



Ladywood guard Emily Wagner (with ball) drives to the basket between Mercy defenders Terri Ford (left) and Mary Rosowski (right) during Friday night's Catholic League girls basketball showdown at Schoolcraft College.

Mercy outlasts Ladywood

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 stretched the lead back 10 with four minutes to play.
 With less than a minute to go, and Mercy up 52-41, Ladywood gave it its final shot. Laliberte hit a pair of free throws. Then Ladouceur hit a bucket. Laliberte hit one of two free throws, and on the miss, Cathy Schram scored on the rebound.
 With 24 seconds left, Ladywood trailed 52-48.
 Ruggiero, the fiery floor general,

calmly sank two free throws to tie the victory for Mercy.
 Schram added another hoop, but Ford closed the door with a layup with three seconds left.
 IT WAS a very revealing fourth quarter. In a sense, it brought out the true colors of both teams.
 When it looked as if Ladywood (13-2) was on the verge of getting blown away, Govan and Wagner took charge. They scored 11 points between them in

the final quarter. They would not allow their team to go down without a fight.
 Mercy (14-1), a veteran team, a team that plays perhaps the toughest schedule of any team in the state, was pure ice down the stretch. With all the noise, all the intensity and all the pressure, Mercy hit five of its six shots from the floor and nine of its 14 free throw tries in the final quarter.
 Indeed, it was a revealing quarter of basketball. It revealed that both teams, win or lose, are champions.

"WE HAVE found a combination that works," said Raider coach Greg Grodzicki. "Patu Kozicki and Heather McPhillips are working very well together inside and Sue Shifra is giving us scoring punch from the outside."
 The Raiders followed Grodzicki's script to the letter. McPhillips shut down Redford Union's junior standout Julie Marchand. Marchand wound up fouling out (one of five Panthers that were whittled out) with 6:53 left in the game. She had nine points and five rebounds upon departure.
 Mummert also did the job offensively, scoring 12 points.
 Kozicki was dominant inside as well. She wound up leading North with 14 points.
 But, the offensive spark was provided by Sue (pronounced "Soono" by the Raiders fans) Shifra. Shifra came off the bench white-hot. Her outside shooting took the bite out of RU's zone. She finished with 11 points.
 Mummert chipped in with six steals and 11 points.
 RU, saddled with 33 of the 52 fouls, was led by Marie Becker's 19 points. It should be noted that 14 of those points came late in the game against North's reserve players.

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 but only took six shots through three quarters.
 Then came the final quarter and Ladywood trailed by nine. Who wants the ball in a situation like that, with every shot magnified, every mistake tightening the collar a bit more?
 Wagner, the all-stater, took it without hesitation. So did Char Govan. The two veterans tried to rally Ladywood, and eventually their work got the Blazers back to within striking distance.
 WHICH IS the same as saying close, but no cigar. Mercy, in a word, was awesome. Mary Rosowski patrolled the boards jealously. Annette Ruggiero plinked her way through Ladywood's defense, darting to and

fro, with all five Blazers in hot pursuit.
 Everyone contributed for the Marlins. From starter Terri Ford who got things rolling with nine first-half points, to Sue Scott, who came off the bench to score five third-quarter points and toss a perfect pass to Rosowski that resulted in a three-point play.
 The crowd chipped in, too. The noise level was deafening. No one on the court heard the buzzer ending the first quarter. No one heard the buzzer for a second-quarter Mercy substitution. No one (players included) heard the official's whistle on a fourth-quarter Ladywood foul.
 Heck, you couldn't even hear the player intros on the stereo during game warm-ups.

THIS WAS the Catholic League at its finest. There was no where to sit, no where to stand, and not a wall to hang a hammer on. Those were filled with some very creative stuff: "Blazer busters," "Squish the fish" and, my favorite, "We deserve a break today, Blazers have a fish fillet."
 Recruiting? Sure, the Catholic League recruits. Not with illegal inducements, with games like this. Check out the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game Nov. 18 and see what kind of crowd it attracts.
 Then ask yourself this: if you were a high school hothead, which would you choose — the noise or the Sounds of Silence?

DURING THE time Becker was being checked by Mummert, she managed just five points.

Referee's whistles mar powerful Raider showing

"I thought Lisa did a heck of a job defending Becker," Grodzicki said.
 The loss drops RU to 3-5 in the Northwest Suburban League, 5-9 overall.
 North Farmington, 6-2 in the NSL, is still very much in contention for the league title. They trail Livonia Franklin by a game and will host the league leaders next Thursday. North is 11-4 on the season.
 PLY. CANTON 47, HARRISON 17: The Chiefs survived a frigid first quarter Thursday on their way to handing Farmington Harrison its 16th straight loss of the season and its 38th straight since 1983.
 While Canton was hitting just three of its 14 first-quarter shots, Harrison could put up no more than two points.
 The Chiefs proceeded to run away

from the Hawks with a 16-4 spurt in the second quarter.
 The surge was led by reserve Penny Piggott. Piggott came off the bench to score eight of her game-high 10 points in the second quarter. Brett Friggs, who scored eight on the night, added six in the second quarter.
 Kathy Ross scored eight also for Canton while Lori Schauder pulled down 13 rebounds.
 Jennifer Hughes and Michelle Wise each scored five for the Hawks.
 The Chiefs, who have been one of the better teams in the Western Lakes the last three weeks, will open the Western Lakes league tournament against Livonia Bentley Thursday.
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ISSUE OF DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS:
 Drawings and Specifications may be obtained at the Farmington Maintenance Building, 2830 West Ten Mile Road, after Noon, November 8, 1984.

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 The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any information therein.

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OAKLAND COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE
OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW & COMMENT
on the
WIDENING TO FIVE LANES OF TWELVE MILE ROAD

All interested persons are hereby advised that the Oakland County Road Commission has prepared, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, an Environmental Assessment of the proposed widening to five lanes of Twelve Mile Road from west of Farmington Road to east of Orchard Lake Road in the City of Farmington Hills (Project No. 31431).

The project, scheduled for construction bid letting in early 1985, calls for widening the existing two and three lane pavement to five lanes both east and west of Orchard Lake Road. The terminal of the Environmental Assessment are Farmington Road and Inlander Road. The project is proposed to receive Federal Aid Urban System funds and is governed by provisions of Federal law.

The Environmental Assessment and the supporting materials are hereby made available for public review and comment or copying. The Environmental Assessment, which evaluates the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the project, is available at the offices of the Oakland County Road Commission, 31001 Lakeside Road, Birmingham, Michigan 48010, from 8:00 A.M. until 4:45 P.M. Monday through Friday. The documents will be available also at both the Farmington Hills City Library and City Engineering Offices during normal City business hours.

To be considered in the final review, your comments must be received by the Oakland County Road Commission at the above address on or before November 15, 1984. If you have questions regarding the proposed project, please contact the Oakland County Road Commission, Planning & Development Department - Phone: 845-2000.

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