Stevenson upsets champs

By DOUG FUNKE

The Spartans of Livonia Stevenson apparently believe in living dangerously on the basketball court during the state tournament. But, then, at this stage of the tourney, every

game gets tough.

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Stevenson recorded one of its most satisfying
wins of the season Tuesday, eliminating Detroit
Mackenzie, 50-48, at the Livonia Franklin Regional.

Mackenzie was defending Class A state champi-

n. The Spartans, which defeated Livonia Franklin y two points in the district final, never trailed lackenzie after snapping a 4-4 tied five minutes

Hawk is top pick

Farmington Harrison's Brian Burgess was picked by Western Six League (WSL) basketball coaches as a member of the All-Conference first team.

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Burgess, a 6-foot-2 senior forward, was Harrison's leading scorer this past season with a 15.8 average. He also collected eight rebounds per game, two assists and over two steals. He was one of the Hawks' co-captains.

"He got his name in quite a few places in our record book," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said of Burgess. Among those records was included second in total points in the school's history with 706, second in steals and fourth in rebounding.

He is the Harrison career leader in field goal percentage (524 percent).

"He is the consummate team player," Teachman said. "He was always taking the tough man on defense no matter what size he was."

Johing Burgess on the WSL first team was Tom Schaefer of Waterford Molt, a 6-1 senior, Dave Ward, Northville's 6-5 junior; and Brian Kersten, a 6-3 senior from Livonia Churchili.

CANTON AND MOTT, the league's co-champions, had two players each on the second team. Canton selections were Scott Adler and Brad Weston, while Keith Hart and Dave Miller were chosen from Mott. Scott Parrish of Walled Lake Western was the fifth player named. Honorable mentions included Mike Cleary of Harrison, Sean Houle of Canton, Mike Xenos of Western and Mike Wagner of Northville.

The Spartans played tough defense after that and Mackenzie took seven seconds to get the ball just over the midcout line before calling time out. The Stags never attempted a shot which could have tied the game before time ran out.

The Spartans' defense was just too good. Sievenson's zone defense was excellent all night long. In fact, Kevin Roundfield, Mackenzie's 6-7 center, and one of its better scores, collected only eight points — all during the fourth quarter.

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"The key was us not letting them get the ball inside to Roundfield or (Dave) Traylor (also 6-7)," said Stevenson coach George Van Wagoner. We knew they would be physical. They play that way in the city league. The Stags started off like they would run Stevenson right out of the gym. Mackenzie totally controlled the boards during the first three minutes but just couldn't make its shots.

Mackenzie was stymied the entire game by the ball refusing to fall through the boop, almost as if it is own. The Stags must have had at least 10 close-range shots hit the rim, then bounce away.

Stevenson kept its poise during Mackenzie's early onslaught and built a 12-4 lead after the first quar-

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The teams matched points during the middle two
periods, 14 and 16 respectively.

The Slags set a frantic pace during the entire
fourth quarter and Stevenson appeared to tire under the pressure. The Spartans committed a turnover here and there, but never totally lost their
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Stevenson used all of its allotted timeouts during the second half and used its last with 34 seconds remaining with the score tied at 48.
"We wanted to go to the four-corners, get the ball to Dave (Hall), clear out the forwards and let him go to work." Said Yan Wagoner. "The shot he took was a good shot for him. The kids kept their poise and worked the ball well." The Fight half with the worked the ball well. The Spartans were exhausted after their thrilling victory. However, the effort certainly was worthwhile when nearly a hundred fans poured onto the court after the game to congratulate the men of the hour. men of the hour.

Hall and Bill Keyes were carried from the court

on the shoulders of jubilant supporters.
"They wanted it," said Van Wagoner. "I think high-school kids are super kids. A lot of times we don't give them credit. I think everyone in there did the job.

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"Tm very proud of the kids," Van Wagoner continued. "Even the kids on the bench helped with
their enthusiasm — no doubt about it."
Hall finished with 18 points. Evan Lyall chipped
in nine, Tom Finn eight, Rich Sanders seven and
Keyes six.

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