

Rockets' Record 5-0

Glenn Cagers Blitz Thurston, 79-63

John Glenn is off to his best basketball start in school history. . . the undefeated Rockets romped over Thurston, 79-63, for their fifth win and stand 2-0 in Northwest Suburban play.

The best start Glenn had before this season was 20 wins before an early season loss.

With the score tied at 44 in the early moments against Thurston, John Lee hit on a 15 footer and Glenn was on top to stop. Rocket Kim Horton scored from half court in the first quarter and Glenn led, 16-11. Thurston outscored Glenn, 17-16, in the second stanza but the Rockets were up 32-28.

"We should have been ahead by more," said Glenn Coach, Gordon Davis. "We were getting the shots, they just weren't going in."

Glenn came back in the third quarter, outscoring Thurston 25-13, to enjoy a 57-41 advantage with Dave Carlington totaling 12 points in the quarter and the Rockets shooting 11 of 17 from the floor.

THE FINAL quarter saw each team pop in 22 points and Glenn maintained its 10 point lead.

Glenn outrebounded Thurston, 42-28 with Horton and Carlington collecting 12 and 11 respectively for the Rockets.

Steve Hunter led Thurston scorers with 18, followed by Mark Falvo with 13, and Mark Helenbart with 10.



FRANKLIN SAVE - Patriots goalie Dave Morrison goes sprawling on the ice to cover up a Southfield shot in Franklin's 4-3 win. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Falcons Upset Spartans, 66-64

Farmington stands at 2-2 in the basketball season, but as far as Coach Ray Boyle is concerned, it has been a perfect season.

The Falcons pulled a 66-64 upset win over highly rated Stevenson to remain undefeated in Inter-Lakes play with a 2-0 league record.

Stevenson stands at 1-1 in round out the Falcon attack. Kelly Smith paced the Spartan attack with 22 points followed by Dale Haberman with 17.

"Funny things happen on the basketball court," said Boyle. "We just happened to be ahead at the final buzzer."

Farmington bounced to a 19-16 first quarter lead but the Spartans came back in the second quarter to tie it at 37-37.

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STEVENSON went into a man to man setup and Farmington played a zone, and the Spartans came out ahead, 17-13 in the third quarter to hold a 54-50 lead.

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Ann Arbor Skates By Franklin In One-Sided 9-2 Hockey Clash

Ann Arbor Pioneer High Pucksters skated over Franklin, 9-2, and outshot the Patriots, 22-17.

"Ann Arbor is a fast and hard skating club," said Franklin Coach Ron Heller. "We outshot them but they just overpowered us; if we keep skating like we did against Ann Arbor we are going to surprise a few teams this year."

Madigan, but the tide changed with Ann Arbor scoring four goals to jump to a 4-1 first period lead.

Cumming scored again to open the second period on a pass from Brian Said. The Patriots came back with one in the second and four more in the third period to win, 9-2.

Plymouth Scores First Win

By FRED LELANO Basketball historians who were in attendance as Plymouth romped to an easy 84-41 victory over Edsel Ford Friday shook their heads in disbelief when the Thunderbolts went through the entire first quarter without scoring a point.

Rock Coach Dick Bearup admitted it was the first time he ever had seen a team blanketed throughout a quarter when it was trying to score, and old-timers in general agreed unanimously that for them, too, it was a "first."

Both dumped three buckets for Plymouth and the Rocks were off and winging to their first victory in four starts, to say nothing of being the first in their new gymnasium.

The Rocks led 38-18 at the half and 57-27 after three periods, Bearup then clearing his bench in the last quarter to give all 15 members of his varsity squad a chance to savor the triumph over a club which only the week before had knocked off highly regarded Bentley.

Bulldogs Knock Off Belleville

Trenton is sitting on top of the Suburban Eight with a 2-0 basketball record but Bentley Coach John Farrar doesn't think it will stay there.

"I don't think Trenton can remain in first," said Farrar. "There is going to be a lot of scrambling in the league and a lot of good teams getting knocked off, and I would have to say that the schedule favors Belleville."

Bentley enjoyed a 19-13 first quarter advantage. "We started off with a man-to-man press but changed to a standard combination defense," said Farrar. "It enabled us to run and we were in control the rest of the way."

Bentley popped in 21 the second quarter to only 13 by Belleville and the Bulldogs held a 40-28 halftime lead. Belleville outscored Bentley in the third quarter, 21-16, with Bulldog's Tim Bollin on the bench in foul trouble. Bentley held a 56-47 lead going into the final quarter and with two minutes remaining held a 64-60 lead.

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Six Area Athletes Win Awards
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Six members of Western Michigan University's cross country squad and 15 soccer players received varsity letters for their efforts in the 1971 fall seasons.
Sophomore Bill Morden, from Livonia Bentley, was one of the six letter winners in cross country.
The Western soccer squad was comprised of five members from Observant.