

# Buzzer-beater sends Hawks to defeat

BY RICHARD L. SHOOK

STAFF WRITER

The hurt of growing pains is directly proportional to which side of the game-winning shot your team is on.

Junior Anthony Harrell took the pain from Westland John Glenn by draining a three-point shot at the overtime buzzer Tuesday that gave the Rockets a 59-57 victory over Farmington.

"Our three guards executed to a 'T' what we wanted," Glenn coach Joel Lloyd said following the Western Lakes Activities Association opener.

The Rockets took possession on a turnover with 20 seconds to play, brought the ball up court and called timeout with nine seconds left in the overtime.

They got the ball in from the left side to Cedric Sims, and he wheeled it over to Harrell just to the right of the top of the key.

The wide-open Harrell squared, elevated and flicked a sweet, left-handed shot that nestled into the net as the buzzer sounded and the court exploded with joyous Rockets and John Glenn fans.

Sims did a nice back-clip near mid-court that should rate a 9.6 when Lloyd and his cohorts review the game tape. He gets a 2 deducted for nearly colliding with a referee.

## BASKETBALL

"I thought we executed very well in our offense," Lloyd said, "even though both teams had crucial turnovers."

The Hawks are growing up and the pains could be near an end.

They discovered a go-to post player in junior Dave Condeni, whose basket with 60 seconds to play tied the score at 53 and set the stage for overtime.

Condeni nearly muscled in the winning layup with a second to play in regulation, but it rimmed out due to being partially deflected.

"This was far and away Dave's best varsity game," coach Dave Turnquist of Harrison said. "He was our best post player in the spring and summer."

"It's just taken a little bit of time for him to get rid of his football legs."

"We're still a young team, but we're growing up in a hurry. We have to."

Harrell accounted for all of John Glenn's overtime points with a pair of three-pointers.

Condeni got Harrison (2-5, 0-1) started in overtime with a free throw with 2:42 left to break the 53-53 tie. LeDarius Brown's basket with 2:06 left made it 58-53. The Rockets (2-4, 1-0) missed a

couple of triples, but got the ball back with under a minute to play and Harrell drilled a three from the left baseline to tie the score and set up his game-winning heroics.

"He's a great shooter," Turnquist said of Harrell. "We know that. It was the kind of situation a high school kid dreams about. And he knocked it down."

"What a way to open up the conference season," Lloyd said. "It seemed like two overtimes."

The Hawks got double-figure scoring from four players. Condeni led with 13, Winston Coffee and Joe McElroy each had 11 and Matt Elsey scored 10.

Harrison started out scoring the first seven points of the game as John Glenn missed its first six shots. But then the Rockets made five in a row to take the lead, 13-12. It ended the first period ahead, 18-12.

Sims and Harrell, who scored 19 points, did a nice job of running Westland's offense against Farmington. Harrison's zone defense. The reversed the ball well and the Rockets did well shooting from the outside through most of the game.

"We stressed patience against their zone," Lloyd said. "We knew our passing was going to have to be solid and crisp. They fly around in that zone."

Glenn held a 31-24 lead at the half, largely through controlling

the boards and making good shots.

But the Hawks sealed off the Rockets' Mike Gore, who scored all eight of his points in the first half, in the second half and took him out of the game with fouls.

Sophomore Darnell Smith picked up the slack inside for John Glenn in the second half, scoring six of his 10 points in the third quarter.

Harrison shaved the lead to 42-39 after the third period and was ahead, 61-47, with 2:56 to play with Condeni doing some damage down low.

"We've got a good group of athletes," Turnquist said. "Our kids didn't hold anything back. We've come a long way as a team in a very short period of time."

Mike Frankie got John Glenn back within striking distance when he hit a triple from the baseline with 2:42 left and Harrell sink a three from the top of the key with 2:13 to play to give Westland a 63-61 lead.

Condeni's right-handed running hook in the lane tied the score with a minute to play.

The Hawks did a nice job with fast break opportunities while the Rockets passed the ball well and took good shots.

"The league is wide open this year, I think," Turnquist said. "John Glenn is a good young basketball team. I think we are, too."



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BRESLER

Try for two: Senior Mike Patterson attempts a layup in North Farmington's 59-57 win Tuesday.

## Raiders from page D1

"Unfortunately, we didn't play really well," Mantyla said. "We fouled jump shooters all night, we struggled with the rules of our press, we settled for perimeter shots instead of attacking the basket and we missed some big free throws."

"So we're going to need to play a lot better than this. Mott did a good job attacking our defense and giving us some things to work on."

Mantyla acknowledged the Raiders, with the game on the line, did play very well in the last three minutes, however.

North shot .478 from the floor, making 19 of 40 attempts, including four of 16 from three-point range. The Raiders were 17-of-31 shooting free throws, the Corsairs 19-of-34.

REDFORD CO. 68, US-BUSINESS 52: Catholic Central jumped out to an 18-9 first-quarter lead Tuesday and pulled away from University of Detroit-Juist.

"We played well early, jumped up and stayed there," CC coach Rick Coratti said. "We played fairly consistent. There was no real turning point. We played hard, didn't coast and just stayed up on them."

Ryan Celestey led the Shamrocks (2-0 Catholic League Central Division, 6-2 overall) with 21 points. Anthony Coratti had 16 and Mark Willoughby 11.

Steve Larkin added 10 rebounds and Coratti seven. Willoughby had eight assists. Joel Woods and Buddy Law had 11 points apiece for the Cubs (1-1 Central Division, 4-4 overall).

## Falcons from page D1

foul line, and he took it on the dribble to the basket, putting up a running one-hander in the lane.

A West Bloomfield player tried to block the shot, but Tillman had enough arc on the ball to get it over the opponent's hand into the basket as the buzzer was going.

"It was a little bit of justice for Curtis," coach Mikel said. With two seconds left in regulation play, Tillman made the first of two free throws to tie, 47-47, but missed the second that would have won it. "He had a second chance and made good with it."

Jon Merritt led the Lakers with 21 points; Warren Woodruff and Luke Pilar tossed in 10 each.

Farmington led 26-16 at halftime and 39-32 after three periods. But Pilar made three triples in the fourth as West Bloomfield outscored Farmington, 16-8, to force the game into overtime. It was still tied at 54 after one overtime.

In the final overtime, the Falcons were down two late when Tillman stole an

inbounds pass and made a layup that tied the game at 59.

Then, the Lakers made the turnover that led to Tillman's winning basket.

"(West Bloomfield) is one of the tougher teams on our schedule and to beat them at their place really says a lot for our kids and the effort they gave," Mikel said, adding the Lakers' only other losses were to Redford and Pontiac Central.

"I told the kids to go out and play them hard. We're probably going to see them again, because we have to go to that district."

Use this as a learning experience and a building block, so when we come back for the district you'll be a little more familiar with them and their gym, and our kids played great."

"The fact we knew we were the underdogs we might have played with a little less pressure on ourselves."

"We were fortunate to beat West Bloomfield twice last year, and I think they were looking for some revenge this year."

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 43, CLARENCEVILLE 41: Down 24-14 at halftime Tuesday, host Plymouth Christian Academy (1-3) stormed back with a 29-17 second-half run to beat Liverpool Clarenceville (3-2).

Guy Walton, a 6-3 sophomore forward, led the victorious Eagles with 21 points, 12 rebounds and six assists. He made seven of 12 free throws in the decisive fourth quarter to go along with one field goal.

Mark Erickson added six for Plymouth Christian, which outscored Clarenceville 15-10 in the final period.

Scott Wion, a senior center, led Clarenceville with 14 points. Junior forward Tim Shaw added 12. PCA made 14 of 30 free throws, Clarenceville four of 24.

"To be honest, I never like to say this, we have two big horses, Scott Wion and Tim Shaw, who combined for 22 of 24 points in the paint," Clarenceville coach Kevin Murphy said. "But in the second half the officials didn't allow them to play. They fouled Scott (Wion) out in third quarter. When he has 14 points in the first half, it's just unbelievable."

"I received a technical for a comment I thought was very fair, I said, 'One of the kids is going to get an arm broken if you don't start calling fouls.'"

"They (PCA) went up by point, and after that, it was just not the same. The kids played hard and almost pulled it out at the end."

## Win an island vacation!

—PLAY—

## Observer & Eccentric SCRAMBLR®

Play SCRAMBLR® each Thursday and mail us your entry by Tuesday of the following week.

You could win an all-expense-paid trip for two to the Caribbean and the beautiful Jack Tar Village-St. Kitts Resort and Casino!

It's easy. You must have at least 10 correct words circled in order to be eligible for our weekly first-place prize drawing for \$100 and our final Grand Prize drawing for a fabulous Caribbean vacation for two!

Travel Charter International is planning a dream vacation for the Grand Prize winner of SCRAMBLR®. It will include seven days and six nights at the Jack Tar Village-St. Kitts Resort and Casino with accommodations at the beautiful Allegro Resort Hotel that overlooks a private lake and lies on a narrow strip of land between two beaches.

Each week, second prize winners will receive two movie passes and third prize winners will be given a 60-minute phone card.

So, grab your pencil and mail us your entry or stop in one of our offices with your completed puzzle.

Then, get ready to win the vacation of a lifetime!

Send your entry to SCRAMBLR®.

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

I received today's newspaper by ☐ Home Delivery ☐ Newsstand

Observer & Eccentric

## SCRAMBLR®

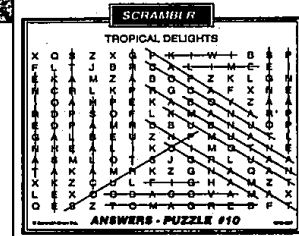
### AUTO TALK

S D A P E K A R B S L A B C  
D I Y J K M U R T X B X R Z  
I F S M V S K H B S B A X L  
S E M P F C G H O X N Z R M  
C A G T A I F R U K E F S  
S X Z U L R B E C B H Q U E  
C L B D A E K A N S C F E K  
P E A P R G S P A D M A L O  
X E Z S M E C W L F E B P P  
H Y L I O U D X V U R M S  
M J E P I P P J W M G S S X  
L A L T E R N A T O R S E J  
D I F F E R E N T I A L J B  
L K C O H S Y R E T T A B Z

THE FOLLOWING WORDS ARE HIDDEN IN THE PUZZLE. WORDS IN PARENTHESES DO NOT APPEAR IN PUZZLE.

- |                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. ALTERNATOR   | 12. HEADLIGHTS      |
| 2. AXLE         | 13. HUBCAPS         |
| 3. BATTERY      | 14. OIL             |
| 4. BRAKE PADS   | 15. PIPE            |
| 5. CRANK CASE   | 16. PUMP            |
| 6. DIFFERENTIAL | 17. SHOCK ABSORBERS |
| 7. DISCS        | 18. SPARK PLUGS     |
| 8. FENDERS      | 19. SPOKES          |
| 9. FUEL         | 20. TRUNK           |
| 10. FUSE        | 21. WASHER          |
| 11. GAUGE       |                     |

## PUZZLE #11



### Rules:

1. Clip the complete puzzle and include your name, address, and telephone number. Mail your entry to SCRAMBLR® in care of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150. Entries must be in an envelope marked on the lower left corner with the puzzle number. Envelopes that are not marked will not be accepted.
2. You must use the puzzle that appears in this newspaper or a reasonably accurate hand-drawn facsimile. It is not necessary to buy this newspaper in order to enter the contest. Copies of your Observer & Eccentric newspaper may be examined at one of our offices. Machine duplicated entry forms will NOT be accepted.
3. Contestants may submit as many entries as they wish but mail each in a separate envelope. Registered mail will not be accepted.
4. All entries must be received at our office by noon on Tuesday in the week following publication of SCRAMBLR®.
5. Each weekly winner will be determined by a random drawing from valid entries received by the Tuesday deadline above.
6. The weekly winner will be announced within 10 days after publication of each puzzle. Names of the winner and photos (when possible) will be appear in your hometown newspaper and prize money will be awarded in person or mailed within 10 days of the Tuesday deadline.
7. The decision of the judges will be final.
8. Employees of this newspaper and their immediate families are not eligible to win prizes in this contest.