

Prep cagers gear up for season

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Northern turned the trick in the state quarterfinals, and Catholic-League foe Regina bested the Marlins during the regular season.
This season Mercy will host a tournament, the Mercy Hoops Classic. Varsity competition begins Sept. 17, a Thursday, with a game between Walled Lake Central and Redford Union at 6 p.m. Mercy will play Utica Eisenhower at 7:30 p.m.
On the following Saturday, Sept. 19, the losers play in a consolation final at 6:30 p.m. The winners will play at 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON HIGH, which came on strong in the tournament following a mediocre regular season last year, should be better than average this season with 6-3 Stacy Green leading the way.
Green, one of seven seniors back from last year's 11-11 team, "running around hard over the summer," according to Farmington coach Bob Lekovich. Two other mainstays will be the 5-9 Borchanian sisters, seniors Linda and Lisa.

Other Farmington experienced seniors include Sue Bergerson (5-9) and Chris Looser (5-11), Cathy Crane (5-6) and Jill Yavko (5-3).
Sophomore Mary Ann Kuhnlein (5-8) and junior Linda Harbrick (5-9) should see plenty of court time.
"I'm looking forward to the season," Lekovich said. "My hopes are high and the players' attitudes match."
"We're looking for a good fast-breaking team because of our rebounding strength. With our big front line (Bergerson, Green and Looser) we should have a tough inside game."
Farmington and Mercy played each other in the finals of the Northville district last season. Although it trailed by as many as eight points for much of the game, Farmington won the game with two clutch free throws after the final buzzer.
This season both coaches are looking forward to a re-match in the tournaments.

SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP coach Bob Harding feels he has the horses to improve on last year's uncharacteristic 5-16 record.
Lisa Harding, the coach's daughter, is a 5-11 forward who led the team in scoring last year with 18.6 points per game. Hopefully, Vickie Mays, a 5-9 senior forward, will have "the outside capability we didn't have last year" in the coach's words.
Other returnees include seniors Lori Curcio (5-7) and Amy Silar (5-5). Juniors Sandy Neiderman (5-11) and Colleen Betts (5-9) have been looking good, according to Harding.
"We hope Southfield-Lathrup will be back in its old mold," said Harding, referring to the school's winning basketball tradition.
"We're looking at the opposition and thinking we can go a long way. We have a hustling team with height, strength and speed."
Lathrup is a member of the Metro Suburban Activities Association along with Lahser, Rochester Adams, Troy Athens, Birmingham Groves and Royal Oak Dendlers.
THE ADAMS TEAM, with three starters back, looks strong this year under coach Dan Hickey.
Kim Booth, a 5-6 senior guard, is "an extremely talented offensive player," according to Hickey. And senior Cynthia Curtiss (5-9) is "an intense competitor and it rubs off on the rest of us," the coach said.
Seniors Mary Stenroos (5-7) and Andrea Roberts (5-5) and junior Judy Mourant (5-9) are the other Adams starters.
"I think we can be very competitive if we can overcome our lack of height," Hickey said. "We're very small — 5-9 is our tallest. We're going to try to break a little more and be very aggressive on defense."
Last season, Adams compiled a 14-9 overall record and finished second to Lahser in the MSAA. Adams' season ended when it lost to Utica Eisenhower in the district finals.

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Title IX gets boost from area

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Fleet, Bloomfield Hills A.D. Norm Quinn and Birmingham A.D. Carl Lemle.
"There are hundreds of reports of violations that the government has not even looked at yet," said Shari Kharash, AIAW public relations director.
"We see no need to revise Title IX."
"This is a tremendous backwards step," said PEER executive director Liz Giese.
PEER recently ruffled off a telegram to President Reagan stating: "In your effort to unburden the country of excessive federal regulations, you have overlooked an important campaign promise. While you stood against ERA, you pledged support for equal rights. Instead you are cutting away at the few equal-rights laws we now have."
"I don't personally favor changes in Title IX," said Coe. "I gave no choice to those districts that weren't doing enough. You have to have legislation to see that it's (equality) accomplished. It's not going to happen automatically."
Locally, Title IX enhanced already-progressing athletic programs.
"Historically, we've provided interscholastic athletics for girls," said Quinn, whose district was praised by PEER its advancement of girls' athletics. "But 15 years ago, you couldn't find anyone to play. Due to Title IX, we finally have some competition."
"We had girls' athletics on the drawing board the same time Title IX came about," said Lemle. "We now spend 55 percent of the athletic budget on boys and 45 percent on girls, up from 70-30."
Coe said that in West Bloomfield, junior varsity programs for girls were added after Title IX.
"At OCC, we organized a woman's task force as soon as Title IX came in," said Ryan, "and for the past five years have had equal programs for men and women."
Van Fleet said intercollegiate athletics began at OU in 1965 for both men and women. "So we've been poor together for awhile," he said.
MUCH OF THE VERBAL wrestling over Title IX stems from its wording. The law does not state that equal numbers of dollars must be spent on women's and men's athletics, but it is often interpreted that way — especially by schools with self-sufficient football programs.
"Title IX says that women must have the opportunity for equal programs," said Van Fleet. "That can be measured by intent, thrust and results, or by actual dollars expended."
"The University of Michigan and Michigan State University have grave concerns about equal dollars," he added. "Their question is why, when there are no federal monies involved in those programs, should they be required to spend equal amounts of earned revenue dollars in other women's or men's programs?"
"The thing is, all sports are revenue sports," said Van Fleet. "It's just a matter of accounting. They still bring students in who pay tuition and help keep the university alive."

OU kickers roll

Oakland University, with junior forward Chris Poe leading the way, won its own Pioneer Classic soccer tournament with a 3-0 win over the University of Waterloo (Ontario) in the finals Saturday.
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