

Whips Thurston, 86-64

Franklin Roars Into Cage Regionals

Breaking loose from a 55-5 tie with 17 seconds remaining in the third period, Franklin went on a scoring spree that netted 18 consecutive points and whipped Thurston, 86-64 in the district tourney finals on the Franklin court.

It was one of the most amazing offensive displays of the tournament and found the Patriots collecting 29 points in the final eight minutes.

Up to that time it was a wild contest with the score knotted no less than eight times and the lead changing hands on 16 occasions.

The tournament triumph, first for Franklin in history, sends the Patriots against Detroit Wilbur Wright in the opening round of the regional tourney Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Franklin.

The second game will match the winner of the Walled Lake district against

the winner of the Churchill meet at 8:30 p.m.

Kevin Kaseta, lanky Franklin junior center, paced the victory with 37 points on 14 field goals and nine of 13 free throws for a 73.7 percent record. It shattered the former mark of 36 held jointly by Kaseta and Tim Dietz.

Kevin had 11 in the first quarter, six each in the second and third and 14 in the final frame. He collected 12 in a row during a three-minute span in the fourth quarter on three field goals and six of six foul shots. It was his prolific scoring that enabled the Patriots to open up the tremendous lead.

Franklin, which whipped Thurston twice during the regular season, opened itself with a real battle this time. The Eagles came out to play basketball and that they did for three periods.

The Patriots held a 21-20 edge at the end of the first

quarter, thanks to Kaseta's 11 points. It was a two pointer by Jeff Waterstone in the final 15 seconds that put Franklin ahead.

Thurston fought like Tigers through the first quarter as the Patriots in the second frame and had the lead three times before dropping back, 37-34 at the intermission.

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it was a seesaw struggle through the third quarter with the teams exchanging the lead seven times and Franklin finally emerging with a 57-55 edge.

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moved in front, 71-55. Kaseta had his string of 12 points and total of 14 in three minute span.

Steve Hunter (16) and Johnny Stein (15) and Kevin Knapp (14) were the big gunners for Thurston. Back of Kaseta in Franklin scoring came Jamie Knapp with 17 and Jim Fischer with 12.

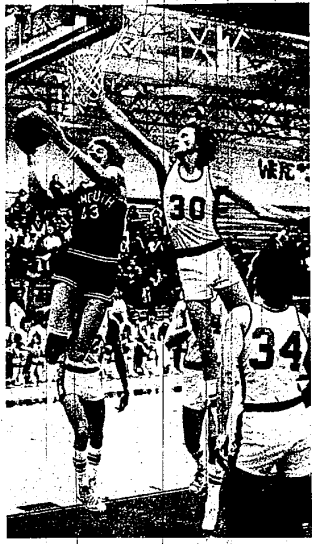
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HIGH IN THE AIR lies Plymouth's Ron Eloff (43) to score despite the frantic efforts of Stevenson's Greg Eardley (30) to block the shot. Plymouth whipped the Spartans, 69-57. (Photo by Dave Atwater)

Churchill Victory Over RU Sets Up Charger-Rock Final

It will be the host Churchill Chargers vs. Plymouth for the championship of the district basketball tournament at Churchill tonight (Saturday).

The Chargers set up this neighborhood match by knocking off Redford Union in Thursday's semi-finals, 64-52, as they led from the opening tip to the end.

Phil Damaska led the Churchill attack with 22 points, aided materially by 19 from Brian Braun and 12 by Phil Skender.

Refusing to be intimidated by RU's musclemen, Churchill's Western Six champions excelled on the boards through the play of Braun and Mark Reed. After leading 30-26 at halftime, they built their lead to 17 points after three minutes of the fourth period.

The game was five minutes old before RU could notch its first point and the Panthers already were behind by nine when they did.

Cory Foltz was the standout in RU's catch-up tactics and he did all that was asked by caging 20 points. However, he was the only Panther in

double figures. RU finished the season 17-4.

Churchill now stands 17-5 for the season, while Plymouth is 18-5. In the Christmas tournament on the same court, Plymouth beat the Chargers, 61-58.

Game time Saturday will be 7:30 p.m. at the Churchill gym on Newburgh Rd. between Myrtle and Ann Arbor Trail.

55, the Spartans could not match Plymouth's in the waning minutes Wednesday. The Rocks finished atop, 69-57.

The Rocks had stormed to a 20-12 first quarter lead, but the Spartans controlled the boards so completely in the second quarter that Plymouth's half-time margin was only 32-31.

Dale Haberman, Greg Eardley and Tom Centes played key roles in Stevenson's comeback and Haberman was the game's leading scorer with 19 points. Steve Robb paced Plymouth with 18.

Stevenson wound up with a 36-26 rebounding advantage but the Spartans could not match Plymouth's sizzling shooting from the floor which netted eight baskets out of 12 shots in the final period.

The defeat gave Stevenson a 12-9 record for the year, while Plymouth will take a 15-3 mark into tonight's championship match.

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IN THE POCKET
By W.W. EDGAR

One of the keenest battles in years is being waged along the metropolitan Detroit bowling front to determine the top average winner.

According to the latest averages taken in the two qualifying leagues - The All Star Classic and the Michigan Open Classic - three sharpshooters are tied for the lead with averages of 203.

Among this trio is Fred Vitali, who does a lot of his bowling at Westland Bowl and is one of the new members of this year's Stroh team. Tied with him are Mike Toksy, a former "King," and Bill Spargo, a veteran of the top leagues.

Vitali is leading the All-Star at the moment with a 205 average and a 201 in the Open. Toksy is second in the All-Star with 202 and has a 204 in the Open. Spargo has 201 in the All-Star and 205 in the Open.

These gives each of the trio a "mean" average - is based on which the winner is judged - of 203. Their closest rivals

are John Buggerio, former Stroh captain, and Bob Hart.

The Jac-Ro team that includes Elvira Toepfer and Anita Cantaline, two well known bowlers in observation, reached the top of the national honor roll this week when it posted a 3,107 series in the Bowlerettes League at Motor/Lanes.

With Elvira showing the way with a 725 series on games of 233, 244 and 229, the team had totals of 1014, 1031 and 1062.

The 3,107 is a new high for the city this season and is the first registered nationally. The 1062 game also is a new high, but it had to be shared with the Rolfe Barrett team that also posted a 1062. While all this was writing a new page in league history, Jerry Ritter posted a 279 for a new high single for the year.

Tim Fischer's field goal midway through the overtime period sparked Franklin to victory over a scrappy Cody team which refused to admit defeat.

The Patriots tallied six points in the extra stanza but it was Fischer's two pointer that was the winning margin. Jeff Waterstone and Kevin Kaseta each hit on two free throws to account for the six points.

As it was, Franklin had to come from behind in the closing minutes of regulation time to knot the count, 58-58, as the gun sounded.

Fischer and Jamie Knapp were the big gunners for Franklin in the come-from-behind fourth quarter. The former had six points and the latter four as the Patriots came a five point deficit to win.

Continuing the hot shooting that has marked their play in the tournament, Thurston's Eagles practically eliminated Redford with a 24 point outburst in the second quarter.

The Eagles held a 13-10 edge after a period and then bolted to a 37-25 halftime margin.

Redford had a 15-11 scoring lead in the third frame as Mark Bidgere tossed in four from the floor for eight points.

Then, with their lead threatened, the Eagles hit another hot streak and collected 19 in the finale for the easy victory.

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Tourney Box Scores

CHURCHILL (50)	FG	FT	TP	Reed	Begler	Bollin	Bowler	Skender	Chambers	Johnson
Reed	4	6	0	18	12	12	12	12	12	12
Begler	4	6	0	18	12	12	12	12	12	12
Bollin	4	6	0	18	12	12	12	12	12	12
Bowler	4	6	0	18	12	12	12	12	12	12
Skender	4	6	0	18	12	12	12	12	12	12
Chambers	4	6	0	18	12	12	12	12	12	12
Johnson	4	6	0	18	12	12	12	12	12	12

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Tournament Results

AT FRANKLIN HIGH
Franklin 69, Oakwood 64
Franklin 69, Southfield 51
Franklin 64, Cody 62
Franklin 69, Redford 49
Championship: Franklin 69, Oakwood 64

AT CHURCHILL HIGH
Churchill 59, Bentley 44
Churchill 59, Stevenson 57
Churchill 64, Redford Union 52
Championship: Plymouth vs. Churchill, 7:30 p.m. Saturday

AT BELLEVILLE HIGH
Belleville 70, Cherry Hill 64
John Glenn 40, Garden City East 36
Belleville 72, Wayne 73
John Glenn 74, Garden City West 61
Championship: Belleville vs. John Glenn, 2 p.m. Saturday

AT SEASIDE HIGH
Seaside 65, Birmingham 58
Brother Rice 84, Birmingham Green 63
Brother Rice 70, St. Labare 52
Championship: Bentley vs. Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m. Saturday

AT SOUTHWEST HIGH
Northville 66, Riverdale 55
Northville 61, Brighton 44
Riverdale 74, Clawsonville 64
Championship: Northville vs. Riverdale, 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Baseball Clinic Booked At RU

Fundamentals of baseball will be emphasized in a free clinic for Observeland coaches, managers and officials at 7 p.m. Monday, March 12 in the Redford Union High gym.

Coach Ron Oestrike of Eastern Michigan University will be the principal speaker. The program is under the direction of Coach Bob Atkins of RU.

COODY (62)

G	F	P	
10	0	20	
Shanahan	7	0	14
J. Tolbert	3	1	7
Miscovich	2	0	4
Todd	1	0	2
Jackson	2	4	8

Totals 28 6-10 62

FRANKLIN (64)

G	F	P	
2	4	6	
Waterstone	2	4	6
Burke	6	10	15
Kaseta	8	4	16
Fischer	4	4	16
Knapp	1	2	4
Caldwell	1	2	4

Totals 24 16-26 64

DET. REDFORD (49)

G	F	P	
9	2	20	
Clawson	2	1	5
Dan	2	1	5
Flores	2	1	5
Kinzbrough	2	0	4
Tucker	2	0	2
Stark	1	0	2
Jeter	1	0	2
Totals	12	1	49

THURSTON (67)

G	F	P	
7	1	15	
Beattie	2	2	6
Stein	3	4	10
Knapp	6	4	16
Falvo	6	4	16
Ray	2	2	4
Birch	0	0	0

Totals 25 17-23 67

By periods: Redford 10 12 15 12 49
Thurston 13 24 11 19 67

JOHN GLENN (74)

G	F	TP	
6	2	14	
Kalauer	6	2	14
Kalauer	2	2	6
McBride	2	0	4
Callaghan	2	0	3
Johnson	2	0	4

Totals 23 16-19 74

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