

# Dondero dumps Troy in district

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So much for the all-Troy district final. Sreaking Royal Oak Dondero put an end to that notion.

The Oaks (15-6), winners of 12 of their last 13 girls' high-school basketball games, stormed back from a 12-point halftime deficit Monday night to post a 48-40 victory over Troy High in the semifinals of the Class A District at Berkley.

The win put Dondero into tonight's (Wednesday) district final against Troy Athens. Athens downed Berkley, 56-30, in the second game of Monday's double-header. Game time for the district final is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Troy saw its chances of a district final appearance dwindle away in the last 15 minutes of the game. The Oaks led by as many as 14 points in the second half, but Dondero turned it around with a stizzling showing at the free-throw line.

TROY HELD a seemingly comfortable 29-15 lead midway through the third quarter. However, in the last five minutes of that period, Troy faltered, and Dondero wasted little time taking control. From the 4:44 mark of the third quarter to the buzzer, ending the third stanza, Dondero outscored Troy, 17-1.

During that span, the Oaks clicked on 10 of 11 free-throw chances.

The stunning turnaround came after Troy totally dominated the first half, and held a 22-10 first-half lead.

"We weren't moving very well offensively in the second half," said Troy

coach Larry Archey, who saw his team finish the season with a 14-8 overall record. "They (Dondero) played better than us in the second half. They took it to us and certainly deserved to win."

In the early going, it looked like Troy was going to chalk up the win as the Oaks could do no wrong. Troy took a 12-4 first-quarter lead before it ballooned the margin to 22-10 by halftime.

Dondero was patient on offense in the first half, but it was unable to penetrate Troy's 2-1-2 defense. The Oaks showed scoring balance in the first quarter, as five different players—

Troy Johnson, Shirley Cousins, Julie Neumann, Terri Mettle and Laine Krampert—accounted for the first 10 Troy points.

Troy experienced similar success in the second quarter, as the Oaks outscored the Oaks, 10-6. All six of Dondero's points came from free throws.

SHELLY COUSINS, who scored a game-high 17 points, scored six in the first half. Mettle and Krampert also scored six first-half points. Neumann and Mettle each netted seven points in the game for the Oaks.

"We knew we had to do a job in that second half," Archey acknowledged. "We knew we had to keep coming. They just stepped in and drove to the bucket, and we got called for fouls. I'm not saying we didn't deserve the foul. Give Dondero credit, they beat us at our own square."

Troy actually outscored Dondero from the field as the Oaks hit 16 field goals and the Oaks hit 12. Dondero put on a free-throw shooting clinic, as it hit 24 of 36. Troy hit eight of 15.

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## It doesn't get any better

The skies were gray and the air was heavy with a sticky mist. The ground had been churned into a yucky black sludge by the constant application of hundreds of cleated shoes.

The scene needed only a trench or two and some shells bursting overhead to be fit for inclusion in John Toland's "No Man's Land." But this wasn't the Marne or Belleau Wood in 1917, it was the Birmingham Groves High School football field, Saturday, Nov. 20, 1982.

John Herrington, Farmington Harrison's football coach, stood on that field, his shoelaces covered with mud, but his head very much in the clouds.

He must have been asked the same question 20 times: What's it feel like to be in the finals again? And he never tired of answering: "It feels great is what it feels."

Herrington, head foreman at that little "O" football factory on 12 Mile,

and his helpers had turned out yet another superior product. The 1982 Harrison Hawks had just won their 11th straight game by a 5-3 score over Milford Lakeland to advance to the state Class A finals next Saturday in the Pontiac Silverdome.

For Michigan prep, it just doesn't get any better than that.

But for Herrington and crew, it's getting to be the norm. This'll be the school's second-straight year in the Dome—the Hawks won the Class B championship in 1981—and its third-straight season in the prestigious, post-season playoffs.

BETWEEN HUGS and kisses from female well-wishers, Herrington fielded questions.

"Has MSU contacted you about coaching there yet?" someone wanted to know.

"Now," answered Herrington. "I'd

have to take (assistant coaches) Suttler and Sallow with me if I did that."

Another comment: "This was supposed to be a rebuilding year. You did all this with only one returning starter," Herrington laughed and replied, "Rebuilding's not too hard when you rebuild with good kids."

Finally it was time to board the buses—the Hawk faithful filled seven of them—for the six-mile trip back to Harrison.

In the cluttered coaches' office, Herrington peeled off his soaked shoes, leaned back and considered the team's accomplishments.

The Hawks' joy in making the finals was only slightly diminished by an unfortunate occurrence. Upon returning to their school, several players found their lockers had been broken into and the contents rifled.

## So far:

Farmington Harrison, unbeaten through 11 games this season, faces once-beaten Dearborn Fordson in the state Class A prep football final Saturday afternoon in the Pontiac Silverdome. Following are the scores of the games played by both teams:

### FARMINGTON HARRISON (11-0)

W—West Bloomfield, 13-8  
W—Farmington, 24-0  
W—Northville, 17-0  
W—Walled Lk. Western, 19-8  
W—Plymouth Canton, 35-7  
W—Walled Lk. Central, 14-0  
W—Livonia Churchill, 35-0  
W—Plymouth Salem, 14-7  
W—Avondale, 9-0  
W—Bloomfield Lahar, 23-0  
W—Milford-Lakeland, 6-3

### DEARBORN FORDSON (10-1)

W—Midland, 28-12  
L—Monroe, 24-14  
W—Wayne, 28-13  
W—Wyandotte, 34-0  
W—Taylor Center, 41-13  
W—Lincoln Park, 40-8  
W—Troy Truman, 35-6  
W—Livonia Franklin, 7-3  
W—Edsel Ford, 21-7  
W—Monroe, 29-7  
W—Arthur Hill, 3-0  
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