

Mercy star assists in victory

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starting unit with Herberholz and Phillips, led the A-West girls to a come-from-behind victory. McNulty scored all five of her points early as the East raced to a 15-2 lead. A pair of Herberholz free throws was all the West had in the first 4½ minutes, and the team didn't score a field goal until nearly eight minutes had elapsed.

"WE WATCHED THE Pistons the other night (in Game 5 of the NBA Championship Series) and thought that's the way you're supposed to start a game, get behind 0-12 and play from there," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, the Class A coach of the year and an assistant with the West all-stars.

The Head-Phillips-Herberholz unit, which included Denise Kirby (Detroit King) and Stacey Warren (Kalamazoo Central), pulled the West within 27-23 before the other quintet — everybody had to play a minimum of 16 minutes — fought a 33-31 halftime lead.

In keeping with the all-star theme, it was Head's passing that was most instrumental in the West staying on top in the second half. She hit both Herberholz and Phillips with nice feeds as they went to the basket for layups.

"There's a time when you have to think of yourself and scoring opportunities and a time when you have to think about your teammates," Head said. "If a teammate is open, you have to think about the team first and yourself second."

"She's been such a team player for so long she tried to get everybody involved," Thomann said,

basketball

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Mercy basketball coach

"and didn't look to score as much as she should."

In fact, it was Head's assist to Herberholz that gave the West a 57-51 lead and started a 10-4 run that boosted the blue-clad squad to a 65-55 advantage.

THE EAST CUT it to 65-61 with a basket from Marthea McCloud of state champion Detroit Cass Tech with 2½ minutes left.

Head, who saw her Salem team lose to Cass Tech in the Class A semifinals last December, answered with the last six points of the game to make the final 10-point difference.

"The team really came around, because we worked as a team and not a group of individuals," Head said.

"Getting behind early comes from not playing together (previously). Everybody was the top player on her (high school) team, and it took a couple minutes to blend together."

"Everybody likes the idea of winning," she added, addressing the significance of winning an all-star game. "This game was for fun, but winning the game does make you feel a little better about yourself."

Phillips, who will play college ball at Penn State, finished with nine points and seven rebounds and Herberholz, who hopes to make Michigan State's team as a walk-on, six points and five rebounds.

"(HERBERHOLZ) DID a lot of little things to contribute to the victory," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "She showed what I think is her strength — her versatility. She played the point for a while, she blocked out and she got out to set the screen."

McNulty, who received a basketball scholarship from Mid-American Conference champion Bowling Green, also grabbed seven rebounds and blocked two shots.

Mr. Basketball Matt Steigenga, who led Grand Rapids South Christian to the Class B state title and played with Vitti on the East team, was named MVP of the Class A all-star game in which he had 26 points, 10 rebounds and three blocks.

Port Huron's Jay Zulaw, a Bowling Green recruit, scored 33 points and grabbed 12 rebounds in a losing cause.



THOMAS ARNETT/staff photographer

Jan Herberholz of Mercy High School contributed six points to the East's 71-61 victory in the Class A girls all-star game Saturday.

Lady Luck shines upon 1 local race-car driver

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Maybe it was written in the stars or spelled out in their collective horoscopes. Whatever or wherever, it was plain that Saturday just wasn't a good day for (local) race cars in the Motor City 100 Trans Am race at the Detroit Grand Prix.

With one exception, that is: Hurley Haywood, driving a Group 44 Audi Quattro (headquarters in Troy). By his own admission, Haywood struggled throughout the race, lacking the speed to keep up with many of his competitors.

But what Haywood's Audi lacked in speed, it made up for in endurance and consistency. And that — combined with a lot of luck — put Haywood into the winner's circle.

"I just couldn't keep pace with Scott (Pruett) and Willy (T. Ribbs)," said Haywood after collecting his second victory of the Trans Am season. "But my car really comes on in the second half of the race. It maintains its integrity throughout the race."

"After the last yellow, I was in third. I figured that's where I'd finish, in third. A lot of times Lady Luck has to race with you. It was with me this time."

LADY LUCK may have been co-piloting Haywood's car, but it was absent elsewhere. Throughout the 40-lap race — slowed considerably by three yellow flags — Ribbs' Camaro, Pruett's Merkur XR4Ti (part of the Jack Roush team of Livonia), and Wally Dallenbach's Corvette (Polyvolts/Protolab of Auburn Hills) battled for the lead. Haywood was nowhere to be found among the leaders. At least not until the final yellow had been waved off with three laps remain-

ing. Ribbs was in front, with Pruett right on his bumper. Haywood was a distant third. It stayed that way until the final lap. As Ribbs and Pruett headed down the racetrack straightaway starting that last lap, they were side by side, but by the first turn Ribbs had again assumed the lead.

With less than half a lap remaining, Pruett tried to dive inside Ribbs at turn No. 11. Ribbs tried to prevent him. The two cars collided, Ribbs spinning out and off the track, then stalling, and Pruett hitting him.

UP DROVE Haywood, slipping past the two stopped cars and heading to the checkered flag in one hour, 32:08.361, at an average speed of 65.119 mph. Pruett got his car back on the track to finish second in 1:32:20.052. Ribbs couldn't get his Camaro restarted; he finished 12th.

"It wasn't like it was on purpose or anything," said Pruett, who had won this race in 1987. "I was just trying to get by. I don't know if he didn't see me or what, but when I tried to get by on the inside we came together."

When told that Ribbs had called his tactic "a dumb move" — I owe him one, Pruett reiterated that it wasn't intentional. "I was trying to get by on a tight city street, and he was trying to use the track to keep me behind. It's hard to say if he didn't see me or I was doing something I shouldn't have."

THE LAST-LAP collision cost the Roush team any hope for its first Trans Am win of the season. Roush has dominated the circuit in the past, winning the last four drivers' and manufacturers' titles, but

new restrictions designed to cut the team's advantage have kept it from repeating its successes.

Still, it wasn't a bad day for Roush — but it could've been better. Its four cars finished second, sixth (driven by Deborah Gregg, 10th (Tyr St. James) and 11th (Felix Halmers). Halmers was the pole-sitter, but he spun out on the first lap and was never in contention.

By the halfway mark, it seemed the Polyvolts/Protolab team was on its way to an outstanding race. Dallenbach was in first and Greg Pickett was running fourth. But Dallenbach started having suspension problems with his 10 laps remaining and, after Ribbs passed him, pitted.

DALLENBACH GOT back into the race, but only briefly before dropping out for good with eight laps left. Pickett, too, had a lengthy pit stop in the final laps, but the last yellow helped him. He finished fifth in 1:32:35.403 — 27.042 behind the winner.

For Don Sak of West Bloomfield, the best part of this race was the start. He had a big cheering section rooting for him, but after the start there wasn't much to cheer about. On his second lap, Sak hit the wall in turn six but continued. Three turns later, he lost his right front tire and was forced to the pits.

He wasn't back in the race for very long before a broken suspension sent him to the pits again. Sak returned once more, but a crash sidelined him for good. The crash occurred at 4:41 p.m., 32 minutes after the start of the race. Officially, Sak finished 39th out of 43 cars that started the race.

Which is what Craig Bennett of Southfield didn't do. Bennett was entered, but didn't race.

Youth swimming teams begin new season on winning notes

Farmington Glen Aquatic Club and Kendallwood Swim Club opened the summer swimming season with victories Friday, while Woodbrooke and Beechview went down to defeat.

Kerry Doran set a club record of 1:14.6 in the 100-meter individual medley as Kendallwood edged Bloomfield Hills Aquatic Club 282-271, and five double-event winners helped Farmington Glen power past Beechview 305-259.

Defending state champion Bloomfield Surf handed Woodbrooke a 321-252 defeat, and Beechview came up on the short end of a 291-255 score against Orchard Valley.

KENDALLWOOD WINNERS

Double-event winners: Kerry Doran, 13-14, 50 free and 100 IM; Shari Richardson, 11-12, 50 breast and 50 free; Julie Knoche, 9-10, 50 free and 50 breast; Mike Drelles, 13-14, 50 back and 50 fly; Kristin Celko, 13-14, 50 back and 50 fly; Karl Kozicki, 11-12, 50 fly and 100 IM; Shannon O'Brien, 11-12, 50 fly and 100 IM; Steve Darnell, 8-under, 25 fly and 25 free; Cindy Grush, 15-17, 50 free and 50 breast; Chris Knoche, 13-14, 50 breast and 100 IM.

Single-event winners: Grant Shively, 15-17, 50 breast; Lisa Richardson, 9-10, 50 fly; Megan Wolf, 8-under, 25 fly; Ryan McKeely, 11-12, 50 breast; Scott Allison, 13-14, 50 free; Emily Shively, 13-14, 50 breast.

FARMINGTON GLEN WINNERS Double-event winners: Bob Holdridge, 13-14, 50 back and 50 free; Missy Kendall, 15-17, 100 free and 50 fly; Jennifer Kiel, 15-17, 50 breast and 100 IM; Brad Moore, 15-17, 50 breast and 100 IM; Matt Moore, 13-14, 100 IM and 50 breast.

Single-event winners: Catherine Docherty, 7-8, 25 back; Jason Hobler, 15-14, 50 fly; Kristy Kozłowski, 15-17, 50 back; John Maloney, 9-10, 50 breast; Karen Mathie, 7-8, 25 fly; G.T. Mell, 15-17, 50 back;

swimming

Eric Newton, 15-17, 100 free; Karl Pawlowski, 7-8, 25 free; Jon Reed, 11-12, 50 fly; Anne Marie Scario, 9-10, 50 fly; Steve Scario, 11-12, 50 back; Kim Seed, 13-14, 50 back; Nick Sosnowski, 7-8, 25 back; Becky Weary, 13-14, 50 free; Kevin Yoder, 11-12, 50 breast.

WOODBROOKE WINNERS

Double-event winners: Mandy Speer, 13-14, 50 back and IM; Jason Speer, 9-10, 50 back and 50 free. Mandy Speer broke the club record of 35.2 in the 50 back with a time of 34.29.

Single-event winners: Erica Vincent, 11-12, 50 back; Chad Feldman, 9-10, 50 fly; Liz Worthen, 15-17, 50 back; Jenny Vincent, 7-8, 25

free; Laurie Oswald, 15-17, 100 free; Michael Csrnka, 7-8, 25 fly; Jeff McCaffrey, 11-12, 50 fly; Evan Feldman, 7-8, 25 breast; Dana Dizon, 11-12, 50 breast; Steve Bocknek, 11-12, 50 breast; Steve Turley, 15-17, 50 fly; Amy Roberts, 11-12, 50 free; Jody Harris, 9-10, 50 breast.

BEECHVIEW WINNERS

Double-event winners: Dana Dziekan, 8-under, 25 fly and 25 free; Michael Hoeltel, 13-14, 50 back and 50 free; John Kershaw, 11-12, 50 back and 100 IM; Dennis Sayles, 13-14, 50 breast and 100 IM.

Single-event winners: Donna Schwalm, 8-under, 25 breast; Matt Walker, 8-under, 25 breast; Chris Leland, 9-10, 50 breast; Jackie Rajkovic, 9-10, 50 back; Melissa Prendergast, 11-12, 50 free; Wendy Leland, 13-14, 50 free; Jayson Schwalm, 13-14, 50 fly; Danielle King, 15-17, 50 back; Mary Quinn, 15-17, 100 free.

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