



Spartan Pucksters Down Blue Jays, 6-2

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Undefeated Stevenson skated to its fifth hockey win in a 6-2 romp over Southfield. Spartan captain Frank Geluso, scored the hat trick with two of his scores giving Stevenson a 2-0 lead in the first period.

John Restum, Brian Van Norman, and Kurt Geiger also scored in the Stevenson assault. Stevenson has outscored its opponents in the five games, 26-4.

Southfield's goals came in the third period with Marty Kehoe and Pete Nemish spoiling a Spartan bid for a shutout.

Stevenson goalie Dave Swierpel kicked out 14 shots while Blue Jay netminder Craig Souliere was bombarded with 31 shots, coming up with 25 saves.

SOUTHFIELD has failed to break into the win column and sits with an 0-8 record, but Blue Jay Coach Art Carinci sees an improvement in his team's style of play and is hopeful in the remaining half of the season.

Churchill scored its third win against two losses and one tie, in a 4-2 victory over Austin. Churchill's Chris Austin, 31-17, with Charger goalies Mike Merrill and Tom Hoger turning in brilliant performances.

The Chargers opened the first period with two quick goals with Bob Rion and Brad Berger scoring.

AUSTIN bounced back later in the period on scores by Steve Lindsey and Jim Gotfredson and the game was nipped at 2-2 going into the second period.

Churchill's Mark DeRoche took charge in the third period with two goals on assists by Dale McIntosh and Dick Saraceni.

Franklin dropped its fourth game in a close 3-2 battle with Lahser. The Patriots' outshot Lahser, 29-25, but couldn't get the puck past goalie John Rogowski.

FRANKLIN took the lead with only seven seconds elapsed with Doug Cumming scoring on a pass from Ken Karpeuk. Lahser tied the contest at 3:35 on a score by Dave Winkler.

Mark Allen scored for Franklin at 6:14 and the Patriots enjoyed a first period, 2-1 edge. Lahser scored twice in the second on goals by Winkler and Gary Thayer of hold at 3-2 edge with the final period ahead.

Franklin outshot Lahser in the third period, 8-7, but the Patriots couldn't turn the goal light on and fell to their fourth defeat.

Franklin stands 1-4 overall.

IN HOCKEY ACTION this week, Bentley goes against Franklin on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. with Churchill hosting Trenton at Ford at 8 p.m.

Thursday's action sees Stevenson traveling to Southfield for a 4 p.m. encounter. Stevenson pits play against Bentley Friday at 7 p.m. while Churchill plays Austin in the 9 p.m. contest at Ford Ice Rink.

STEVENSON-SOUTHFIELD
FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: Stevenson - Geluso (unassisted) 5:52; Stevenson - Geluso (Marzok) 11:35.

FRANKLIN
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Scoring: Franklin - Winkler (Karpeuk) 0:07; Lahser - Cumming (Thayer) 3:35; Franklin - Allen (Vella) 6:14.

CHURCHILL-AUSTIN
FIRST PERIOD
Scoring: Churchill - Rion (Bowen) 1:09; Churchill - Berger (Hamm) 3:34; Austin - Gotfredson (Keenan) 5:08; Austin - Lindsey (Hamm) 8:16.

FRANKLIN-LASHER
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Scoring: Churchill - DeRoche (Saraceni) 4:50; Churchill - DeRoche (McIntosh) 12:14.

STEVENSON-SOUTHFIELD
SECOND PERIOD
Scoring: Stevenson - VanNorman (Hillman) 10:13.

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PILE-UP ALONG THE BOARDS -- Stevenson's Bryan Agabashian and Bob McIvrie hit the boards with Southfield's John Sallows. The Spartan skaters romped to a 6-2 win over the Blue Jays. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Lutheran East Halts Yellowjacket Streak

A 25-game winning streak ended at Country Day. The Yellowjackets cagers won 25 consecutive regular season basketball games before meeting Lutheran East, and it took an overtime period, but Country Day fell, 64-63.

The Yellowjackets outscored Lutheran East in the fourth quarter, 16-8, and the score was noted at 60-60 at the end of regulation play, forcing a three-minute overtime.

There was no scoring until the 2:41 mark of the overtime period. With 16 seconds remaining, Todd Rihl hit on a three point play and Country Day was up, 63-60.

Lutheran East came back with a quick basket, but with nine seconds remaining, "Everybody replayed the game 1,000 times over again."

COUNTRY DAY went up 16-13 in the first quarter but was outscored in the second quarter and trailed at the half, 30-27.

"Lutheran East outscored us, 8-0, in the last minute of the half," said Hannett.

Lutheran East spurred to a 52-44 third quarter lead as the Yellowjackets were forced into turnover after turnover.

SCOTT FREEBAIRN was fouled for Country Day but missed on two from the line. The second shot rebound came out long, and Lutheran East's Denny Lockhart grab the ball ... took three dribbles ... let go with a 41-foot shot, and the final buzzer sounded.

"It was unbelievable," said Yellowjacket Coach John Hannett. "The ball swished through the hoop and we lost by one point."

"I just couldn't believe it! After the game I went out on the court and measured the distance of that last shot and it was 41 feet!"

"I don't think anybody on the squad went to sleep that night," added Hannett.

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Prep Schedule

BASKETBALL		TUESDAY	
St. Agatha at St. Andrew	Bishop Borgess at Pontiac Central	Stevenson at Franklin	Dearborn at Bentley
Redford Union at Ballville	Clarenceville at South Lyon	Harrison at Andover	Plymouth at Allen Park
Southfield at B. Groves	Clawson at Country Day	FRIDAY	
Oak Park at John Glenn	B. Groves at Franklin	Thurston at North Farmington	St. Mark at St. Agatha
Sacred Heart at Bishop Borgess	W. L. Western at Churchill	Bentley at Trenton	Waterford at St. Clair
Waterford at St. Lathrop	Stevenson at W. L. Central	Brother Rice at DeLaSalle	Hazel Park at Southfield
GC West at Redford Union	Harrison at Cranbrook	Clarenceville at Andover	Lutheran West at GC East
Farmington at Pontiac N.	HOCKEY		SUNDAY
Cranbrook at Country Day, 1 p.m.	WEDNESDAY		Bentley vs Franklin at Ford, 3:30 p.m.
Churchill vs Trenton at Ford, 8 p.m.	THURSDAY		Stevenson at Southfield, 4 p.m.
Bentley vs Stevenson at Ford, 7 p.m.	FRIDAY		Churchill vs Austin at Ford, 9 p.m.
WRESTLING	SATURDAY		Schoolcraft International
Thurston at Churchill	ANAPOLIS at GC East		THURSDAY
Franklin at B. Groves	FORDON at GC West		FRIDAY
Clarenceville at Millford	FRIDAY		Stevenson at Waterford

Falcons Score Overtime Win

Farmington scored its fourth basketball win in a 67-66 overtime win against rival North Farmington. Falcon Dan Lekovich scored four points in the final minutes of the overtime period to give Farmington a one-point victory.

Farmington stands 4-5 overall while the Raiders from North sit on a 2-7 record.

The two Farmington schools battled to a 12-12 first quarter score with Dave Ellsworth hitting for eight points in the Raider attack.

Farmington exploded for 23 points in the second quarter with Lekovich totaling 12. Lekovich led all scorers with 28 points, and the Falcons took a 35-28 halftime lead. Farmington led at the end of three quarters, 52-45, but North hit back with Louie Doot hitting on a short jumper in the final seconds to tie the game at the end of regulation play, 61-61.

Jim Parker put North in front, 63-61, on two free-throws to open the three-minute overtime. Dennis Hagen hit a field goal for Farmington and the score was tied, 63-63.

SHAWN MCCRUM put North back in the lead on a two-pointer, but Lekovich hit on two straight buckets, and the Falcons were up, 67-65, with one minute remaining. McCrum was fouled for North Farmington and hit on one of two from the line and the Raiders trailed 67-66.

With 34 seconds left on the clock, Farmington's Jeff Baker failed on a one-and-one situation, and North Farmington had the ball. The Raiders worked for a good shot but 6-3 junior forward Bill Marra deflected a Jim Fredericks shot wide of the mark and Farmington was on top, 67-66.

Hagan and Joe Montgomery joined Lekovich in the double figure scoring for Farmington with 10 points each.

North had five players in double figures with Fredericks leading with 16 total. Ellsworth and Parker collected 14. McCrum added 12 and Doot picked up 10.

"It was an exciting finish with us (Farmington) being ahead at the final buzzer," said Falcon Coach Ray Boyle.

Farmington travels to Pontiac Northern Friday while North hosts Thurston in a Northwest Suburban clash.

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"The kids really had it together on the fast break set-up," said Clarenceville Coach Ralph Waddell. "I have never seen them work so well together as a team."



GUARDED CLOSE -- Trojan Jim Hoyer (12) is closely watched by Brighton's Jim Wood. Hoyer scored 20 in Clarenceville's 89-57 win over Brighton. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

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