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#### City rivals clash on court

Kalie Doll of Farmington Hills Harrison (above) goes airborno in preparation for an attempted spike Monday night when the Hawks took on Farmington in volleyball. Doll and her teammates prevalled in three games over the Faticons, 15-4, 13-15, 15-8. Harrison teammate Lisa Donovan (6) awaits the outcome of Doll's spike. Farmington's Katte McDonald (below) passes the ball to a teammate. The two teams, along with North Farmington, will get together again at 3:45 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, when the Observer sponsors its the Observer sponsors its annual meet at Farmington High School.



# Cage rivals collide for net title this time

Livonia Ladywood and Farmington Mercy, longtime rivals on the basketball court, will battle tonight for a title of a different kind.

The two teams meet at 7:30 p.m. at Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher to decide the volleyball title in the A-B Division of the Catholic League.

Both teams swept through the first two rounds of the Central Division playoffs Monday night to get to the finals.

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Ladywood, the No. 1-ranked team in Class A, defeated Southgate Aquinas, 15-5 and 15-4 in the quarterfinals, before outsign Harper Woods Regina in three games, 13-15, 15-1 and 15-1.

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Mercy got by Dearborn Divine Child, 15-1 and 15-5, and downed Harper Woods Blahop Foley in the semifinals, 18-12, 13-15 and 15-3.

"We split with them during the regular season, so it looks like it will be an exciting match tonight," Mercy coach Tim DeBellso said. "I hope we play our best. I know my girls will be excited to get at them."

LADYWOOD, 42-2 overall, breezed to its opening-round win over Aquinas. Setter Mary Kelly's 15 assists led the rout and Corine McNamara became the recipi-ent of those passes, recording six kills. Regina defeated Ladywood in the first game of the semificial, but a key block by Maureen Knittel in the second game ignited the Blazers' charge.

Knittel had four service aces in the second game against Regina, and Sarah Adzima recorded eight kills out of 17 attempts in the Regina match.

Serving took the spotlight for Mercy in its first-round win over Divine Child, but front-line and back-line play sparkled for the Marlins in the semi-final against Bishea Solution.

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Meg Pinkerton registered five kills in 15 attacks in the three-game win over Foley. DeBeliso added that Merey received fine play from back-line performers Lynn Elliott Christy Johnson and Kristin Orlandoni. Redford Bishop Borgess, the other Observerland team in the Central Division playoffs, was ousted by Foley in the quarterfinals, 15-5 and 15-7.

LIVONIA STEVENSON raised its overall mark Monday to 27-4, defeating Walled Lake Western, 15-13, 6-15 and 15-4 in a crossover game in the Western Lakes Athleite Association.

Sue Zatorski led visiting Stevenson with seven kills, and Renee Bonser added two blocks and four kills. Jenny Sladowski, Sherry Jahns and Chris Stanker excelled in the serving department, collecting a combined seven service aces.

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In another key WLAA match, Plymouth Salem upset Western Division leader Livonia Churchill, 15-13, 9-15, 15-11.

Asaka Motowyma led the visiting Rocks with 14 kills.

## Blazers end Stevenson reign in S'craft tourney

Ladywood's Torn Teeters has been running the Schoolcraft College volleyball tournament for years, but as coach, he had never won it. That all changed Saturday as the Blazers lived up to their No. I Class A ranking in the state polls, outlasting 29 other teams to win the coveted title.

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"IT'S ALWAYS disappointing when the returning champion can't get past the quarterfinals," said Stevenson coach Lee Cagie. "But there's no question Ladywood is the better team this year. We lost two key people last year and they didn't lose

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"What was disappointing was that we served terribly. We didn't help ourselves with good serving. We dug ourselves a hole and you can't play defense all the time against a team like Ladywood. Also, our set selections were terrible."

Stevenson's two top hitters, Laura Brown and Suc Zatorski, were stymied in their elforts, but so was everyone else who played against the Blazers.

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Borgess coach Jerry Abraham gave his endorsement of the newly rowned champions.

"They're smart and they have experience," he said. "They block well and they dink well. We bad a hard time putting the ball on the floor. They were really digging them up."

KEYING THE LADYWOOD at-tack was Mary Kelley and Corinne McNamara, whom Teeters calls "one of the best one-two combina-

"Mary Kelley's setting has improved drastically," said the Ladywood coach. "We don't have a lot of standout hitters, but Mary is also one of our best."

### Racka's shooting spurs Panthers past Raiders

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Home court advantage? For whom?

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