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Mitch Fyke led a first-quarter charge that saw Canton take control early. Fyke had nine of his 15 points in the opening

Canton ends district drought

Plymouth Canton looked like a basketball team hungry for a district champlonship Friday night at Northville.

After all, It had been eight years since the Chiefs last won a post-season title. Canton was at an emotional high early and roared out of the gate, survived some tough moments along the way and produced a 73-65 victory over Plymouth Salem.

"It's something these players have worked three years for, and they've accomplished a goal," coach Tom Niemi said. "We're ever proud to represent Canton/Plymouth and the league at the regional."

The Chiefs, with a 19-4 record, will play Toylor Truman at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Eastern Michigan University's Bowen Field House. Truman upset Bellevithe and Romulius last week to win the Wayne Memoral district.

"WE'VE COME a long ways in three years," said Canton senlor Roger Trice, a three-year starter who had 15 points. "Canton had a tradition of being a losing team, and now we're district chams."

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It wasn't until the final quarter that Canton had comfortable lead and the final minute that victory was imminent, but the Chiefs left no doubt they were ready when the gun went off.
Canton shot better than 75 percent in the first quarter, making nine of 14 shots, and threatened to decide the contest early.
Senior forward Mitch Fyke had nine of his 15 points during those eight minutes and Trice six as the Chiefs opened up a 21-10 gap.
"It was so incredible, I can't describe it." Fyke said. "I had so incredible, I can't describe it." Fyke we came out."
"I was really fired up." Trice said. "I was doing good in warmups, and I just started shooting and passing the ball to everybody else. We just play as a team."

CANTON'S AMAZING start turned the opposite

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"There's a strong team feeling among everybody. Everybody contributes, and it doesn't bother anybody if one guy plays the whole game. We just want to

Canton senior

the last 1¼ minutes of the half. But Canton passed the test of a good team by holding on when things didn't go well.

Matt Littleton came off the bench to provide needed help when Salem was building steam. He had both of those early field goals to keep Canton in front when the team struggled to regain its shooting touch.

"They were playing a zone on us, and (Niemi) told me to go in and penetrate and look for the pulf-up J — and that's what I did," Littleton said.

Brian Paupore's three-pointer at the buzzer kept the Chiefs on top 38-37, and Canton was able to maintain or increase the small leads it carried into each of the final two quarters.
"The game is a matter of spuris, and you have to withstand those runs," Niemi said.
"That's where our seniors come in. We've played an awful lot of close ballgames, and we've developed a lot of poise."

SALEM MANAGED to take its second lead when Todd Marion hit a triple to cap a run of seven polns that put the Rocks in front 49-48. But Fyke and Paupore made four free throws apiece as Canton regained the edge 52-49. Free throws helped the Chiefs over the rough spots, and

Canton's numerical edge came at the line where it was 21-0f-30. The Rocks made 12 of 14. Brad Carey's triple gave the Chiefs their biggest lead (85-55) since the dark queer; but Salem got back within six 41-0f-30 Keith Smith's rebound buckers are six of the control of the con

win.
"We had to have an outstanding shooting effort
to beat them," said Salem coach Bob Brodle, aluding to the fact the Rocks, after a decent start
themselves, fell off to 12-of-41 shooting in the sec-

ond half.

Salem's plan was to slow down the tempo, force
Canton to concentrate on half-court defense and
take inside shots. But the Rocks ended up pulling
the trigger too quickly from the perimeter and
didn't enough offensive boards.

"THEY WERE GOOD shots, but it wasn't what we had planned." Brodie said, "If they had gone down, it might have been a different story. But if they don't go down you're not forcing them to play

they don't go down you're not forcing them to play any defense.

"They just had so much offensive firepower that we were just trading baskets. You have to make them play defense."

Niemi emphasized the depth on Canton's team and the balanced scoring, which had Paupore who was 6-046 on free throws, added 14.

"There's a strong team feeling among everywholey." Littleton said. "Everybody contributes, and it doesn't bother anybody if one guy plays the whole game. We just want to win."

Salem also had balanced scoring, with Marion getting 17, which included three triples. Smithscored 14, M.J. Ewald 12 and Scott Hale 10 for the Tocks, who also got to the final game in the West-Rocks, who also got to the final game in the West-ern Lakes tournament and finish with a 10-12 --

"It's been a difficult year, but it's been a learning year," Brodie said, referring to early-season injuries. "We played through some adversity, and we did have the opportunity to play for two chambars."

SC's Hawley still waits for offer No such chance. Not for Hawley. The 6-foot-2 guard graduated a year avering, in even ditration and the control of the control of the chance of

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ger stage.
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WATCHING HAWLEY watching last week's NJCAA Region 12 championship baskethall game between Highland Park Community College and Vincenees (Ind.) CC 1004 the story. "This would'we been nice." says lawley. "It would have been nice to have played in a game like this."



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same date. Hed check for 5% of the bid must accompany our bid propos-be obtained from our purchasing department.

JANICE ROLNICK, Secretary Board of Education



Now he may be forced to change those plans. Why? One look at SZ season explains it. The Occlets started the season in disarray — the cooch, Bob Wetzel, resigned in October — and finished it in agony. When Cuyahoga CC Inally, almost merelfully, ended SC's campaign last week in the first round of the Region XII playoffs, it brought down the curtain on one of the worst SC seasons ever. The team won just one Eastern Conference game, had three players quit and had another go academically ineftigable. October Cachana Bogatal and the curtain of the curtain of the conference carried, and the curtain of the conference carried and the players with high school playing experience in Brad Ridgeway and Andy Stephens, four others with limited or no high school playing time — and Hawley.

In a conference in which teams

hoping for a title put five top-level high school players on the floor at a time, it was evident SC had little hope. It also was apparent Hawley faced a task of Herculean propor-tions, trying to gain recognition in such a hopeless situation.

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"In my case, I never could have foreseen what would have happened, with the coach leaving, players quitting the team and going academically ineligible," he said. "It makes it real tough. It makes the game so much more difficult."

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AFTER ALL the defections, only lawley remained as an offensive threat. "It left me as pretty much the lone survivor out there," said Hawley. He often found himself double, and at times triple, teamed. Still, he got loose enough to leah its conference in scoring, averaging 30.2 points. He got bis share of chances — 582 floor shots, or more than 22 a game. He hil 44 percent from three-point range.
"I don't want to badmouth anybody, but like the coach said, 'The shots Steve takes, even forced, are better than those the others took,' Itawley said. "We were askid, grus to do things they never did before. In sign school, they were sitting on the bench at crunch time."

And his own performance? "I thought I did fairly well, considering. It was tough on me because I had to do so many things." The season drained Hawley, both emotionally and physically. "It was

The season drained Hawley, both emotionally and physically. "It was the first time I played on a team knowing going into a game it was either going to be real, real tough to win, or a loss," he said. "It was tough playing a 30 game schedule like that and keep your morale up."

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typical game," said Hawley." He wouldn't get a good look at how I can play."

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JANICE ROLNICK, Secretary Board of Education

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Tupper at 8:00 p.m. on March 7, 1988, in Council Chambers, 23800 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. PRESENT: Campbell, Hartsock. Richardson, Tupper, Yoder. OTHERS PRESENT: Clay Manager Deadman, Director Lauboff, Director Billing, City Cierk Bushey. Minuted of the previous meeting of February 15, 1988, were approved as writ-Minuted of the previous meeting of February 15, 1988, were approved as writ-

ten.
Minutes of other boards were received and/or filed.
The Mayor presented awards and citations to eight members of the Department of Public Safety and one civilian.
Council granted the requested sign variance to Mobil Oil Corporation, 3330

Council tabled for 60 days a decision on the requested fence variance at 23580 Loomis Court.

nis Court. scil issued the following proclamations: MOSLEM SHRINE TEMPLE PAPER DRIVE DAYS MICHIGAN TORNADO SAFETY WEEK

Council received a progress report on the Solid Waste Consortium Plan and established a special meeting at the Southfield Auditorium on April 15, 1988, at 8.00 p.m. to finalize recommendations concerning the consortium. Council authorized the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute an agreement granting an easement to Michigan Bell Telephone Company for the installation of a terminal cabinet in the area of Veteran's Memorial Park.

Council took no action on the renewal of the 1888 Class C Liquor Licenses in the City.

Council established a fee schedule for Agendas and Minutes.

Council amended Rule B and Section H, Fee Schedule of the City's Cemetery Rules and Regulations.

Rules and Regulations.

Mayor and the City Cierk to execute continuance of the Cokkand Councy Animal Care Center Agreement with designated rate horrases.

Council approved payment of \$8,578.08 to the contractor for work completed on the renovation of Council Chambers.

Public comments were heard.

The following appointments were made by Council:

Farmington Community Library Board of Trustees

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Farmington Blistorical Commission

Robert Walker, Barbara Builter and Judith Cook,
3-year terms to expire March 13, 1991.

Farmington Beautification Committee

Rosenary Pitupatrick, 2-year term to expire

Council received the Department of Public Safety Annual Operations Report for December 31, 1987, the General Fund and the 47th District Court financial reports for the seven months ended January 31, 1988.

Monthly bilts were approved for payment.

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RICHARD L. TUPPER, Mayor JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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