



Harrison's Kathy Corbett attempts a spike in a match against Plymouth Salem at the Canton Volleyball Tournament. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)

## WSL spikers settle tourney

By DENNIS O'CONNOR

Livonia Churchill overcame the strength of Kelly Heaton and her Plymouth Canton teammates to capture the fourth-annual Plymouth-Canton Volleyball Tournament, held last Saturday at the Plymouth Centennial Educational Park.

The Chargers, coached by Mike Hughes, defeated the co-host Chiefs in the all-Western Six League championship, 15-7, 11-15, 15-3.

Although Heaton, the tournament's Most Valuable Player, was clearly the dominate force all afternoon, Churchill relied on its overall balance and sharp serving to grab the first-place trophy.

After splitting the first two games of the finale, six straight successful serves each by Patty Peel and Stacy O'Toole gave the Chargers an easy victory in the rubber game of the match.

"When we're serving tough, we can beat anybody," said Hughes, whose team finished second in the recent Schoolcraft Volleyball Invitational. "The kids played well all day long. We deserved to win."

Hughes also credited his squad's tough defensive play as the key to victory.

Canton coach Cyndi Burnstein, whose squad also finished second in this same tourney last season to Clarenceville, was equally elated with her team's showing.

"I think our kids played great," the Canton mentor said. "It was terrific. I was a little apprehensive about getting out of our pool, but I figured it out. We won 18 games and lost only four all day." Wayne Memorial finished third in the tournament, defeating Livonia Bentley in the consolation match, 15-3, 15-12. Wayne fell to Churchill in the semifinals, 13-15, 15-0, 15-12, while Canton topped Bentley, 15-8, 14-18, 15-9 in the other semifinal battle.

The 24-team event, co-hosted by the Plymouth Salem and Plymouth Canton, featured four six-team pools, with each club competing in round-robin action within the same pool.

The top two teams from each pool then advanced to quarterfinal action, moving to the championship round by winning the best two-of-three-game matches.

Clarenceville, last year's champion, was the first-place team in Pool C with a 7-3 record but lost in straight games to Wayne in the quarterfinals, 15-2, 15-

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3. Clarenceville tied Dearborn Fordson in Pool C but was awarded first place because it tallied more points in head-to-head competition.

Livonia Franklin advanced to the quarterfinals as well, only to fall to Plymouth Canton. The Patriots finished with a 6-4 round-robin record tied for second place with Dearborn Heights Crestwood and Flint Kearsley in Pool B. Franklin was awarded second place, however, also because of total points scored.

Canton and Bentley, two semifinalists, both competed in Pool A. The Chiefs beat Bentley twice in round-robin action. Churchill and Wayne, the other semifinalists, were in Pool D. The Chargers won both their preliminary matches against the third-place squad.

Farmington schools didn't do well in this event. Farmington High placed fourth in Pool A, North Farmington was fifth in Pool D and Farmington Harrison was last in Pool C.

The other host, Plymouth Salem, also failed to qualify for the eight-team playoff, placing fourth in Pool D.

Walled Lake Central, the only team not to win a game in the competition, was last in Pool A.

Livonia Stevenson and Garden City East placed third and fourth, respectively, in Pool C competition.

The champion Chargers dominated the all-star balloting, placing three of their girls on the 12-member squad.

Linda Mix, the catalyst of Churchill's attack all afternoon, headed the list of Charger stars. Leigh Fenstra and Stacy O'Toole were also honored.

Other all-star members included Lisa Redford (Clarenceville), Lisa Bonzo (Crestwood), Kelly Heaton (MVP from Canton), Denise Breslin (Bentley), Sandy Johnson (Fenton), Dawn Mueller (Franklin), Sandy Brown and Sharon Fontaine (Wayne) and Beth Burgess (Bentley).

## Grosse Pointe netter gains Avon tourney spot

By BRAD EMONS

Susan Mascarin, the number one seed, lived up to her ranking by capturing the Avon Qualifier Sunday at the Franklin Racquet Club.

Mascarin, 14, of Grosse Pointe Shores, defeated Liz Wachter of Grosse Pointe Woods in the finals, 6-3, 7-5. The win puts Mascarin into a qualifying round at 9 a.m. Feb. 19 in Cobo Arena, as part of the Avon Championships, the professional tour for women players.

"I'm looking forward to it," said a happy Mascarin after the match with Wachter.

Mascarin defeated five foes en route to the title. She opened play by beating Erin Ashare of Bloomfield Hills, 6-2, 6-2. She then went three sets to beat Lisa Micou of Grosse Pointe, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. In the quarterfinals she downed Cathy Brown of Grosse Pointe, 6-2, 6-3, and then beat Anna Van Wallegheem of Grosse Pointe Shores, 6-2, 6-2.

Wachter, 16, had an easy time of it until the semifinals when she went three sets to beat 12-year-old Lisa Bonder of Saline, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1.

Mascarin, who works out three hours daily on her game, matched two-hand backhands with Wachter in the finals.

Mascarin, hitting sharp angles most of the time, broke serve twice in the first set to win, 6-3, as both players were content to hang on the baseline

and match ground strokes.

MASCARIN won the first game of the second set and appeared to be in complete command of the match.

But Wachter fought back to take a 4-1 lead in the second set just on the strength of out-belted the smaller Mascarin on the baseline.

Wachter won her third game of the set when Mascarin double-faulted into the net.

Ranked number two nationally in the girls' 14s, Mascarin used patience in rallying back for the second set and match win.

With the gallery backing Wachter most of the set, Mascarin held serve to trail only 4-2 and then won three straight games to take a 5-4 advantage.

With Wachter hitting too strong from the baseline, Mascarin regained her form to take the match.

Mascarin and Wachter are no strangers to each other. They both play at Wimbledon Racquet Club and practice against one another.

Mascarin, though just 14, recently entered the girls' 16 division for tougher competition. In late January she participated in the Avon Futures of Toronto, a satellite circuit for the top touring pros.

Wachter, the number six seed in the Avon Qualifier, has never beaten Mas-

carin in tournament competition.

Area players had a rough time winning first-round matches.

Annette Zaharoff, the number three seed, fell victim in the first round of play to Grosse Pointe Woods' Renee Krickstein, 6-3, 6-2.

Amy Hopping of Rochester was also a first-round casualty, falling to Karen Royal of Detroit, 6-3, 6-0.

Amy Walsh, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood's number one player last fall, lost to Paula Reichert of Grosse Pointe Woods, 7-5, 6-1.

Jane Neville of Franklin lost a heartbreaker to Mary McTaggart of Port Huron, the number four seed, 2-6, 6-4, 7-6. Neville was edged in the nine-point tiebreaker, 5-4.

Other area first-round victims were Christine Gilles and Kathy Horton, both from Plymouth; Chris Nagel, West Bloomfield; Karen Milczarski, Livonia; and Mari McGowan, Birmingham.

Mascarin, using every ounce of strength, said she felt strong in the finals against Wachter, despite playing on a heavily taped sore ankle.

"I hurt my foot in my first match but it was all right to play on," said Mascarin.

Asked if playing at Cobo Arena was going to be a big thrill, Mascarin replied definitely: "Yes."

### Basketball marks

Following are the won-lost records of the teams in the Southfield Parks and Recreation Department's Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues. Standings reflect games played through Jan. 29.

#### MEN'S LEAGUE

LEAGUE STANDINGS—Blackstone, 7-4; Arrow Trophy, 6-5; Real Estate One, 4-2; Berlin Agency, 3-4; New York Life, 3-4; TUD, 1-4; Towerfield, 1-4; Omega, 1-4; Jones Gang, 1-4.

#### MEN'S B LEAGUE

LEAGUE STANDINGS—Ballistics, 5-1; Official Sports, 4-1; Lakers, 4-1; Golden Bears, 4-2; Providence, 3-2; Burroughs, 3-3; Patsco, 1-4; IBM, 1-4; Digitizers, 0-4.

#### MEN'S C LEAGUE

LEAGUE STANDINGS—Montgomery Ward, 5-1; Seamus Patrick, 4-1; Michigan Bell, 3-2; Sun-Del Farms, 2-2; UAC, 1-2; Frank's Machine, 1-2; Holden, 1-2; Bowers, 1-2; Federal Mutual, 0-2.

#### WOMEN'S LEAGUE

LEAGUE STANDINGS—All Sport, 3-0; Jack Galt, 3-0; Dudley's, 3-1; Seven Chevrolet, 3-1; Jim Pezzini Postage, 2-2; Rainbow Bay, 1-2; Michigan Truck, 1-2; K-Mart International, 0-2; Cummings, 0-2.

## Purcell paces Hawks

Harrison junior Kathy Purcell won four of the five events to lead her team past Grosse Pointe North, 84.60-75.25, in a recent girls' gymnastics meet at North. The win put Harrison at 5-3.

Purcell, a junior who has qualified in every event for the upcoming state regional, won the vaulting (8.15 points), balance beam (7.50), floor exercise (8.45) and the all-around competition (30.60).

Teammate Janet Thibodeau, also a junior, won the uneven parallel bars with a score of 7.15.

In another recent meet, Harrison scored 77.60 points to finish second in a tri-meet against Plymouth Canton (77.65) and Walled Lake Central (73.60). Purcell won three events: the vaulting (7.35), the floor exercise (8.0) and

the all-around (30.60).

Harrison travels to Clarenceville Monday (Feb. 12) for a 7:30 p.m. meet.

HARRISON—G.P. NORTH 15-3

VAULTING—Kathy Purcell (Harrison), 8.15; Janet Thibodeau (H), 7.15; (H) Beth Burke (Plymouth Canton) and Wendy Gray (P), 4.00; UNEVEN PARALLEL BARS—Kathy Purcell (H), 7.50; Janet Thibodeau (H), 7.15; (H) Beth Burke (Plymouth Canton) and Wendy Gray (P), 4.00; FLOOR EXERCISE—Kathy Purcell (H), 8.45; Janet Thibodeau (H), 8.00; (H) Beth Burke (Plymouth Canton) and Wendy Gray (P), 4.00; ALL-AROUND—Kathy Purcell (H), 30.60; Janet Thibodeau (H), 27.65; (H) Beth Burke (Plymouth Canton) and Wendy Gray (P), 24.00.

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