



Dan Decoster (44) receives a short pass from Pat Kelly, before connecting for a two-pointer.  
(Staff photo by Art Emanuel)

## Mackenzie eliminates Borgess

A hot-shooting Detroit Mackenzie quintet that canned 57 per cent of its field-goal attempts and 20 of 25 from the free-throw line eliminated Redford Bishop Borgess from the Livonia Franklin Class A basketball regional Tuesday, 62-50.

Borgess never led in the contest, as Mackenzie scored its first basket six seconds after the opening tip-off and out-pointed the Spartans during every quarter.

Keith Smith, a 5-11 all-PSL guard for the Stags, failed to net any points during the first eight minutes, but had collected 20 by the end of the contest.

The Stags led 16-11 after the first period. The Spartans, trailing by as many as nine points at one point of the second quarter, came back to within three, 28-23. But two turnovers, a missed one-and-one opportunity and a foul sent Mackenzie into the locker-room at the intermission up 30-23.

Dave Agardy scored Borgess' first three field goals of the third quarter, as the Spartans again pulled to within three, 32-29, but a three-point play by Smith shortly thereafter built a more secure Mackenzie advantage.

Borgess, which committed 21 turnovers during the contest, started throwing the ball around regularly in the third period and began fouling in an effort to catch up. Mackenzie was in the bonus situation five-and-a-half minutes into the third period.

The Stags canned 14 of 17 from the

charity stripe during the second half.

The Spartans committed three consecutive turnovers late in the third period to enable Mackenzie to increase its lead to 47-37 going into the fourth.

The Stags notched five unanswered points in less than a minute at the start of the final quarter to put the game out of reach.

Borgess coach Ron Gutkowski suggested that his Spartans may have been a little drained by their tough Ferndale District.

"I didn't think we had much intensity. We had three games last week and it's really an experience for us to beat Ferndale," said Gutkowski. "We just didn't come back with the same effort tonight."

"We just weren't aggressive attacking their defense (mostly zone, with occasional pressing). It was not necessarily their good defense, but rather our inept offensive play," Gutkowski said.

### BORGESS-MACKENZIE

Redford Bishop Borgess (18)—Dave Decoster 6, 3-4, 15; Dan Decoster 4, 3-5, 11; Dave Agardy 8, 5-11, 16; Vince Dittol 2, 0-4, 4; Pat Kelly 0, 0-1, 0; Mark Taylor 2, 0-4, 4; Steve Minkus 0, 0-0, 0; Bob Thelen 0, 0-0, 0; John Sack 0, 0-0, 0; John Dittol 0, 0-0, 0. Totals: 22-41, 50.

Detroit Mackenzie (18)—Keith Smith 1, 0-0, 20; Steve Golds 0, 0-0, 15; Robert McLaughlin 3, 2-4, 4; Tony Watkins 0, 0-0, 10; Roger Ridgeway 2, 3-7, 7; Sam Townsend 1, 3-7, 7; Totals: 21, 20-32, 52.

Total Points—Borgess 25, Mackenzie 17. Fouled out: Ridgeway (14), V. Dittol (8).

Borgess Mackenzie 11 12 13 15 —56  
16 14 17 15 —52

"I thought we could go inside, but we turned the ball over before we got there."

Dave Agardy tossed in 16 points for the Spartans, Dave Decoster 15 and Dan Decoster 11.

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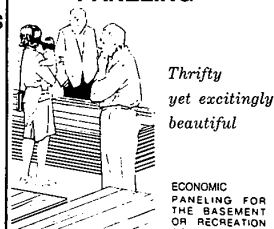
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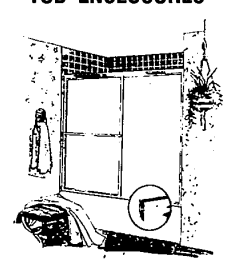
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## Canton spikers fall

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Livonia Churchill fought off a desperation comeback by Plymouth Canton and defeated the Chiefs in straight games, 15-7 and 15-13, to capture its first-ever Western Six League volleyball crown Tuesday night.

After winning the first game handily, the Chargers continued to put the pressure on Canton, jumping to a 9-1 lead in the second contest of the best two-out-of-three match.

The Chiefs came roaring back, however, and eventually tied the score 13-13. Churchill's Stacy O'Toole then served the final two points for the victory.

Churchill and Canton went into this important match with identical 8-1 league records. Canton lost to the Chargers in the first round at Canton, but Churchill was upset by Northville to force the tiebreaker.

Churchill's overall record now stands at 13-3, while the Chiefs dropped to an identical 13-3 mark.

Churchill dominated the first game entirely after Canton jumped to a quick 4-0 lead.

Excellent passing and strong net play made the difference for Churchill.

The Chargers also blocked well, neutralizing the strong spiking of Canton's Kelly Heaton.

"We played very fine

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team volleyball," said

Churchill coach Mike Hughes. "We passed well in the first game. I don't think we missed more than one set."

"Canton's a very good team and we blocked well at the net to intimidate them."

Canton coach Cyndi Burnstein agreed with Hughes. "Once we started rolling we were okay," the Canton mentor said. "We got psyched early and played well late. I'm proud we came back and played well."

In the first game, Canton was ahead 4-0 and 6-3

before five straight

serves by Paulette Widmayer and six more by Sue Rich put the Chargers ahead for good, 14-6.

Four serves by Karen Kolwalski and five more by O'Toole put Churchill ahead 9-1 in the second game.

Churchill plays Northville this afternoon (Thursday) in a pre-regional contest at Northville beginning at 4 p.m. Canton hosts Livonia Stevenson at 7 p.m. for its pre-regional battle. The winners of these games advance to the regionals at Dearborn on Saturday.

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