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Mercy volleyball players celebrate their upset victory over Livonia Ladywood, the state's No. 1-ranked team, at the conclusion of Monday's match. The players in the foreground are Meg Pink-

erton (left), Kristin Orlandoni, Pam Thompson, Andrea Velthovin and Christy Johnson. The Marlins won the match in two games.

Mercy topples Blazers

Livonia Ladywood, the state's top-ranked Class A volleyball team, took its 26-1 record Monday into Farmington Hills Mercy, fairly confident it would come out with another win.

But it wasn't the case as the Marlins upset No. 1 Ladywood, 15-13, 15-13, in a knock-down, drag-out Catholic League Central Division battle.

"This was a great match," Mercy coach Tim DeBello said. "This was just a good volleyball game with both teams going back and forth."

With the Marlins holding the lead in the second game, 14-13, Meg Pinkerton finished off the Blazers for good, blasting the game-winner down the line out and of the reach of the opposition.

A pair of Ladywood rallies in the second game went astray as Mercy held on. The first came after the Blazers pulled even after falling behind 6-0. The second rally had the Blazers coming back from a 12-9 deficit, only to have Mercy thwart the charge.

In the first game, Mercy made the comeback, rallying from a 7-1 deficit.

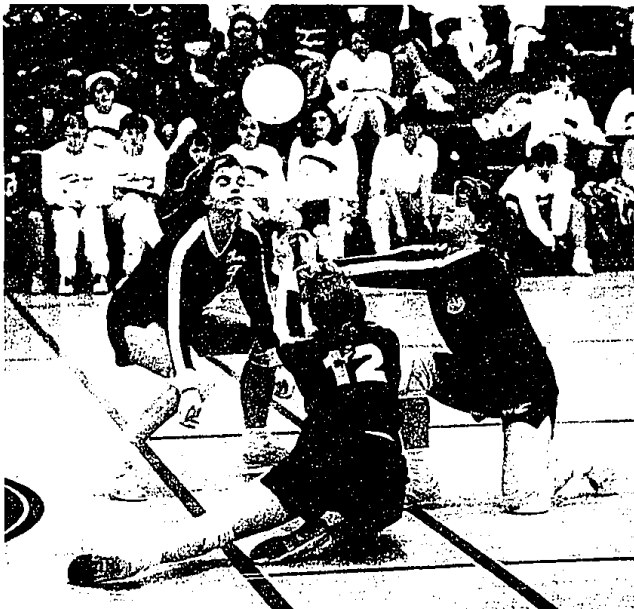
Jennifer Slosar was Mercy's top hitter, recording eight kills in 15 attempts, while Pinkerton contributed six kills in 15 attempts.

The Marlins also received strong back row play from Lynne Elliott and Christy Johnson, along with effective setting from Kandi Boyle, who made only three errors in 50 attempts. Another standout was Kristin Orlandoni, who registered three aces.

"Kristin had a strong net game and I thought we blocked well," said DeBello, whose team is 4-3 in division play and 16-5 overall. "We blocked well and got our hands on a lot of balls."

Maureen Knittel and Mary Kelley

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Three Mercy players — Andrea Velthovin, Christy Johnson (12) and Kandi Boyle — swoop toward the ball, trying to dig a Lady-

wood spike. The Marlins played a well-rounded team game to beat the top-ranked Blazers.

Hawks roll to easy win

Farmington Hills Harrison put 22 unanswered points on the board Tuesday, breaking an 8-8 tie and rolling to a 73-39 triumph over Livonia Franklin in Western Division basketball action.

The Hawks are 8-4 overall, 4-2 in the Western Division. Franklin falls to 2-10, 2-4.

Bryan Wauldron scored 23 points for Harrison, and Chad Burgess added 15 points and 14 rebounds. Jason McDonnell scored eight points, had five assists and four steals for the Hawks.

J.J. Swindall had 12 to pace Franklin, which shot just 29 percent (17-58) from the field.

"We were flat tonight," said Franklin coach Rod Hanna. "Our poorest performance of the year. It was like our feet were in quicksand."

N. FARMINGTON 62, STEVENSON 61: Host Livonia Stevenson let a 6-point fourth-quarter lead evaporate, and stayed winless in the Western Division.

The Spartans are 3-8 overall, 0-6 in the division. North raised its mark to 5-7, 3-3.

A shot with six seconds left that would have given Stevenson a 1-point lead, was off the mark. The Spartans were led in scoring by Chris Nazelli's 19 points. Eric Schwei had 14 and Scott Koskewski added 13.

Sophomore guard Matt Hoffman scored 19 points for North followed by Venoy Hill with 17, and Kurt Dudek, who added 12.

JOHN GLENN 60, FARMINGTON 47: Westland John Glenn pulled away late in the game, outscoring host Farmington 17-6 in the final quarter for the Lakes Division win.

The Rockets thus stay a game behind first-place Walled Lake Central in the Lakes Division at 5-1, and 8-4 overall. Farmington is 1-5, 3-9.

Junior forward Greg Anderson had 20 points to lead Glenn, and senior guard Marcus Lowe added 11.

Mike Myers led the Falcons with 14 points and Steve Quenneville added 12.

"I'm always happy to win a game on the road," Glenn coach Bob Killbeck said. "Farmington played well. It's a much improved team."

LUTHERAN NORTH 88, CLARENCEVILLE 69: Mount Clemens Lutheran North remained unbeaten, defeating visiting Livonia Clarenceville in a Metro Conference game.

North is 11-0 overall, 7-0 in the Metro. Clarenceville falls to 6-5, 2-3.

Dave Mooneyhan and John Bailey led North with 27 and 26 points, respectively. Clarenceville's Steve Tyson led all scorers with 29 points. Gregg Buell and Darin DeRoock added 13 and 12 points, respectively.

Louie DeBello grabbed 16 rebounds for the Trojans.

CC 82, BISHOP GALLAGHER 49:

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SC women hand OCC first defeat

By C.J. Rieck
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What a difference a player can make. And on Saturday at Oakland Community College, Schoolcraft College coach Jack Grenan knew exactly how to take advantage of his advantage.

OCC, unbeaten through 19 women's basketball games (8-1 in the Eastern Conference) and ranked among the top NJCAA Division II teams, was hurting. Starting center Regina Woodard (from Bloomfield Hills Lahser) was out with a bruised knee.

Against a tough inside team like SC, that spelled trouble. And that's what the Lady Raiders got, as SC posted a 58-50 upset victory at OCC.

"We knew going in we had two girls inside against basically just Woodard," said Grenan. "When she didn't play, it helped us that much more."

But OCC did not roll to 19 straight wins on Woodard's inside play alone. It took a strong defense and a patient, nearly error-free offense (just nine turnovers) by SC to secure the victory.

"We switched defenses every other possession," said Grenan. "We played really patient, the most patient we've played all year. The kids finally stuck to a game plan."

OCC LED 32-30 at the half. The game remained tight, with the spread never more than three points, until the final five minutes. From the seven-minute mark on, Grenan decided to go strictly inside to Sharon Miller and Penny Piggott, and it worked. Miller excelled, turning in 4

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Visiting Redford Catholic Central outscored Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher in every quarter, winning its fifth Central Division game against two setbacks.

The Shamrocks are 10-2 overall; Gallagher falls to 0-7 in the league, 2-0 overall.

Five players scored in double figures for CC, which led 23-7 after one quarter and 41-19 at halftime.

Anthony Arrington led CC with 19 points, followed by guard Terry Boykin with 17. Bill Vitti had 11 points

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Falcons edge Glenn

Farmington scored an important Lakes Division wrestling victory Tuesday night — possibly the biggest in school history.

The Falcons, proving themselves to be among the powers in the Western Lakes Activities Association this year, knocked off Westland John Glenn 29-27 on the loser's mats.

The match was originally scheduled for last Thursday at Farmington, but it had to be postponed and moved to Glenn after a fire at Farmington High School.

The victory puts the Falcons, who beat Glenn for the first time, in a three-way tie for first place in the division with Plymouth Salem and Livonia Stevenson, all with 3-1 records. The Rockets fall to 2-2.

"It sure helps the program out," Farmington coach Al Beyer said. "Glenn and Salem have dominated the league for so long, it's nice to have someone else in there."

"I DON'T THINK anybody is a shoe-in for the league championship," he added. All WLAAs teams will be together Saturday for the league meet at Glenn.

The Rockets won four of the first six bouts Tuesday, but they still had only a 12-11 lead over Farmington. All of Glenn's victories were decisions, while the Falcons overcame those losses with pins by Chris Gardner and Steve Lee at 112 and 128

NF wrestler triumphs

North Farmington junior Zalm Cummalaj showed up the favorites Saturday to win the 198-pound wrestling championship at the Lincoln Park Invitational.

Cummalaj was seeded No. 3 at the start of the tournament, but he ended up No. 1 by day's end, accomplishing three of his four victories with pins.

He pinned the No. 2 seed earlier Saturday and then defeated the No. 4 seed from Royal Oak Kimball with a 12-3 decision in the final.

The Kimball wrestler had been the No. 1 seed at the Oakland County meet last December and, in Saturday's tournament, defeated the Lake Orion wrestler who had won the county championship.

In addition, North's Jack Beall was second at 112 pounds, and Adam Cook was ninth at 119.

Coach Dick Cook said he thought the Raiders, who were 11th out of 19 teams, would have finished higher had Jeff Jacobs and Bill Murley not been forced to withdraw due to injury defaults. Jacobs suffered an eye injury, and Murley hurt his back earlier in the tournament.

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pounds, respectively. Gardner pinned Glenn's Jim Pace in 5:12, and Lee pinned Dave Schaefer in 2:37.

Farmington led 20-15 after the 155-pound contest. T.J. Armstrong declined Jeff Allen 2-0 at 136, Todd Jacobs defeated Mike McKinney 7-1 at 145 and Mike Kelly battled Craig Kuban to a 12-12 draw at 155.

Glenn moved in front 21-20 on Chuck Lauber's victory by default at 167, but Bill Lindbert's 6-5 decision

over Dereck Tharp at 185 restored the lead to Farmington, 23-21. Tharp had beaten Lindbert earlier in the session.

Charles Wyatt's pin in 3:10 of the 198-pound bout locked up the victory for Falcons.

"You could go down the line and say almost all of them were big (wins)," Beyer said.

Farmington is 6-1 overall; the Rockets are 10-6.

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