

## Sports

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## Good defense carries Hawks to victory

By Steve Kowalski  
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Jason Lichtman scored only seven points Friday night for Farmington Harrison, but that's three more than North Farmington's high-scoring guard Matt Hoffman got.

Harrison defeated host North 53-37 in a first-round Western Lakes Activities Association playoff game, and Lichtman's defense on Hoffman went a long way in deciding the outcome.

Hoffman, who averaged 18.9 points per game coming in, made only one of 11 shots and finished with a season-low four points.

Chad Burgess scored 21 points and Bryan Wauldron added 20 for Harrison, but it was Lichtman's defense that gave the Hawks a boost. The Hawks alternated block-and-one and triangle-and-two defenses against North to stop Hoffman.

"I like to look at it as a challenge to go out

and stop the other team's big scorer," Lichtman said. "It's a good player, but he can be stopped. We stopped him. He got out of the game and wasn't a factor."

SAID HOFFMAN: "I kind of expected them to play hard on me, but I didn't expect them to play so poorly. I thought I'd have at least an average game. I worked hard this week and my shot was falling . . ."

Harrison, 16-2 overall, will meet Westland John Glenn, 10-8, Tuesday at home in a second-round WLA encounter. The Raiders, 9-9, dropped into the consolation bracket and play Tuesday at Plymouth Canton.

Hoffman might not have been a factor in the scoreboard, but he distributed the ball enough to his open teammates to keep the Raiders close when the Hawks threatened to blow them away.

Junior forward Brian Temple led North with 21 points and Eric Carlson, playing in

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his first game after missing two weeks with mononucleosis, added 13 off the bench.

Harrison led 31-23 at halftime and scored the first 10 points of the second half to take a commanding 41-23 lead before North rebounded. The Raiders missed their first eight shots of the second half but managed to pull within 10 early in the fourth quarter, 49-39, on a 3-point basket by Temple.

TEACHMAN GAVE the steady Hoffman credit for bringing North back.

"His shooting was off, but he probably knew we'd step up on him defensively," Teachman said. "He distributed the ball

though, getting it to Temple and the guys who were hot."

"That's Isaiah (Thomas), the point guard mentality — get it to the hot person. And he played tenacious defense and got a few steals. He was still a factor."

North's offense suffered when 6-foot-5 center Bill Chwalk fouled out in the fourth quarter after scoring only four points. Chwalk left with 5:05 remaining and the Raiders trailing 52-39.

That's when Carlson took over, scoring 11 of his 14 points in the final five minutes and bringing North within five, 57-52, on two free throws. Harrison sealed the game, however, on the foul line, making 12 of 15 free throws, including its final six.

"I'm happy he (Carlson) could play (despite the mono)," North coach Tom Negoshian said. "He played more minutes than we thought he could, and that's to his credit."

NEGOSHIAN WAS proud of the way North came back.

"When we got down, I said 'Let's not get it back all at once,'" he said. "Our goal was to get it to 10 sometime in the fourth quarter and then to five and maybe we can get some things done."

Teachman is looking forward to the rest of the WLA tournament but wonders why there even is one. Harrison won the Western Division with a 7-2 record.

"Us and Plymouth Salem (Lakes champion) proved for three months we were the best teams in the league," Teachman said. "I don't understand why we have to prove it again."

"The second thing I don't understand is we get a five-by-seven plaque for winning the regular season division race for three months and a 12-by-18 plaque for being the best team in the league for one week. I don't understand it."

## Marlins qualify for state finals

Farmington Hills Mercy met its objective Thursday in the girls ski regional at Mount Brighton.

After narrowly missing a trip to the state meet last year, the Marlins achieved that goal with a second-place finish.

The top two in each regional qualify. Milford Lakeland won the meet with 99 points. Mercy had 113 and East Lansing was third with 131.

The Marlins, who were third in the regional a year ago, will make their second appearance in three years in the championship event. Mercy, one of 10 teams that will compete on Monday, Feb. 27, was fourth in 1987.

In the giant slalom, the Marlins were led by freshman Nicole Sinclair and were helped by their team effort.

MERCY SUFFERED an early setback when its top skier, Beth McIntosh, fell near the end of her second run. That cost her a possible second-place finish, and she ended up 52nd.

"She was really upset," Mercy coach Cass Zarlikowski said. "But I told her: 'Don't worry, we've got five more (skiers) coming down. They can make it up. Of course, in the slalom, she really did well.'"

Sinclair captured seventh place with a combined time of 48 seconds. Mary Kay Jerneycic and Taya Tiplady were not far off that pace, coming in 10th and 12th, respectively, at 46.21 and 46.61.

Molly McDonald also scored for the Marlins, finishing 23rd in 48.09, and Megan Lombardi was 47th at 51.26. Six skiers from each school

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compete, and four scores are counted.

McIntosh bounced back with a second-place finish in the slalom, posting a 47.35 time. McDonald jumped to fifth place in that race with a 50.11 effort.

Sinclair was 22nd (55.14). Patricia Vincent replaced Tracie McLellan, who was ill, in the Mercy lineup and was 32nd (59.49) and Jerneycic had the fifth score in the 44th spot.

"(VINCENT) REALLY saved our skin," Zarlikowski said. "In a team event, you have to have depth."

An example of that, according to Zarlikowski, was Brighton, which had the top individual in both events but was not among the top three teams. Sarah Holmes clocked 43.43 in the giant slalom and 45.06 in the slalom.

Zarlikowski is optimistic about Mercy's prospects in the state meet, which begins at 9 a.m. at Knobs Knob, near Petoskey. The Marlins will be up against such ski powers as Cadillac, Traverse City, Petoskey and Marquette.

"I think we've got a chance," he said. "This team actually has more balance than the '87 team."

McIntosh will make her third traveling trip to the state meet, having qualified as an individual last year.



Mary Kay Jerneycic of Mercy was 10th overall in the giant slalom Thursday, making a key contribution to her team's regional performance. The Marlins finished second and qualified to go to

the state meet for the second time in three years. Milford Lakeland won the regional title.

RANDY BORGSTAFF photographer

## Blazers remain top league team

Livonia Ladywood will wear the Catholic League A-B Division volleyball crown for another year.

The Blazers (34-4) captured their second straight title Wednesday with a 15-14, 15-6 victory over Central Division rival Farmington Hills Mercy in the finals at Riverview Gabriel Richard High School.

The win qualifies the Blazers for the Operation-Friendship championship match at 7 tonight against Public School League champion Detroit Henry Ford. (The match will be played at Harper Woods Bishop Gahan.)

With the score tied at 14-11 in the first game against Mercy, Blazey Girard recorded a dink and spike to give Ladywood the victory.

In the second game, Dana Domanski served the first 11 points to give the Blazers a commanding lead before coasting home.

Sarah Adzima was Ladywood's top hitter with 13 kills. Domanski and Peggy Knittel combined for 13 digs, while Karl Domanski served three aces and had 21 assist kills in 45 sets. Sophomore Rebecca Willey added two solo blocks and four block assists.

"Our key was that we had a good amount of teamwork," said Ladywood coach Tom Teetzer. "Our rotation is starting to settle in. The strength of this team is serving."

GARDEN CITY lost a four-game match Wednesday to Northwest Subur-

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ban League foe Dearborn Edsel Ford, 15-5, 15-10, 14-16, 15-11.

Despite the loss, the visiting Cougars boasted four girls with outstanding kill shot ratios including Tina Emory (60 percent), Tracy Thompson (45), Doreen Malone and Diane Allison (44 each).

Carolyn Slanks was the team's top server with five aces.

LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE locked up second place in the Metro Conference Wednesday with a 15-10, 4-15, 15-12 triumph over visiting Harper Woods Lutheran East.

Clarenceville is 8-4 overall and 5-2 in the Metro. Mount Clemens Lutheran North leads the Metro at 6-1.

Joann Zebart haven't the final three points against East to gain the victory. Angie Stevens was the team's most consistent server, while Tara Riedl added some timely sets.

Clarenceville returns to action Wednesday at home against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, followed by the Metro Conference tourney on Saturday (site to be announced).

LIVONIA CHURCHILL remained unbeaten in Western Lakes action Wednesday with a 15-11, 15-7 Western Division victory over visiting Lake Western.

The Chargers, now 23-3 overall, were led by hitters Jenny Sproul, Carrie Blanchard and Julie Rieder.

## Regional title falls to CC

By Dan O'Meara  
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Redford Catholic Central left no doubt it has the best wrestling team in the state.

The Shamrocks defeated the other possible contenders for that honor Wednesday while winning the regional team tournament at CC.

The host squad dominated Plymouth Salem, ranked No. 2 among area teams, 46-17 in the first round and whipped No. 3 Westland John Glenn 50-24 in the championship match.

"They've got five state qualifiers; we've got two," Glenn coach Tom Buckalew said. "The kids wrestled well; we just got beat by a better team."

CC, the defending Class A champion, will wrestle East Detroit at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the quarterfinal match at Harper Woods Notre Dame.

LAKE ORION IS the only major power the Shamrocks, 18-4 in dual meets, haven't wrestled, and CC could meet up with the Dragons in the semifinals at 8:30 p.m. Friday at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

"We're going to run into some opposition over at Notre Dame," CC coach Mike Rodriguez said. "Nobody is going to come out and lie down for us."

But in wrestling where upsells are rare, the Shamrocks rate as the favorite in their half of the bracket, and the top contenders on the other side are Lansing Sexton and Temperance Bedford, a traditional rival that beat CC in a December dual.

"That kinda woke us up," said

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LEE KRUEGER AT heavyweight, Maunda Martin (125), Jay Helm (149) and Rodriguez had two pins apiece. Matt Helm (130) and Jose Tandoc (135) pinned Salem opponents, and Brian Tulley (145) had a pin in the Glenn match.

"That's how you win championships," coach Rodriguez said. "You can't have guys going out there and winning matches by one or two points."

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