

# Chargers stun Raiders in WLAA game

Livonia Churchill came up with a big game at the right time Thursday.

Churchill popped North Farmington, 39-29, to square both schools' Western Lakes Activities Association girls basketball record at 1-1.

The Chargers used an 11-5 second quarter to take a 17-10 halftime lead and a 14-9 fourth quarter to send the visitors home with a loss.

"We played a real good defensive game," Churchill coach Dave Balog said. "All our kids went in and played well. Our kids were patient on their shots."

Churchill sank all but one of its seven fourth-quarter free throws to ice the game, with junior guard Karen Kramer going 4-for-4 near the end of the contest.

Guard Kersten Conklin led all scorers with 14 points. Lauren Ruprecht scored nine and had nine rebounds. Stacy Supanich

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contributed eight points for Churchill (6-2).

Katie Vihtelic scored 13 points to lead North Farmington (3-4), and sophomore Samantha McComb scored 12. Vihtelic, McComb and Brittany Vihtelic had eight rebounds each.

McComb bombed in three triples and Katie Gaffey chipped in 11 rebounds.

"They outplayed us," said North coach Linda Perkins, whose team was fresh off a victory over defending WLAA champion Plymouth Canton. "We weren't executing, weren't getting the job done."

North Farmington missed seven of 10 free throws.

**W.L. WESTERN 62, FARMINGTON 42:** Chalk up a victory for the Western! Walked Lake Western pulled away from a close game with a 21-7 advantage in the fourth quarter Thursday to

secure its first victory of the season.

"We've been so close so many times this year," Western coach Mary Allen said. "We've played well at times but still ended up with the (loss). It was nice to finally get a win."

Western Lakes Activities Association, opened a 15-13 lead after the first quarter and led 29-21 at the half. The Warriors outscored the visiting Falcons 33-24 in the second half.

Senior captain Kim Schriever paced the winners with 14 points including eight in the fourth quarter. Freshman point guard Kristen Burgess, starting in place of injured senior Sara Ryan, contributed 13 points, including eight in the second half.

"Kristen came up with a real solid performance," Allen said. "We had a two-point lead in the fourth and she hit a big three-pointer that started things rolling for us."

Brian Jager, Julie Rothenber and Megan O'Leary scored in double figures for the Falcons, 1-7 overall and 0-2 in the WLAA.

"The girls played hard," Farmington coach Mary Shetrown said. "We continue to struggle with getting passes to

people and, since we're so short, we got rebounded.

"Western is a very aggressive team, and that's something we have to continue to improve upon. For the most part, these (Farmington) girls worked their butts off last night."

**CANTON 47, JOHN GLENN 32:** The Canton program is where Joel Lloyd wants John Glenn to be in the near future. It's getting there.

The Rockets (4-4, 1-2) hung with the Chiefs for a half Thursday before succumbing to Canton's experience and firepower. Last season Canton easily hand-picked John Glenn.

"I thought we played an extremely good defensive first half," coach Lloyd said. "In the third quarter, well, Canton is just extremely disciplined on offense. They just worked the ball on us."

Canton (5-3, 1-1) got off to a 10-8 lead but John Glenn played the Chiefs to a 10-10 second quarter and trailed, 20-16, at intermission. Canton came out with a 13-5 third quarter to put some distance between itself and John Glenn.

"We watched film," Lloyd said, "and on numerous possessions they go 10 or more passes in their half-court offense. They get the shot they want.

"Their half-court man-to-man defense is the best I've seen, no doubt about it.

It starts with great pressure on the ball, they really extend you. I'm proud of my girls."

Freshman guard Stephanie Crews led all scorers with 13 points for John Glenn and her junior sister Samantha had nine.

Sophomore forward Anne Morrell scored 12 points for Canton with senior Janelle Swalmeyer also netting 12.

**SALEM 71, FRANKLIN 15:** The visiting Rocks were not very kind to the host Patriots.

Plymouth Salem roared out to an 18-5 lead and shut Livonia Franklin out in the third quarter Thursday while scoring 16 points.

The game went into running time (limited clock stoppages) at 5 1/2 minutes of the third period.

Center Christine Phillips and junior guard Tiffany Gubaugh led Salem (6-0, 2-0) with 18 points apiece. Freshman Kelly Jaskot scored 10. Dawn Allen eight and Jenna Van Wagener seven.

Tera Morrill paced Franklin (1-4, 0-2) with seven points.

**CLARENCEVILLE BY FORCE:** Clarenceville finally got its first victory of the season — and the Trojans did it without scoring a point.

Ecorse failed to show Thursday night and Clarenceville received the forfeit victory. The Trojans are 3-8.

## TRYOUTS

•Tryouts for 12- and 10-and-under Little Caesars Federation baseball teams will be 3-7 p.m. Sundays, Sept. 27 and Oct. 4. Interested players must contact Bill Herdin to register at 315-562-4667.

•NWFB 13-year-old travel tryouts will be Sunday, Sept. 27, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Founders Park. For more information call Mel Borock at (248) 788-0691.

•Tryouts for the Michigan Lake Area Rams 9- and 10-year-old baseball team will be 5:30-8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Farmington Hills Mercy High School field.

The school is located at Middlebelt and 11 Mile roads. For information call Mark Falvo at (313) 537-3449 or Jack Falvo at (248) 471-1748.

•Tryouts for a new 15-year-old Cobras travel baseball team will be 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at Founders Park, diamond Nos. 5 and 6.

The Cobras will compete in the Tri-County Baseball League in 1999. To confirm plans to attend tryout, call Tony Agosta at (248) 737-2907.

•Select 13 tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League's entry into the 1999 Little Caesars Travel Baseball League will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4, at Bicentennial Park (Seven Mile and Wayne roads).

Players must be 13 prior to Aug. 1, 1999. For more information, call coach Jim Moss at (248) 476-8608.

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"It seems like only yesterday all the kids were sitting behind the bench," he said. "The game would be over and the kids would be playing a pick-up game. The parents would argue about where to go to eat and the kids would keep playing. Negoshian coached the

Raiders for 13 years the first time around, winning three district titles and the Western Lakes Activities Association championship in 1988.

He had been the North JV coach for three years and also coached at Orchard Lake St. Mary's College and Oakland

Community College.

Negoshian played basketball on Pontine Control for legendary coach Ralph Grubb. He attended Ferris State College for one year, went in the service (army airborne) and earned his college degree from Eastern Michigan in 1972.

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played a good get-in-your-face defensive team. We practiced for it and we did a good job in practice, but there's a big difference between doing it in your gym and against Harrison.

Cierra Colbert made the only (two) free throws Harrison

attempted; Stevenson was 4-of-11. The Hawks made 20 of 42 field goals, the Spartans 11 of 50.

"Defensively, we were solid, only giving up 11 in the first half," Mantyla said. "We're glad to be 2-0 in the league, and I

think Stevenson is going to be a top-eight team.

"I think we continue to get better. We have a lot of three-year kids running the press. They're a fun group to coach. You know they're going to compete hard every night."

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