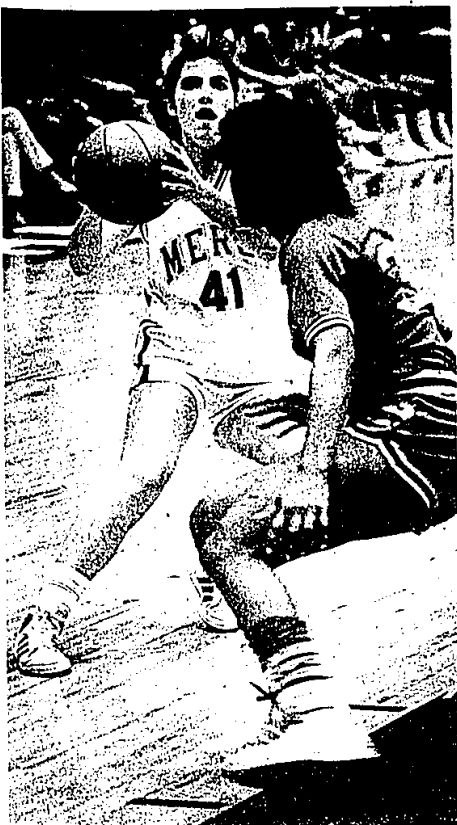


Mercy coach replays cage upset



Mercy's Sarah Basford (41) looks for a shot against Flint Northern during the Class A championship game.

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half (during which Northern outscored Mercy, 35-23).
"Our kids were executing on offense, but Northern was playing exceptionally well, boarding and hitting those outside shots."
The roles were reversed in the Class A semifinal game, played last Friday at Calihan, as Mercy established a 13-point lead after three quarters against Lansing Everett and then had to hang on for a 43-39 victory.
"I'll tell you, I met the first girl (Everett's 6-5 Michelle Smith) I ever had to look up to," said the 6-4 Baker. "That was one big girl. This tournament's been full of new experiences for me."
MORE THAN ONE fan has remarked that Mercy's youngsters — Carolyn Burt is the only senior starter

... that crowd has been like a sixth player for us in this tournament. Our kids seemed to be inspired knowing so many people from the school community were behind them. I sensed the enormous swing in momentum in the fourth quarter, and I thought our crowd helped cause it.
—Larry Baker
Mercy coach

— somehow play older.
"That's attributable to their families and their character more than any coaching technique," Baker said. "I'm truly happy for this group of young ladies because they're nice kids."
"Where ever we play, people remark on how feminine our players are. They manage to remain feminine while still being aggressive and physical on the basketball court. I mean, we were matching Flint blow for blow in the finals."
Baker said he felt the popularity of girls' basketball was increasing despite the relatively small turnout of 2,100 for the Class A and C finals at Calihan. By comparison, more than 21,000 watched

Harrison beat Fordson in the Silverdome.
But you meet your fans in the strangest places.
"I ran into a guy who runs a discount pop and beer store on Grand River in Farmington. It was just after the (Detroit) Cass Tech (quarterfinal) game and I was buying Heineken for the (assistant) coaches."

"The guy said, 'Hey, you're Larry Baker.' He couldn't remember my last name. He'd read the stories in the newspapers and he'd just decided on the spur of the moment to go to that Cass game."
"He was telling me how he was overwhelmed. He said he had no idea that girls were playing at that level. He was sold on it, and it was really nice to

hear that."
Baker was one of many people who liked the way the University of Detroit handled the tournament.
"I thought Calihan was a dandy place to have it," he said. "Let's do it again some time."
With four starters back next year, it's just likely that Baker will get his wish.



Mercy's Carolyn Burt drives against Flint Northern's Yvonne Thompson.

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