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Mercy romps past Southfield in cage district

By TOM BAER

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy had it easy — maybe a little too easy — in the opening game of the state Class A district last Monday night at Southfield High.

"Yeah, I think this game was a little too easy," said Mercy coach Larry Baker after watching his squad crush host Southfield, 81-34, in the first game of the doubleheader.

"It was nice to get everybody in the game (14 Marlins played and 12 scored) but I'd like to see them challenged a little more than they were against Southfield."

Mercy, which compiled a 15-3 regular-season record, faced Southfield without starters Lisa Morris and Caroline Chapman, both down with the flu. Chapman saw duty as a sub, but it hardly mattered as Mercy raced to a 23-6 first quarter lead and was never challenged.

Southfield, which bowed out with a 4-15 season under first-year coach Walt Duda, couldn't even get on the score board until Toni Watkins sank a couple of free throws with 3:27 left in the first quarter.

"We had butterflies beyond belief at the beginning of the game," Duda said. "Mercy took it to us right away and we just couldn't lose our stage fright."

Suzanne Dietz, Mercy's 5-foot-11 senior forward, led the point parade with 13, eight coming in the second quarter when Mercy scored 20 points to Southfield's 14.

STARTERS KELLY Walsh and Karen Rashid each scored 10 points for the winners. Rashid, a junior, was not from the floor, hitting on four of four field goal attempts and making two of two free throws.

Baker praised the play of a sub, Meg Mallon, a 5-6 junior. "Her passes were really sharp and she had a nice shooting touch," he said.

Southfield's Karen Blumenstein, a 5-7 senior, led the losers with 12 points on six long field goals. Felicia Ambrosia and Watkins followed with nine and six points, respectively.

Southfield shot only 24 percent from the line (12 for 49) and went 10 of 16 from the line. Mercy made good on 30 of 46 from the floor and hit on 21 of 28 free throws.

Dietz and Kelly Fortescue pulled down nine and six rebounds, respectively, to help Mercy post a 47-22 rebounding advantage. Turnovers plagued both teams as Mercy logged 23 miscues and Southfield had 45.

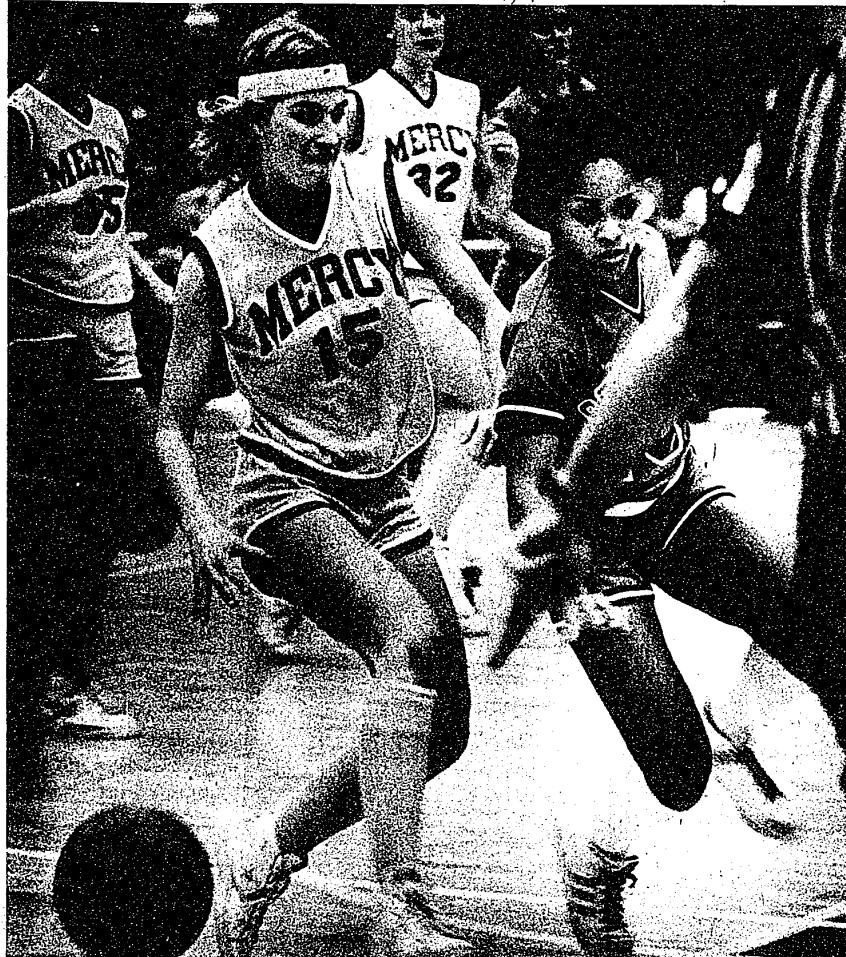
In the second game last Monday, West Bloomfield edged Bloomfield Hills Andover, 37-34. Barring an upset, Mercy will face West Bloomfield in the district final at 7 p.m. on Friday (Nov. 30) at Southfield.

MERCY 81-SOUTHFIELD 34

OUR LADY OF MERCY (81) — Denise Basford 1, 2, 3, 4; Lisa Borchanlan 4, 0-1; 8; Suzanne Dietz 5, 2-3, 13; Kelly Fortescue 4, 1-2, 9; Carolyn Codwell 0, 8-8; Mary Ellen Cox 1, 1-2; Meg Mallon 4, 0-0; 8; Mary McGarrigle 2, 1-2, 5; Karen Rashid 4, 2-2, 10; Kelly Walsh 3, 4-4, 10; Caroline Chapman 0, 4-4; 4; Karen Shook 0, 2-2; Kelly Laundry 0, 0-1; 0; Linda Borchanlan 1, 1-2, 2. TOTALS: 30, 21, 23, 81.

SOUTHFIELD HIGH (34) — Toni Watkins 1, 4-5; 6; Karen Blumenstein 6, 0-0, 12; Sandy Sipanovich 0, 1-2, 1; Penny Cannon 0, 2-4, 2; Cindy Sleep 0, 0-0, 0; Nancy Settelner 0, 0-0, 0; Felicia Ambrosia 2, 0-1, 4; Jill Simon 0, 0-0, 0; Felicia Ambrosia 3, 2-4, 6; Vicki Koni 0, 0-0, 0; Mary Ann Brea 0, 0-0, 0. TOTALS: 12, 10-18, 34.

TOTAL FOULS — Southfield 20, Mercy 12. FOULED OUT: Simon (5), Blumenstein (5). LADY OF MERCY 23 23 20 14 24 — 81. SOUTHFIELD HIGH 6 14 9 5 — 34.



Southfield's Toni Watkins (dark jersey) attempts a steal from Mercy's Denise Basford (15) during last Monday's district basketball game won by Mercy. (Staff photo by Mindy Saunders)

Girls' basketball tournament

Bentley eliminates FHS



Bentley's Kim Plachta (50) and Farmington's Betsy VanDusen tangle over a rebound. (Staff photo by Randall Borst)

Livonia Bentley led all the way in a 56-43 victory over Farmington High last Monday night in the second game of a girls' Class A district doubleheader at Farmington.

Kim Plachta, a 6-foot senior center, scored 14 points to pace once-beaten Bentley (19-1). Teammates Ann Roy and Carla Campbell added 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Farmington's Julie Tadrzynski led all scorers with 18 points and eight field goals and two of three free throws. Betsy VanDusen scored nine points and Sue Carruthers had six.

"I think the difference was that we were a little quicker," said Bentley coach Tom Lang. "Our fast break worked a little better than theirs."

Farmington finished with an 11-9 record under coach Bob Lekovich.

In the other game at Farmington, Livonia Stevenson, paced by Noreen Kelley's 26 points, eliminated Walled Lake Western, 73-39.

Kelley made 12 field goals and two of 15 free throws. Beth Mueller scored 17 points for Stevenson, which raced to a 17-6 lead after the first quarter. Cindy Hart scored 13 points for Western.

Stevenson was to play unless North Farmington last Wednesday, and Bentley was to play Northville High. The winners will play for the district championship at 7 p.m. on Friday (Nov. 30).

BENTLEY 56-FARMINGTON 43

LIVONIA BENTLEY (56) — Beth Almborg 3, 2-4, 9; Carla Campbell 5, 0-0, 10; Lisa Cerretti 0, 1-2, 1; Maureen Hughes 1, 0-0, 2; Kim Plachta 6, 2-4, 14; Ann Roy 6, 0-4, 12; Kim Sieritz 1, 1-4, 4; Kim Archer 2, 1-1, 5. TOTALS: 24, 8-26, 56.

FARMINGTON HIGH (43) — Betsy VanDusen 4, 1-4, 9; Kelley Wallace 5, 2-4, 6; Julie Tadrzynski 8, 2-3, 16; Sue Carruthers 2, 1-4, 6; Stacy Green 0, 0-2, 0; Chris Looser 2, 0-0, 4; Kim Rogers 1, 0-2, 2. TOTALS: 18, 5-15, 43.

TOTAL FOULS — Farmington 16, Bentley 15. FOULED OUT: Campbell (15). LIVONIA BENTLEY 12 16 16 12 — 56. FARMINGTON HIGH 8 12 11 12 — 43.

STEVENSON 73 — WESTERN 39

LIVONIA STEVENSON (73) — Wendy Jenkins 2, 3-4, 7; Beth Mueller 6, 2-4, 17; Carol Stoner 6, 2-2, 4; Karen Kelley 2, 2-4, 6; Noreen Kelley 12, 2-12, 26; Ingrid Hogg 2, 0-4, 9; Kathy Plum 1, 2-4, 4; Kelly Oppat 0, 2-2, 2. TOTALS: 25, 13-47, 73.

WALLED LAKE WESTERN (39) — Kris Mollena 3, 1-4, 7; Janet Wilson 2, 0-0, 4; Keena Marsh 0, 1-2, 1; Tracy Grubb 1, 0-4, 2; Cindy Hart 3, 2-7, 13; Sue Hoot 0, 1-4, 1; Kris Peasley 0, 2-2, 2; Karen Wilson 0, 1-2, 3; Kathy Archer 1, 1-2, 3; Joyce VanHousen 0, 2-4, 2. TOTALS: 12, 15-31, 39.

TOTAL FOULS — Western 28, Stevenson 32. FOULED OUT: Jenkins (10), R. Kelley (15), Marsh (WLV), VanVleet (WLV).

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