

Falcons drop 44-33 decision to Westland John Glenn

Westland John Glenn rallied from a slow first quarter start to cruise past Farmington 44-33 on the road Thursday.

The Falcons (1-12, 1-7) took a 7-5 lead after one frame. But John Glenn rolled to a six-point halftime lead behind Stephanie and Samantha Crews.

The Rockets (7-5, 4-3) extend-

ed their lead to 32-19 by the end of the third quarter. Stephanie Crews finished with 15 points and sister Samantha had eight.

For Farmington, Megan O'Rear led the way with 13 points. Stephanie Marx added seven points.

LADYWOOD 66, MERCY 47: A strong start and a fast fin-

ish Friday night helped make Livonia Ladywood's homecoming a success.

The Blazers (6-8) outscored the Marlins (6-9) by a 12-4 margin in the opening period and 26-11 in the last to raise their

Detroit Catholic League mark to 3-5. Farmington Hills Mercy is 2-6 in league play.

Sophomore forward Michelle Harakas scored nine of her game-best 21 points in the fourth quarter. Erin Hayden contributed 16 and freshman center Liz Obrecht frosh 13, on 9-for-12 free throw shooting, to go with 10 rebounds.

Mercy got 10 points from Alexis Dunn, all in the first half, and from Susie Rohle as well. Jessie Brennan added 9.

Obrecht re-entered the game with five minutes to go as Ladywood needed to re-establish control of the boards. Mercy cut the margin to four but Hayden knocked down a three-pointer to put Ladywood in command again.

The Blazers did a good job defending Brennan, with senior Howard Elena Sventekas and Melissa Harakas taking turns. Ladywood blocked 7 shots in the game.

HARRISON 41, NORTHVILLE 37: It's a special team that can play through injuries.

Farmington Hills showed its character in beating the Mustangs on the road Thursday. With starting point guard Ari Ault out indefinitely with knee problems, the Hawks responded by beating Northville and improving to 6-1 in the WLAA's Western Division.

Harrison took a narrow one-point lead into halftime then pushed that margin to four to start the final period. Kelly Tay-

lor played a strong game at guard with 11 points while juniors Emily Jackson and Cassie Jemison, also guards, combined for 16 points and five steals.

"We did a good job staying patient," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "But we were able to work through trouble without having our four-year starting point guard (Ault)."

Junior Janel Hasse led Northville with 11 points.

The win left Farmington Hills in a three-way tie for first in the conference with Canton and Salem.

STEVENSON 49, WL CENTRAL 44: The Spartans nursed home a 7-point lead by making their free throws and hawking the ball on defense.

Visiting Livonia Stevenson went out to a 14-7 lead and built up enough of a lead to withstand an 18-12 run by Walled Lake Central in the fourth quarter.

Sophomore Lindsay Guskic converted a three-point play after the Vikings pulled within two to keep the Spartans on top.

Stevenson made 20-of-29 free throws and the trio of Cheryl Fox, Stephanie Dulz and Guskic combined for 15 of the Spartans' 20 steals.

Guskic had nine points while Fox, Gulk and Katie King scored eight apiece for Stevenson (9-4), which is 4-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division.

Leah Douglas scored 16 points for Central, which is 3-4 in the Lakes Division. U-D-bound Michelle Bortz had 10 points.

The Vikings made 15-of-27

free throws.

CANTON 63, CHURCHILL 34: The host Chiefs decided this one early, taking a 13-1 lead in the first eight minutes on a half-dozen layups.

It was 27-8 at the half as Plymouth Canton (10-3) won for the sixth time in seven WLAA Western Division trips. Churchill (7-6) dropped to 3-4 in the division.

Janell Twietmeyer led the Chiefs with 15 points Thursday. Anne Morrell had 12, Elise Thornell 9 and Christina Kissel 8.

Lauren Ruprecht paced the Chargers with 13, Stacy Supanich had 11 and Kersten Conklin 7.

Canton made 5-of-13 free throws to 8-of-11 for Churchill.

WL WESTERN 45, FRANKLIN 38: A flat third quarter deflated the Patriots' chances of winning their second game of the season.

Host Livonia Churchill took a 20-16 lead into the locker room at halftime but was outscored, 15-7, in the third quarter and by four points in the fourth.

The Patriots (1-10) made seven turnovers in the first half and nine in the third quarter to remain winless in seven WLAA contests.

Tera Morrill had 14 points and 16 rebounds for Franklin while Andrea McMillian, just up from the junior varsity, scored nine.

Kim Schriever led Walled Lake Western (2-11) with 12 points and Heather Gibson added 11. The Warriors are 2-5 in the WLAA.

Franklin went to the line 25 times and made 15 free throws while Western made 4-of-12.



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the way. The entire second half was played with a running clock. Under Michigan High School Athletic Association rules, the clock remains going when a team trails by 35 points or more

in the second half. Gordon empathized with North Farmington after the game.

"They're a depleted team," he said. "That wasn't representa-

tive of what kind of team they have."

John Glenn totaled 425 yards of offense, including 363 on the ground. The Raiders had just 56 yards of offense.

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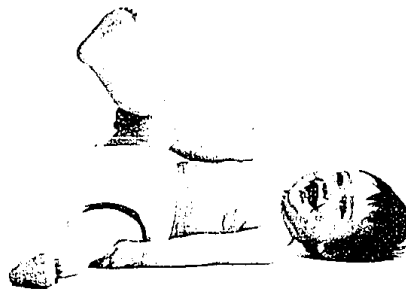
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