net with only one second left in the opening period.

Franklin scored two goals in a span of 33 seconds to take the lead early in the second period.

After Derek White found Hastings open in front of the Steven-



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On the sprawl: Livonia Franklin goalie Dan Schemanske lunges for the puck in the Patriots' 5-3 hockey loss Friday night to Livonia Stevenson at Eddie Edgar Arena.

son net, Hastings turned around and blasted a shot past Chamberlain. Harrigan added an assist on the power play goal.

The Patriots took the lead when junior David Proctor took the puck behind the Stevenson net, skated to about 25 feet in front of the net, turned and whistled a low liner by Chamberlain.

Stevenson tied the score after

Schemanske came too far out of his net and failed to clear the puck. Peterson dished the puck in front of the net to Gulau who sent the puck past a sprawling Schemanske.

The Spartans went ahead for good with 4:28 left in the period when Gulau skated past several Patriots and sent the puck in on the Franklin goal. Johnson dove

and tipped the puck past Schemanske as the two collided.

The Spartans added an insurance goal in the third when Mike Lansperry scored an unassisted goal on a breakaway.

"We usually get pumped up to play Franklin, but we weren't tonight," Johnson said. "Maybe we thought it was going to be an easy game."

Salem overwhelms Southfield in non-leaguer

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There was no Head start, but quite a finish Friday night for the Plymouth Salem boys basketball team.

James Head, Salem's star forward, didn't start against visiting Southfield because of disciplinary reasons — but it didn't matter. The Rocks held their own without Head in the early going, then buried Southfield 77-57 after the 6-foot-6 junior entered the lineup late in the first quarter.

Salem players are required to turn in a paper about their progress in class to coach Bob Brodie and Head failed to do so in time, prompting the benching.

Head didn't enter the game until 3:08 remained in the first quar-

ter with Southfield ahead 11-10. He played most of the remainder, scoring 19 points, including two dunks, with 12 rebounds.

"I had to hand in a paper for coach and I didn't have it prepared so I had to pay the consequences," Head said. "It made me play a lot harder and all the other players stepped up."

Especially senior starters Brandon Slone and Brian Jensen and reserve junior guard Sanjeev Seth. Slone made 7-of-8 shots and finished with 18 points and five rebounds. Jensen scored all six of his points during a 13-2 Salem run in the second quarter that gave the Rocks a 34-23 lead. Seth, meanwhile, contributed eight points, including a pair of three-point shots.

BASKETBALL

Brodie was pleased to see the way his players responded with Head on the bench. Mike Slone, the Rocks' other big scoring threat who had 33 in a season-opening win over Monroe, finished with 16 points.

"These are high school kids and we care about them academically so we've got to make sure they know academics are more important than basketball," said Brodie, discussing the situation with Head. "James didn't sit (that long) and the others rose to the occasion. People think Mike Slone and James Head are the only players we've got but I'll tell you what, Jensen and Brandon do the

job and can hurt you. I'm happy with our bench, they gave us great minutes."

Southfield, which lost earlier in the week to Oak Park, fell to 0-2.

The Blue Jays grabbed as many rebounds (31) as the Rocks but shot only 32 percent (22-68) from the field. Salem, meanwhile, shot 58 percent in the first half (16-27) and 47 percent (28-59) for the game.

Senior guard Terry Lowe led Southfield with 18 points and teammates James Harris and Nakia Dexter contributed 11 each. The closest Southfield got in the third quarter was six (42-36) after a basket by Harris but the Rocks went on a 10-4 run to end the quarter, capped by a two-handed dunk by Head on an out-

of-bounds pass from teammate Jeff Lamb.

"I need to look at the tapes and see what the hell we're doing differently from last year (when Southfield was 15-6 with similar personnel)," Southfield coach Harry VandenBrink said. "We're just not playing together, can't find a groove or anything we're comfortable with."

VandenBrink wasn't pleased with the officiating as Southfield was whistled for 23 fouls compared to Salem's 11. Southfield didn't attempt a free throw in the first half and finished 9-for-12 at the line, while Salem made 17-27.

"What? Do both refs work at Salem?" VandenBrink asked sarcastically. "Talk about getting 'homered.'"

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASKETBALL
Monday, Dec. 14
Farmington at Wal. Kettering, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 15
Romulus at Bishop Borgese, 7 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Red Thurston at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
H. Farmington at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Cassville at South Lyon, 7:30 p.m.
Don. Fordson at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Trenton, 7:30 p.m.
Wyandotte at Westland Glen, 7:30 p.m.
Ypsilanti at Pry. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Canton at Adrian, 7:30 p.m.
Wal. Kettering at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Mich. School of Deaf at Wald. Morristown, High, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Westland at D.H. Roeper, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17
Ply. Christian at Trenton, 4 p.m.
Garden City at D.H. Robichaud, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Trenton at Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.
A.A. Huron at Pry. Salem, 7:30 p.m.
A.A. Pioneer at Pry. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Graham at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Country Day at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
(Clarkston Inv. at Oakland Inv.)
Roch. Adams vs. Canton, 8 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Troy High, 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18
D.H. Casswood at Red. Thurston, 7 p.m.
Liv. Westland at St. Alphonsus, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Cassville, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Willow Run, 7:30 p.m.
Clarkston Inv. at O.U. 6 and 9 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19
Boch. Borgese at Dwyer Child, 2:30 p.m.
Ply. Christian at Romulus Tourney, TBA.

PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Dec. 15
Liv. Stevenson vs. St. Field Lathrop at Southfield Civic Ctr., 3:30 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Trenton, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 16
Liv. Franklin vs. Saginaw Heritage at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17
Liv. Franklin vs. Bloomfield Lathrop, Liv. Stevenson vs. Bloomfield Andover at Del. Skating Club, 6:30 & 8:30 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 18
(Grand Oaks Arena Holiday Classic)
Brighton vs. East Lansing, 3 p.m.
Liv. Churchill vs. Swartz Creek, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19
Grand Oaks Classic, 5 and 8 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Liv. Stevenson at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

MEY'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Dec. 16
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19
Oakland CC at Kellogg CC, 7 p.m.
Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Dec. 16
Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 17
Kalamazoo at Madonna Univ., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 19
Madonna Univ. vs. Indiana Wesleyan at Oakland Comm. College, 1 p.m.
Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

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