

ACLU appeals prep transfer case

By Tom Henderson
staff writer

The American Civil Liberties Union will file a brief this week in the state Court of Appeals in an attempt to weaken the Michigan High School Athletic Association's control of interscholastic athletics in the state.

The ACLU, in conjunction with patent attorney Peter Taucher, a Troy city councilman, lost the first round of the suit in September when Oakland County Circuit Judge Fred Mester ruled in the MHSAA's favor.

The suit contended that the individual high schools should set athletic policy and that the MHSAA, a private entity, was operating illegally since it had never been given its powers by the state Legislature.

In particular, the suit attacked the MHSAA's rule against transferring an athlete to sit out one semester of competition after transferring from another school; its rules limiting the

number of games a team can play in a season; and its rules limiting how far a team can travel to play a game.

Teacher is not involved in the appeal, though he said he may file another suit in federal court.

AL HOLZ of the Southfield law firm of Perlman, Garber and Holz is handling the case for the ACLU. He filed a claim of appeal after losing in circuit court and will file his brief in the Court of Appeals in downtown Detroit.

The MHSAA will then have 40 days to file its appeal. The case could come to trial in February.

"Our position is that even though we lost the first round, I've taken a awful lot of cases to appeals court where I lost in the first round and the decision was subsequently reversed," said Holz.

"Although, in regard to Stacey Lomerson, the issue becomes moot."

Lomerson, a student at Waterford High who transferred for financial reasons from Waterford Our Lady of

Lakes, had sought to play on the girls' basketball team. A temporary injunction allowed her to play in several games. Several other students were named in the suit, including Leif Sell, a would-be football player at Country Day.

Mester's ruling meant that Sell and Lomerson, as well as other transfers from parochial to public schools, had to sit out one semester. That affected boys' football players and girls' basketball players. Male basketball players who transferred over the summer will be able to play beginning Jan. 1.

"As far as the ACLU goes," Holz said, "we took the case because we felt there was glaring discrimination at issue. While Stacey was barred for a season, we don't want it to happen again."

provided by the schools. It should be up to the schools to make their own rules. There's a very serious legal issue there, and, up till now, the MHSAA has never been challenged."

Taucher said, "I just didn't have the time to join them (the ACLU) in the appeal. When they said they would appeal, I let them carry it alone. I'm still looking at the travel restrictions. I can focus in on that real well. I could take it to federal court. We're not done yet. And we're doing some other stuff."

Taucher's son, Craig, plays on the Country Day hockey team, which was invited to a tournament in Boston last year but was refused permission to attend by the MHSAA.

Mercy tops Harrison to win cage district

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the season (over Bentley) and play an excellent team last night," he said. "I was pleased that our kids could get up for it and play well. Harrison really

challenged us."

Sarah Batford, Mercy's 5-foot-8 junior guard, played an inspired game, leading all scorers with 20 points on eight field goals and four of four free

throws.

"Sarah scored in all four quarters and she played with a lot of confidence," Baker said. "We missed her first three shots in the game, and I think that would have bothered her earlier in the season. But we're seeing some tournament savvy at this point."

Carolyn Burt, a 5-9 senior, scored 10

points and snuffed a Harrison comeback with a couple of crucial baskets in the third quarter. Mercy established a six-point (21-15) halftime lead, but Harrison pulled within three (23-21) early in the third.

"Carolyn stepped into the lane and hit three shots in a row," said Baker, "and they were all net."

"WITH STACEY, the issue we hoped to win on was the transfer rule. But the greater overriding issue that permeates the case is the fact that a government function has in fact been relegated to a private organization."

"Interscholastic sports is a function

Central too tall for NF

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foot-11, scored 22 points, and teammate Patty Fitzgerald added 10.

"Can you believe this?" Grodzicki asked. "We got only five rebounds in the first half. Central either scored or turned the ball over. That Lunk (L) got a bunch of rebounds, and this Fitzgerald was tough on the boards, too."

They worked the ball to those two big people and it sure paid off last night."

Amy Austin, North's 5-foot-7 junior, led North with 13 points, and 5-9 teammate Suzanne Howley added 10.

Central, now 15-3, survives to play the winner of the second District in the Howell Regional this week.

In addition to its fine record this season, North's players can look back on winning the school's first-ever Northwest Suburban League championship.

"Central is kind of a two-girl team."

Lathrup girls advance, 42-25

By Marty Budner
staff writer

Southfield-Lathrup athletic director Darrell Harper is quick to point out his school's girls' basketball tradition.

The Chargers, for example, were perennial district champions through the middle part of the last decade. The Rendine sisters — Pam and Patty — were hardcourt terrorists and were key people in helping the Chargers attain that recognition.

However, since 1975 — when Lathrup last won a girls' basketball district title — the program has suffered through some lean years.

That all changed Tuesday evening.

The Chargers advanced to the Berkely regional by defeating three teams to win its own class A district.

Lathrup opened with a win over Bloomfield Hills Lahser (40-39), then dumped Birmingham Marian (46-35) in the semifinals and Birmingham Groves (46-25) in the championship game.

Lathrup plays its semifinal regional game 8:30 p.m. Wednesday against Waterford Township, which won the class A district at Waterford Mott with a 50-45 victory over neighborhood rival Waterford Kettering. Athens plays Detroit Cooley 7 p.m. that same evening in another semifinal game.

THE WINNERS play 7 p.m. Friday.

"We were favored to win the district title last year, and Groves beat us in the semifinals after we opened with a big win over Berkely," said an elated Lathrup coach Bob Harding after accepting the district trophy from Harper.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS REGULAR MEETING November 22, 1982

Mayor Burwell opened the meeting of the City Council of Farmington Hills on November 22, 1982, at 7:30 P.M. Members present were: Burwell, Dolan, Hughes, Lange, Sorensen, Williams and Wolfe. Others present were: City Manager Savage, Assistant Manager Costick, City Clerk Cairns and City Attorney Bibeau.

The minutes of November 8 and 15, 1982, were approved.

Council requested staff to prepare resolution regarding Michigan State Transportation package.

An Order was adopted to demolish or make safe within ten days a house at 20085 Tuck according to the standards of Farmington Hills Building Dept.

Resolutions No. 3 and No. 4 were passed for drain improvements for Brookplace Court in Stone Creek Subdivision.

Resolution No. 5 was passed setting cost of drain improvement of Brookplace Court at \$11,850, each property owner to pay \$1,363. Council authorized contract with Rainbow Construction for the construction of the drain.

The structures on Lot 12 of Hunters Pointe Subdivision No. 1 were found to be dangerous and ordered demolished within ten days.

Council enacted Zoning Map Amendment C85-289 to rezone Lots 470 and 471 of Grand River Crest No. 2 Subdivision from RA-4 to B-3.

Council approved Cable Television Tri-party agreement with cities of Novi and Farmington.

Council accepted property (Lots 20 and 21 of Farmington Heights Subdivision) in Section 2.

Resolution was passed urging State Legislators to amend the Michigan Liquor Control Act.

Keth Deacon was appointed to the Economic Development Corporation for a three year term expiring 8-13-83.

Fred W. Hughes was unanimously elected to serve as Mayor and Charles Williams to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem for 1983.

Council failed to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and possible purchase of property following the regular meeting.

Council adopted a Resolution to change a street name in Heritage Hills Subdivision No. 1 from Deschamps Lane to Regency Lane.

Approval was granted for extension of Site Plan for Villages of Farmington Ridge to December 31, 1983.

Council approved various Traffic Control Orders within the City.

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

JACK G. BURWELL, Mayor
FLOYD A. CAIRNS, City Clerk

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