

Lady Lakers shock Our Lady of Mercy

By TOM BAER

Two years ago West Bloomfield's mostly-sophomore girls' basketball team was beaten badly by Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, the 1977 state Class A champion.

Last Friday night West Bloomfield's starting players, now seniors, remembered that drubbing. They wanted revenge.

That was one reason why once-beaten West Bloomfield overcame a strong Mercy squad, 66-52, in the final of the Class A district at Southfield High School.

"We wanted it very badly," said West Bloomfield coach Mike Greene. "That was the bottom line. Two years ago we really got beat up by Mercy, and these kids remembered."

The victory, the Lady Lakers' 21st against one loss, means a trip to Southfield-Lathrup High for a regional game against Waterford Mott next Thursday night.

Greene balked when asked to name a standout. "All seven of the girls who came out on the court did it for us," he said.

He could have mentioned Sandy DeSilvio, a 5-foot-10 senior, who provided 16 points on eight field goals. Or Katie Odana, who scored 12 points and pulled down 11 rebounds. Or Carolyn Barciewicz, a 5-6 guard who scored 11 points, handed out four assists and made four steals.

GREENE was quick to credit his team's zone press and tough defense, which turned a tight game into a rout by the fourth quarter.

Mercy, which displayed some sharp passing in the first half, pulled out to a 16-11 lead after the



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first quarter and led by four points (31-27) at half-time.

But the second half belonged to the Lady Lakers. The two teams were knotted at 39-all after three quarters, and West Bloomfield held a 27-13 scoring advantage in the decisive fourth.

"Our press, a 2-2-1 zone, and our overall team defense was the difference in the second half," Greene said. "We were giving Mercy too many easy baskets in the first half. We weren't aggressive enough and we were beating ourselves."

Mercy coach Larry Baker, whose squad finished at 16-4, brought in hot-shooting Caroline Chapman to counter the zone. She hit on three long push shots for six of Mercy's eight third-quarter points.

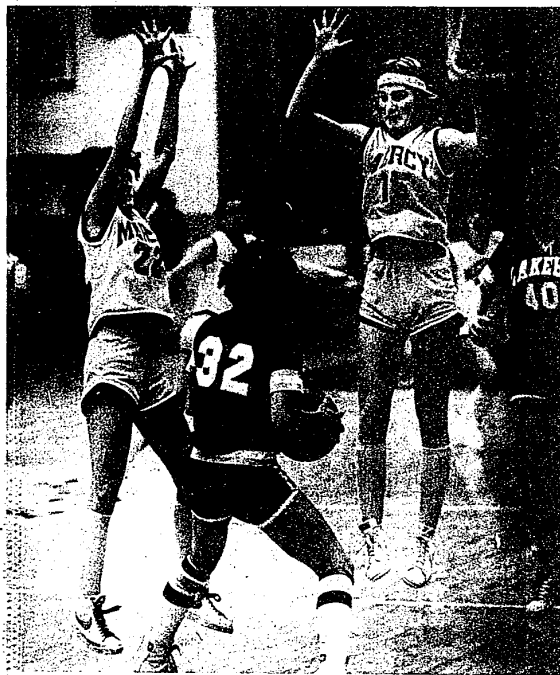
But Mercy just couldn't solve that press. "We needed to burn that press," Baker said. "We needed a couple of easy baskets off that press. But that never happened."

Mercy sophomore Denise Basford scored 17 points on four field goals and nine of 10 free throws.

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Carolyn Barciewicz (24) of West Bloomfield moves on Mercy's Kelly Walsh. (Staff photos by Randall Borst)



West Bloomfield's Sue Vodicka is bothered by Denise Basford (15) and Lisa Morris (22).

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All-Area selections

Area high schools produce top golfers

By C.J. RISAK

Year after year, Oakland county produces some of the finest prep golfing talent in the state. This year's crop is no different.

Included in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area were two state championship teams — Walled Lake Central in Class A and Detroit Country Day in Class D (for the third time in five years). Bloomfield Hills Andover finished third in the Class A state meet and Rochester Adams was 10th.

The O&E All-Area golf squad doesn't reflect the season-ending performances of these teams. The coaches cast ballots to take the individual golfers' efforts throughout the season into consideration rather than basing their decision on how they finished the year.

The team has its share of noteworthy golfers. Four of the six selected participated in the state tournament — Rich Saries of Walled Lake Central, Tom Gieselman of Rochester and Greg Manning and Kirk Graves of Rochester Adams.

But also included on the squad are two golfers whose teams didn't make it past the regionals — Dave Hawthorne of Farmington Harrison and John Trivison of West Bloomfield. Hawthorne was the top vote-getter in the coaches' poll.

In his senior year at Harrison, Hawthorne was chosen to the O&E all-area team last year as a junior. This year, he was Harrison's low scorer in 12 of 14 dual matches and was overall medalist seven times.

HE FINISHED first in the Western Six League tournament with a score of 77, was third in the Senior Invitational (75), 10th in the regionals (77) and 11th in the Oakland county tournament (79). He averaged 38.43 in his nine-hole matches.

Gieselman is "a college prospect," according to Rochester coach Al Barkley. He averaged 38.9



DAVE HAWTHORNE
Farmington Harrison

strokes in dual meet play during the season and won the Greater Oakland Athletic League championship.

But the highlight of the season for the senior was in the state tournament, in which he captured medalist honors with a 72.

"It didn't surprise me that he was the medalist because I thought he was among the state's best players," Barkley said. "He's a good steady player with a good chipper and putter."

Manning and Graves, both seniors, helped Adams win a state Class A title last year and were chosen for the 1978 O&E team. Manning averaged 36.9 strokes per match this season, an accomplishment coach Carl Pasbjerg termed "unbelievable."

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