# **Rocks have their revenge**

stati writer Dena Head and Katle McNulty were the obvi-ous stars on the basketball court Thursday when Plymouth Salem and Livonia Ladywood squared off in girls regional play. But the push envard in the state tournament regulare assistance. Ike the klnd Head's team-mate Burb Rise of the klnd Head's team-the state of a same-high 20 points to help send the Rocks Into Saurday's final. "Head and HeNulty washed each other off, and I became a 4-on-4 game," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "If those two break even, I think we have a real good chance of winning the game." "I tooked that way." said Ladywood coach Ed KavAnAUGH SAID be was surprised and yet

KAVANAUGH SAID be was surprised and yet he wasn't at the major role Krug, a 6-foot-1 cen-ter, had on the outcome. "Obviously, we were keying on several people." he said. "We were trying to focus on Dena and the guard (dill Estey), and that tended to leave her

The liners who the teams played in September.

winners when the teams played in September. "That made us really want to come back and beat them," said Salem senior Kerl McBride. "We've been looking forward to this all year. "If we hadn't lost early in the year, we would have gone for an undefeated season."

have gone for an undefeated season." IEAD WAS the obvious key to Salem's victory in the much-onticipated rematch, but Krug's well-timed point production, the defensive effort by forward Stacy Sovine and the floor leadership of Estey were among the other reasons for the Rocks staying alive in the post-season. Sovine's job was to guard Yvonne Barnett, who scored a team-high 18 points against Salem the first time. Barnett had seven Thursday, and Karen Finnegan, who came off the barch to finish with 11 after hitting a three-pointer with 105 re-maining, was the only other Blazer in double fig-ures. "In the half court, Stacy was in good position,

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North Farmington wrestling coach Dick Cook is faced with the same dilemma again this year — a

"We have been young every year for whatever reason," he said. "Most of the wrestlers who come out are

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and (Barnett) was not able to make her crossover

move," Thomann said. Perhaps the biggest key, according to Tho-mann, was the fact Ladywood's pressure defense didn't force the Rocks into turnovers that cost them at the other end, and that's where Estey

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HEAD LED THE way as the Rocks took a first-quarter load and stayed in front, appearing some-times on the verge of putting the Blazers away and avoiding a nail-biting finish. Head who connected an 11 of 15 field area at

down 13 rebotines, near our assiss and make two steals. The Rocks had to maintain their concentration against Ladywood's patient first-quarter offense, but took a 12-10 lead into the second period after Swine sank two free throws. The Rocks were 8-of-8 at the line in the first half. The second quarter proved decisive as the Rocks stretched their lead to 32-20 at halfilme. KrBirde, Krug and Head combined to give Salem a six-point lead, but the Blazers stayed close, 20-fe, with a pair of MeNulty free throws. Then, in the final 24- minutes of the half, the Rocks outscored Ladywood 12-4 and took com-mand of the game.

mand of the game. ESTEY PASSED to Head on the break, and Head turned it into a three-point play. Head re-ciprocated, with Eaty on the scoring end of the fast break to make 125-16. "Dena and Jill are a good combination out front," Thomann said. "I'll take them against any

front," Thomann said. "I'll take them against any-body. "Jill anticipates the next pass very well. She and Dena work well in tandem out there: Following a Barnett free throw, Head's rebound backet, Krug's layon and another Head-Extey con-nection gave Salem a 15-point lead before Ann Marie Laskowski hit a three-point field goal at the

buzzer. "The second quarter was the key to the whole

me," Kavanaugh sald. "I told my girls a half-ourt game would be to our advantage. But when tey got a few steals and breaks, that really hurt.

"THEY HAD A couple spurts, but when we lied close they were always able to get a couple

pulled close they were always able to get a couple key baskets." Kavanaugh added that 5-fool-11 forward Nancy Wagner, who averaged 10.5 points, going to the bench in (Irst-balf doul trouble was another set-

bench in first-half foul trouble was another set-back. "They have a tall team, and it's hard to match up at every position when you don't have one of your tailest girst, he said. The Rocks took their biggest lead (16 points) at the outset of the third quarter when Krug became a decisive figure offensively. She turned passes from Head into layups for the first two backets of the half, giving Salem a 36-20 lead. Thomann had laken Krug out of the game in the first quarter to settle her down. But she found her niche in the second half when she had 14 of her 20 points.

"I ASKED HER 'What are you so nervous about?' Thomann said. "She went back in, and she got it going." Despite making a move in the second quarter, Salem never had a truly safe lead until the final

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"We've had some emotional games, but we dealt with it in the second or third quarters. To-night the pressure stayed there, and we had to work through it for the whole 32 minutes."



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Jill Estey goes airborne to thwart Ann Marie Thomas' pass attempt. Estey was a key to Salem's success against Lady-wood's defensive pressure.

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it." Key losses for the Raiders include Adam Kahn (138), Paul Cook (145), who won 99 matches during a four-year career, Mark Cassar (155), Corey Bartsch (167) and Dan Starrs (185).

FARMINGTON HARRISON First-year coach Matt Gasser took an aggressive approach to his new duties at Harrison, recruiting pro-spective wrestlers from the football team and trying to build up the num-

them and up me to sense the sense of the sense of the sense had only 11 wrestlers on their squad last year, but the 21-year-old Casser had 36 out for preseason practics before football season ended. Harrison has eight returnees, In-fulding seniors Leo Devine at 155 pounds and Jim Culbertson at 167.

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and avoiding a nail-biling finish. Head, who connected on 11 of 15 field-goal at-tempts, was 8-of-10 at the free-throw line, pulled down 13 rebounds, had four assists and made two stops