

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Tuesday, Feb. 16
 Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Farmington at Harrison, 7 p.m.
 N. Farm. at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 A.A. Huron at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Garden City, 7 p.m.
 Kennedy at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Wild at Cranbrook, 7 p.m.
 Agape at Comerston, 7 p.m.
 Roper at Puy. Christian, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Franklin Rd., 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
 Churchill at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Friday, Feb. 19
 Clarenceville at Luth. Wild, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Salem, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Northville, 7 p.m.
 Harrison at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Central at Farmington, 7 p.m.
 Roper at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Wyandotte at Thurston, 7 p.m.
 Agape at Greater Life, 7:30 p.m.
 PCA at Oakland Christian, 7:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley vs. Mount Carmel, 7:30 p.m.
 at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
MEYER'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
 S'craft at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Spring Arbor at S'craft, 7 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Alpena, 7:30 p.m.
 St. Clair at OCH-High Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
 Madonna at Siena Heights, TBA.
 Schoolcraft vs. Wayne CC
 at River Rouge H.S., 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
 S'craft at Oakland CC, 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Schoolcraft at Alpena, 5:30 p.m.
 St. Clair at OCH-High Lakes, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
 Madonna at Spring Arbor, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
 Siena Heights at Madonna, 1 p.m.
 Schoolcraft vs. Wayne CC
 at River Rouge H.S., 3 p.m.
 Rochester at OCH-High Lakes, 3 p.m.
ONTARIO HOOCKEY LEAGUE
Thursday, Feb. 18
 Whalers at Toronto Majors, 7:35 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 20
 Puy. Whalers vs. Erie Otters
 at Comerston Arena, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 21
 Puy. Whalers vs. London Knights
 at Comerston Arena, 6:30 p.m.
PEEP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Stevenson vs. Clarksburg
 at Comerston Arena, 8 p.m.
 Farm. United vs. W.L. Western
 at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
 Redford CC at A.P. Carlini, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
 Redford CC vs. A.A. Huron
 at Ann Arbor Ice Cube, 8 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
 Franklin vs. Stevenson
 at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
 Farm. United vs. Novi
 at Farm. Hills Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
 Churchill at Troy Unified, 7:30 p.m.
 Redford CC vs. Cranbrook
 at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
GIRLS VOLLEYBALL
Monday, Feb. 15
 Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Northville at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.
 Garden City at Allen Park, 7 p.m.
 Ypsilanti at Thurston, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 16
 Agape at Comerston, 4:30 p.m.
 Huron Valley vs. Franklin Road
 at Livonia St. Paul's, 6 p.m.
 Luth. Wild at R.D. Spivey, 7 p.m.
 Puy. Christian at Roper, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 17
 Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 W.L. Western at Farmington, 7 p.m.
 Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
 Redford Union at Fordson, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 18
 CHS at Madonna, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
 PCA at Oakland Christian, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Basil Park, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Luth. North, 7 p.m.
 Canton at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 19
 Agape at Greater Life, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 20
 Laywood Invitational, TBA.
 W.L.A. Tourney at Northville, 9 a.m.

Wion's buzzer-beater lifts C'ville

BASKETBALL

W.L.A. victory over visiting Livonia Franklin (0-15, 0-0).

The Hawks led by only two after one quarter, 12-11, but outscored the Patriots 22-6 in the second period and 17-2 in the third to take a commanding 52-18 lead.

Andrew Burt and Joe Hundley each scored 12 points to pace Livonia. Brian Nelson added seven, while Nick Hall contributed six points, seven rebounds and five steals (in the first half).

"We played well, as a team and as a unit," Harrison coach Mike Teschman said.

Franklin guard Derek Schema led all scorers with 19, including three triples. Twelve of his points came in the final quarter.

REDFORD CC 54, BROTHER RICE 81: Down 29-22 at the half Friday, Central Division champion Redford Catholic Central (12-4, 6-2) stormed back in the second half to best host Birmingham Brother Rice (4-11, 3-9).

CC outscored Rice 22-13 in the third period and 11-9 in the decisive final quarter.

CC ran a 1-2-2 half-court trap, forcing 17 Rice turnovers (28 percent of the Warriors' possessions).

Nick Moore and Dan Jess each scored 14 points for the victorious Shamrocks, who open the Catholic League playoffs Saturday against Southgate Aquinas at Schoolcraft College. (Pairings will be in Thursday's Observer.)

Matt Lortas added 12 points for CC. Dave Lusky and Anthony Tomey combined for 22 rebounds, 12 and 10, respectively.

Sophomore guard Hayes Groomes led Rice and all scorers with 27 points.

Leon McDonald contributed nine.

CHURCHILL 77, NORTHVILLE 73: Livonia Churchill (4-11, 4-3) earned its first Western Lakes Activities Association victory of the season Friday at the expense of the visiting Mustangs (5-9, 4-5).

Junior swingman John Barnett, who set the single-game Churchill scoring record Tuesday with 37 against Walled Lake Central, scored a team-high 18 points along with Ryan Vickers.

Avary Jessup and Justin Jakes each chipped in with nine points.

Brett Allen, a 6-foot-5 junior, led Northville and all scorers with 27. Ryan Ellen added 18 and Marshall Knapp chipped in with 15.

Churchill led by as many as 18 points in the third quarter before Northville put on a fourth-quarter upset with a 30-17 run.

The Mustangs had the game tied with just under a minute left before Churchill put it away with five straight free throws.

Churchill was 18 of 27 from the line, while Northville was 10 of 20.

"We tried to delay the game and take some time off the clock and we lost some momentum," Churchill coach Rick Austin said. "And their press gave us problems."

"But we came to play. Randall Bobbidge helped us defensively and Devin White did a good job running the point."

W.L. WESTERN 52, CANTON 51: It was there for the taking. Plymouth Canton's basketball team just couldn't grab it.

The Chiefs led by six with two minutes to go, but Walled Lake Western battled back, tying it on Jonero Dawood's three-pointer with 20 seconds left, then winning it on a Dawood free throw with 2.4 seconds to play, 52-51 Friday at Canton.

"It just makes me sick," said Canton coach Don Young, his team suffering its first loss in the Western Lakes Activities Association since its league opener against North Farmington. "We led the whole way, basically."

Except at the end, when it couldn't. The Chiefs' four-point halftime advantage (22-18) was trimmed to a single point (35-34) after three quarters. But they rebuilt it, threatening to hand the Warriors their second straight loss after 13 consecutive wins.

The key stretch came in those final 30 seconds, with Canton clinging to a three-point lead. Twice Western shot, and missed — but the Chiefs could not get the rebound. A loose ball was batted back to Dawood for a third three-point attempt, and this one he drilled to knot it.

Canton's Jimmy Reddy missed a go-ahead shot with five seconds left, and on the rebound Dan McLean fouled Dawood to set up the game-winning free throw. Dawood, who scored four of his seven points in the last 20 seconds, missed the first but hit the second.

"We had a chance to win it, and we let them back in the game," said Young, his team now 9-6 overall and 7-2 in the W.L.A. "You don't do that against a good, athletic, well-coached team. We played our tails off, but we couldn't close the door. And we could not get a rebound down the stretch."

"I'm proud of our effort. They're a very good team. We just couldn't get it done."

Joe Cortellini's 14 points led Canton. Mike Major and Jason Waldmann added 13 points apiece.

Western, 14-1 overall and 8-1 in the W.L.A., got 21 points from Ben Dewar and 18 from Jeff Mitchell.

Canton now must play Plymouth Salem Tuesday, while Western hosts W.L.A. leader North Farmington (8-0) on Tuesday.

Raiders from page D1

Hagood, a 6-foot-4 senior, was a force in the post, especially on putbacks, and scored 16 points to lead Glenn, which falls back to fifth place in the W.L.A. at 6-5 and slips to 8-6 overall.

"Ty Hagood is as fine a big player as I've ever coached," Glenn coach Mike Schuette said.

Junior Albert Jones added nine of his 14 points in the first half to spark the Rockets to a 23-20 halftime lead. Bill Foder added nine points.

After spotting North a 5-0 lead, Glenn started rolling and

went on a 15-2 run and led 15-9 after one quarter as Jones and Hagood scored six points each.

Deljosevic scored his team's last seven points of the half to keep North close after the Rockets had taken a 20-13 lead.

The momentum shifted in the third quarter to the Raiders, who used a 10-0 run (Medunjanin scored six of the points) to move in front, 32-26. But the Rockets answered with a 7-0 run to regain the lead by a point.

That was the last time Glenn was on top, however. Deljosevic

and Bridges combined to give North a 39-35 lead at the end of three.

"We were standing around (in the first half) and, to John Glenn's credit, they were making us," Negoshian said. "We played better in the second half. I don't think they played any less hard. We'd make a run and they'd make a run, and we were fortunate to be ahead at the end."

The Raiders were poised to pull away in the fourth quarter when Watha's three made it 46-38 with under six minutes

remaining.

But the Rockets cut the margin to a point twice. Ben Harris had a dunk to keep Glenn close, 46-47, but missed the free throw that would have tied it with 2:22 left.

After a series of missed shots and turnovers, Watha and Deljosevic made one free throw each in the final half minute to give North a three-point advantage.

Jones attempted a three at the end, and Watha grabbed the rebound after a miss.

"The kids really hung in there

down the stretch and played tough," Negoshian said. "There's no mystery here as far as Xs and Os. The kids stepped up and made plays. John Glenn made plays, too, and we were ahead at the end."

"They're a very good ballclub. If the game had lasted a little longer, they might have gotten us with another one of their spurts."

The Raiders were 9-of-15 from the floor in the third quarter and 22-of-47 for the game. The Rockets made 18 of 51 shots. North

made four of its 15 three-point attempts while Glenn sank three of nine. The Rockets were 8-of-16 at the free-throw line, and the Raiders made two of five from the charity stripe.

"I thought both teams played well," Schuette said. "We just didn't make free throws and we made some bad passes."

"That's the way it's been all season. We always play hard, but came up a point or two short. Our intensity on defense was real good. It was a game that could have gone either way."

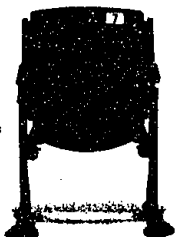


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