

Slone's triple defuses Rockets

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STAFF WRITER

Mike Slone doesn't consider it a boast when he speaks confidently of his three-point shooting ability.

His desperation triple on one second remaining Friday night gave host Plymouth Salem a 61-60 victory over Westland John Glenn in a matchup between two of Observerland's top basketball teams.

"I'm not being conceited, but I just don't think you can say it's luck for me," Slone said. "If I see someone open, I'll pass. But I had my head down and was looking for the shot myself."

It wasn't the first time Slone, who hit five triples and finished with a game-high 21 points, had made a last-second shot.

He's done it three times this season (not always to end the game) and twice last year in the same game against Plymouth Canton, forcing overtime with the first and winning with the second.

"I practice that a lot by myself when I'm just messing around," he said. "I feel I can hit it from anywhere on the floor."

The Rockets are 13-2 overall, the Rockets 11-0. Both teams are 7-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Brandon Slone contributed 19 points, including three trays, and James Head and Sanjoev Seth added eight apiece for Salem.

Glenn had five starters in double figures: Kevin Claypool (14), Aaron Scheffer (13), Ken Taylor (12), Tony Goins (11) and John Miller (10).

The Rockets and their fans went from jubilation to dejection in nine seconds, thinking they had locked up the win when Ken Taylor tipped in a free throw for a 60-58 lead with :10 left.

Salem didn't bother with a timeout. The Rocks raced up the floor, and Slone let loose with his triple from well behind the three-point line.

"We practice that shot a bit,

too," Salem coach Bob Brodie said, being very serious. "It's not that it was a designed play."

"My philosophy is: If time is running and you're in a desperate situation, flow into it. When you call a set play, sometimes players choke up. In that regard, it was a designed play."

After both teams exhausted all of their timeouts with :01 on the clock, the Rockets used The King, a play designed to draw a baseline foul and put Glenn at the line with a chance to win the game.

Scheffer raced down the baseline, looking to make the in-bounds pass, and Claypool stepped in front of the Salem defender, hoping for a favorable call. The Rockets never shot free throws, however.

"It worked; it just wasn't called," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said. "The refereeing was great the whole game, but the game wasn't over. I wish the consistency would have continued

one more second. But the officiating didn't cause us to lose the game."

Ironically, the Rockets had concentrated on stopping Mike Slone, who had 13 of his points in the second half.

"We forced him to take some shots and we felt we did a nice job, but the kid is a great shooter," Schuette said. "If only we could have played a little tougher on that last shot of his."

The Rockets threatened to run away with the game several times, but Salem always had a response.

Glenn was 8-of-12 from the floor in the first quarter while the Rocks missed eight in a row at one point. The Rockets led 16-9 at the end.

Salem scored the first eight of the second quarter to take the lead, but Glenn, after going scoreless for 3 1/2 minutes, had another surge at the end and led 34-23 at halftime.

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday issue) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday issue).

BASEBALL PLAYERS

There are still a few openings for a newly established area travel baseball team for 11- and 12-year-olds.

The Bloomfield Bulls Federation team will have tryouts this week. Interested players should call Dennis Patterson at 653-8119.

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Walled Lake Western High School is seeking a head varsity girls soccer coach for the 1993

spring season. For more information, call athletic director Robert Atkins at 960-8373.

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The Farmington Bandits, an under-14 boys select soccer team coached by Tom Faro, is seeking sponsors for the spring season to help with tournament fees and other team expenses.

Individuals or area companies interested in supporting the Bandits should call team manager Linda Wainin at 477-7438.

VOLLEYBALL

WESTERN LAKES VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS (through Wednesday matches)

1. Livonia Stevenson	8-1 (3-1)
2. Plymouth Salem	7-1 (2-1)
3. Walled Lake Central	7-1 (2-1)
4. Farmington Harrison	7-3 (5-0)
5. Livonia Churchill	6-2 (3-1)
6. Plymouth Canton	5-3 (2-2)
6. Farmington	5-3 (2-1)
8. Livonia Franklin	4-3 (1-2)
9. Walled Lake Western	3-4 (1-3)
10. Northville	1-7 (0-4)
10. Westland John Glenn	1-7 (1-2)
12. North Farmington	0-4 (0-4)

League records are listed first with division records in parentheses.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 16
B.H. Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Clarensville at Luth. West, 7 p.m.
Ply. Canton at S'Field Chiles, 7 p.m.
Plymouth at Garden City, 7 p.m.
St. Agatha at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Church, 7:30 p.m.
W.L. Central at Liv. Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Westland Glenn at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Farm. Harrison, 7:30 p.m.
H. Farmington at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Dep. Heights Fatsure at Marshall Junior High, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
Lutheran North at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Liv. Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
Clarensville at B.H. Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
Midford at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Red. Thurston at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
W.L. Western at Liv. Church, 7:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Northville, 7:30 p.m.
Westland Glenn at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.
H. Farmington at Farmington, 7:30 p.m.
Garden City at Dep. Eastford, 7:30 p.m.
Bellevue at Wayne Memorial, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley at Warren Beltsdale, 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Schoolcraft at Henry Ford CC, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland CC at Highland Park, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Schoolcraft at Delta CC, 7:30 p.m.
Oakland CC at Henry Ford CC, 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 16
Or. Rapids Baptist at Madonna, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Henry Ford CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Delta CC at Schoolcraft, 3 p.m.

PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Feb. 16
Redford CC at G.P. North, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
Liv. Church vs. Liv. Stevenson
Liv. Franklin vs. Wyandotte
at Livonia's Eggar Arena, 8 & 9 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
Liv. Franklin vs. Birmingham at Detroit Skating Club, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
Bellevue CC vs. Elm. Bro. Rice at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

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Farmington led 19-16 after one quarter but trailed 39-29 at halftime.

REDFORD CC 66, DELASALLE 60: Senior forward Brian Paluk scored 16 of his game-high 30 points in the fourth quarter to rally Redford Catholic Central on Friday past host Warren DeLaSalle.

CC trailed 43-42 after three quarters but outscored DeLaSalle 24-17 in the fourth quarter to win its seventh game in the last eight.

The win gives CC sole possession of second place in the Central Division standings at 7-3. CC, 9-7 overall, meets Dearborn Divine Child in

a first-round playoff game at 8 p.m. Sunday at Cullen Hall.

DeLaSalle, fourth place in the Central Division at 6-5, meets Southgate Aquinas in a first-round game Sunday at Cullen Hall.

Paluk made three shots from three-point range and was 9-10 at the free throw line. Sophomore guard Damien Baskerville contributed 12 points and Andy Slankter and Jeff Gutt had eight each.

Don DeDonatis scored a team-high 28, including 13-14 free throws, for DeLaSalle.

CC led 15-12 after one quarter but DeLaSalle had a 17-12 second quarter advantage to lead 29-27 at intermission.

CLARENSVILLE 61, LUTH. WEST 60: The Trojans made only one of 13 three-point shots on the night, but Mark Skrelja's triple at the buzzer gave the Trojans a 61-60 Metro Conference basketball victory Friday over visiting Detroit Lutheran West.

Skrelja, a transfer from Fordale, capped a 22-9 fourth-quarter comeback for Clarensville, now 9-5 overall and 6-3 in the Metro. The visiting Leopards are 8-6 and 5-4.

Mark Kalaj led the winners with 19 points. Skrelja and John Kalaj chipped in with 17 and 12, respectively.

BORGESS 78, RICE 73: Redford Bishop Borgess clinched the second

seed in the Catholic League's Central Division behind 6-foot-7 senior center Randy Whitefield's 28 points Friday.

Borgess is now 10-5 overall and 6-4 in the Central. The Spartans will take on Detroit DePorens, 1:45 p.m. Sunday in the first round of the A-B Division playoffs at U-D's Cullen Hall.

Charles Smith contributed 19 points, while Razzar Riley and Perry Robinson added 15 and 10, respectively.

D.J. MacAlone paced Birmingham Brother Rice (6-9, 4-6) with a game-high 29. Brian Kalczynski and Willis Marshall added 17 and 13, respectively.

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PUBLIC HEARING**

1993/4 - 1998/9 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN

DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 1993
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31635 Ezyrae Hill Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

The Planning Commission of the City of Farmington Hills will hold a public hearing to review and approve the 1993/4 thru 1998/9 Capital Improvements Plan.

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