Mercy girls advance with win over Central

By TOM BAER

The fans who have followed the girls' basketball teams through the state Class A regional at Farmington High have come to expect big scoring nights from Our Lady of Mercy's Katie McNamara.

And McNamara, a 5-foot-8 senior center, certainly didn't let them down in the regional finals last Friday.

She poured in a game-high 26 points on 12 field goals and two of seven free throws to pace Mercy's 57-42 victory over a scrappy Walled Lake Central team.

Coach Larry Baker's Mercy squad — now 22-0 with Catholic League, district and regional titles to its credit — advances to the Class A quarterfinal at Hazel Park High School. Mercy will play either Livonia Bentley or Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

For Central, which shares the Inter Lakes League title with Livonia Stevenson, the loss meant the end of the season at 20-4 overall.

But coach Ken Butler's Central crew didn't go down easily. The Vikings were never really out of the game until midway through the last quarter, when Mercy opened up it seven-point lead.

Down by 12 (22-10) after the first quarter, Central came back to ourpoint Mercy in the second quarter (18-15) and the third (8-6). Central pulled to within three points (37-34) early in the third.

"I KNEW Central would put up a good fight," Baker said. "But we never let them catch us. We never let them get the lead. That's the key thing — we always kept the lead."

Baker had to find a way to contain Central's hot-shooting Patti Limb, who scored all of her team-high 16 points in the first three quarters. He solved the problem by having senior Sue Brown guard Limb.

Forward Diane Dietz, who at 5-8 makes Mercy one of the tallest teams around, followed McNamara with 10 boints. Dietz also grabbed 20 rebounds to help Mercy control the boards.

Both teams used a man-to-man defense, and Baker had nothing but praise for Central's defense.

"We couldn't make the passes that we've become accostomed to making," he said. "We were anticipating the openings being there, and they just weren't."

Earlier, Mercy earned a place in the regional finals by besting Bloomfield Hills Andover, 68-47. McNamara led Mercy with 24 points, eight rebounds, and four steals. Brown, a 5-6 guard, added 14 points and came up with three steals.

Central made the finals by beating Southfield High, 64-56.

Because of the inclement weather last week, most boys' high school basketball games were cancelled. Farmington's public address announcer made the most of the situation, beginning his presentation, "Welcome to the only game in town . . ."

MERCY 57 — CENTRAL 42

OUR LADY OF MERCY (57) — Diane Dietz 4, 2-2, 10, Deanne Banfield 3, 0-0, 6, Katie McNamara 12, 2-7, 26; Sue Brown 1, 5-7, 7, Lynn Yadach 2, 0-0, 4, Gretchen Larges 1, 2-3, 4, Carol Burns 0, 0-0, 0 TOTALS: 23, 11-19, 57.
WALLED LAKE CENTRAL (42) — Krista Graham 5, 0-0, 10; Patti Limb 7, 2-3, 16, Julie Kunze 1, 0-0, 2; Karen Ausmus 2, 3-7, 7, Kelly Kuzera 1, 1-4, 3, Erin Allard 0, 0-0, 0, Dawn McLaughlin 2, 0-0, 4 TOTALS: 18, 6-14, 42.
TOTAL FOULS — Mercy 17, Central 17. FOULED OUT: McNamara (FOLM), Yadach (FOLM).

MERCY	22	15	6	14	— 57
CENTRAL	10	18	8	6	— 42

MERCY 68—ANDOVER 47

Mercy (68): Deanne Banfield 2, 3-5, 7, Suzanne Brown 7, 0-0, 14, Carol Burns 1, 0-0, 2, Agatha Conti 0, 0-0, 0; Diane Dietz 5, 1-1, 11, Anne Haubold 0, 0-0, 0; Gretchen Larges 0, 0-0, 0; Katie McNamara 12, 0-0, 24; Nancy Malone 0, 0-0, 0, Patricia Schneider 0, 0-0, 0; Denise Sievert 0, 0-0, 0, Kathy Soditch 0, 0-0, 0; Kelley Walsh 1, 0-0, 2, Lynn Yadach 2, 2-2, 6, Laura Zwiller 1, 6-9, 68

Andover (47): Lisa Zodtner 4, 0-0, 8; Lynn Weeldryer 0, 0-0, 0, Cindy Blood 1, 0-0, 2; Kathy Blood 1, 0-1, 2, Jan Boman 5, 4-6, 14, Peggy Bortfeld 3, 2-5, 8; Jean Buford 0, 0-0, 0, Barb Cook 2, 1-2, 5; Sue McDowell 1, 0-0, 2, Lauren Marakas 2, 2-2, 6; Lisa Mertz 0, 0-0, 0, Beth Olson 0, 0-0, 0; Jenny Perles 0, 0-1, 0; Leslie Seraydarian 0, 0-0, 0, Lois VanHouten 0, 0-0, 0

Totals: 19, 9-17, 47
Total Fouls: Mercy 18, Andover 8
Fouled Out: Lynn Yadach (M)

Mercy	14	23	21	10	—68
Andover	14	11	5	17	—47

Mercy's Deanne Banfield looks for a shot against Andover. (Photo by Cynthia Abbat)

Lathrup survives

By TOM BAER

Southfield-Lathrup girls' basketball coach Chuck Daniel watched Warren Tower used a fourth-quarter stall to win a regional game last Wednesday.

Last Friday, it was his team's turn to meet host Tower in the regional finals — and Daniel made sure his girls were ready for that stalling tactic.

"Tower likes to use that stall, and we were waiting for it," said Daniel, whose Chargers came from behind to topple Tower, 42-39, and advance to the Hazel Park High quarterfinal next Wednesday. "We stole the ball twice on them when they were stalling, and that made the difference."

Tower led by four (24-20) at halftime, but Lathrup came back to lead, 32-29, after three quarters. The game was close throughout the final quarter and wasn't won until 5-foot-10 sophomore Missy Thomas hit a 15-foot jump shot with just 39 seconds left to play.

Selene Toliver led Lathrup with 16 points, 10 coming in the second half, and grabbed 12 rebounds. Sue Owens followed with nine points. Lora Kwapik led Tower with 10 points.

Lathrup reached the regional finals by crushing Warren Cousino, 44-21, last Wednesday.

Lathrup didn't waste any time showing it was the stronger team, posting a 14-1 lead after the first quarter. Owens and Karen Winston each scored 12 points for Lathrup, which didn't have a single free throw opportunity in the game.

Tower, using a stall, nipped East Detroit, 39-37, in the other regional game last Wednesday.

In the Hazel Park quarterfinal, Lathrup will play either Detroit Cass Tech or Detroit Mumford on Wednesday (Dec. 14) at 8:30 p.m.

LATHRUP 42 — TOWER 39

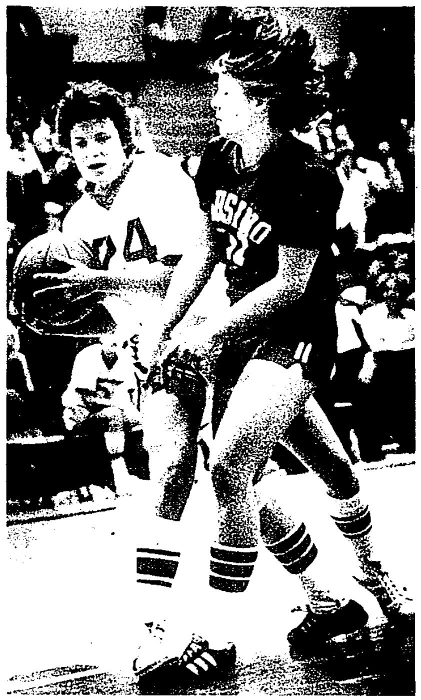
SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP 42) — Chris Thomas 1, 0-0, 2; Sue Owens 4, 1-4, 9; Molly Moore 3, 1-5, 7, Karen Winston 2, 1-2, 5; Seene Tliver 8, -1, 16; Missy Thomas 1, 1-2, 3. TOTALS: 19, 4-14 42.
WARREN-TOWER 39) — Elaine Scianimanico 3, 2-5, 8; ora Kwapik 5, -1, 10; Carol Lantagne 2, 3-5, 7; Kim Diederich 3, 0-1, 6; Sue Walker 1, 0-0, 2; Patricia Burness 2, 2-2, 6. TOTALS: 16, 7-14, 39.
TOTAL FOULS — Lathrup 14, Tower 14. FOULED OUT: Toliver (SL).

LATHRUP	8	12	12	10	— 42
	12	12	5	10	— 39

LATHRUP 44 — COUSINO 21

SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP (44) — Chris Thomas 2, 0-0, 4; Sue Owens 6, 0-0, 12; Molly Moore 3, 0-0, 6; Michelle Thomas 0, 0-0, 0; Karen Winston 6, 0-0, 12; Salene Toliver 2, 0-0, 4; Lynn Monohan 1, 0-0, 2, Andrea Kutcher 0, 0-0, 0; Jeanine Chase 0, 0-0, 0; Sue Salmen 1, 0-0, 2; Paula Patton 0, 0-0, 0; Missy Thomas 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS:22, 0-0, 44.
WARREN COUSINO (21) — Donna Ross 3, 1-1, 7; Deb Cantwill 2, 0-0, 4; Jackie Palmer 1, 0-0, 2; Lynn Parry 0, 2-2, 2; Cheryl Vanderhorst 0, 2-3, 2, Gigi Mikula 1, 0-0, 2; Cathy Baginski 1, 0-0, 2 TOTALS: 8, 5-9, 21.
TOTAL FOULS — Lathrup 12, Cousino 4. FOULED OUT: None.

LATHRUP	14	8	12	10	— 44
COUSINO	1	7	4	9	— 21



Lathrup's Melissa Thomas (white uniform) collides with a Cousino player during the Warren Tower regional. (Staff photo by Tom Baer)

Southfield girls go down in regional

By JOHN BOZZO

Walled Lake Central jumped out to an early 14 point lead and went on to defeat Southfield 64-56, Wednesday in girls' basketball regional tournament action at Farmington High School.

Central used some aggressive rebounding and a blazing fast break to gain the early advantage. Karen Ausmus scored eight points in that first quarter.

"We never could catch up after that," said Southfield coach Gregory Sliwka. "Every time we made it close they would seem to get their fast break going again.

"They worked a lot harder than we did," Sliwka said. "We knew they were going to be quick. We thought we were ready for them. I think they outrebounded us too-although I don't think they should."

Southfield did barely have a rebounding edge, 43-38, mainly through the efforts of Leslie Fink who had 21 rebounds, many on follow-up shots. She finished with 20 points.

Ausmus and Patti Limb each had 12 rebounds for Central. Ausmus and Limb also scored 18 points apiece.

"WE'RE NOT VERY big," said Central coach Ken Butler. "If we had size we'd be tougher than the devil. We start four juniors, Ausmus is the only senior.

"We made a mistake against Southfield," Butler said, "when we went back to a zone. We're a man-to-man ball club. We went to a zone defense to cut off some of their wing shooting, but they shot even better."

Southfield finished the game 27 per cent from the field, making 24 of 81 shots. They were 61 per cent from the free throw line, connecting on eight of 13 attempts.

Fink's tenacious play under the backboards, and Janet Malkasian's outside shooting—she made three consecutive two-hand set shots from 20 feet away in the third quarter—could only bring Southfield within nine points of Central early in the fourth quarter.

Malkasian had five assists and Fink five steals for Southfield. Limb and Ausmus took over, every time Southfield got close, grabbing defensive rebounds, dribbling the full length of the court, and sinking a lay-up.

Krista Graham also aided the Central cause with 14 points. Limb and Ausmus had six and five steals respectively.

Central finished the night with a 42 per cent shooting average from the floor and 52 percent from the free throw line. The Vikings connected on 27 of 63 field goals and 10 of 19 free throws.

CENTRAL 64—SOUTHFIELD 56

Central (64): Pam Behrendt 1, 0-0, 2; Karen Blumenstein 2, 1-2, 5; Penny Cannon 0, 0-0, 0, Janie Ferguson 0, 0-0, 0; Leslie Fink 8, 4-5, 20; Debbie Gilbert 0, 0-0, 0; Roberta Lazar 0, 0-0, 0; Sheila McCaskill 2, 0-0, 4; Janet Malkasian 7, 0-0, 14; Mary Ann Rea 0, 0-0, 0; Karen Shulman 4, 3-6, 11, Nancy Settecerri 0, 0-0, 0
Totals: 24, 8-13, 56
Walled Lake Central (56): Erin Allard 1, 0-0, 2, Karen Ausmus 8, 2-3, 18, Marci Butler 0, 0-0, 0; Kyle Galbraith 0, 0-0, 0; Brenda Gilbert 0, 0-0, 0; Krista Graham 6, 2-2, 14; Julie Kunze 3, 2-4, 8; Kelly Kuzera 2, 2-7, 4; Patti Limb 8, 2-3, 18, Dawn McLaughlin 0, 0-0, 0; Sarah Montgomery 0, 0-0, 0, Kathy Simonson 0, 0-0, 0 Totals: 27, 10-19, 64.
Total Fouls: Southfield 15, Central 13.
Fouled Out: Pam Behrendt (S)

Southfield	4	18	16	18	—56
Central	18	16	16	14	—64

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