

KEITH BLAZAITIS (53) of Livonia Franklin gets ready to pump in a second period jumper en foute to his team's 69-59 victory over North Farmington, which kept Franklin in first place in the Northwest Suburban eague. Too late to block.tipe shot is North's Mike Daley (24). Observer

### It's West vs. Riverside in Tri-River showdown

The Tri River League has ping Southgate, 88-36, as Riverside the showdown stage ping Southgate, 88-36, as Riverside the showdown stage part of the throne by whipperside was disposing of the care and all of the blue chips will be on the table Priday night when Garden City West invades Dearborn Heights Riverside.

The two teams go into the final game of the regular schedule tied for first place with 11-2 loop records and to take the tittle West must reverse an earlier 73-61 loos to Riverside. For the season West is 14-5 and Riverside H4.

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Victory over North Farmington

puts Franklin one step from title

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## Hawk swimmers defeat Thurston,

## This 'n That in sports

Jim Bierwirth, a graduate of Farmington Harrison, has won a regular spot on the Michigan State feneing team. Jim is a sophomore and majors in political science. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Bierwirth, 25095 Lyncastle Lane.

Dale Haberman, standout star of Livonia Stevenson's basketball varsity last year, is doing well as a member of the Western Michigan junior varsity even though only a freshman.

In nine games, Dale is sec-ond in scoring with an 11.0 average and is third in re-bounding, grabbing seven per game. Southle Wyandor He recently collected 24 Lathrip

points against Southwest Michigan College for his high for the year.

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Jim Dwyer, 6-1 forward from Farmington, is Saginaw Valley College's leading basketball scorer with an aver-

Suburban prep hockey

> **OFFICIAL** STANDINGS

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Stevenson scatter must be a seen as a sevenson outscored Lathrup 8 to 5 on the strength of DiRusso's trio of late-game scores. Brian Van Norman and Steve Hillman each added a pair of goals for the winners, while Trudeau scored twice for Lathrup.

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Stevenson takes on second place Franklin Friday night at Ford Ice Rink.



THERE WAS NEARLY a, full house in Plymouth Salem's 3,000 seat gas the Rocks locked up their Suburban Eight cage title Friday with a win over Dearborn. However, the matter-of-fact attitude of spectators served only to express the feeling that "it never was in doub," despite trailing after the first quarter. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring).