

# Defending Class A champ starts on tourney roll again

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Some familiar faces are back in the state volleyball regional this weekend. (See tournament pairings.)

Catholic League Central Division members Livonia Ladywood, last year's Class A champs, and Redford Bishop Borgess, the state Class B runner-ups, each won district titles last weekend.

Ladywood, the Catholic League champions, defeated Livonia Churchill (15-4, 15-11) to capture the Livonia Franklin district, while Borgess opened Dearborn Divine Child (17-15, 15-10) to grab its own district.

Churchill never got going in the first game, but made a run in the second game after Ladywood had built an 11-3 lead.

The Chargers, behind the hitting of Jenny Sproul and the setting of Christy Clark, closed the gap to 11-10 before Sarah Adzima (nine kills) unloaded on a big hit to stop the Churchill run.

"Sproul gets up high and just pounds the ball," said Ladywood coach Tom Teeters. "But we have two good hitters in Sarah and Stacey Girard (four kills) and we just needed to keep the ball down. And we just needed to pass the ball."

THE BLAZERS got a couple of key hits from sophomore Rebecca Willey and 17 assist kills from Karl Domanski. Teeters also liked the serving and defensive play of Peggy Knittel.

Ladywood's toughest test came in the semifinals where a young Livonia Stevenson team, under .500 most of the season, made an upset bid.

The Spartans lost 15-4 in the opening game but came back to win the second game, 15-12, behind the top-spike serving of Collette Rockwell, the setting of Christine Slanaker, the hitting of senior Shariene Sudek, and the blocking of Jenny Melia and Renea Bonser.

But with the match even at one game apiece, Ladywood ran off 15 straight points in Game No. 3 without a Stevenson answer to advance to the finals.

"Ladywood is very powerful, and we couldn't pass very well in that third game," said Stevenson coach

Lee Cagle. "Sometimes we look very good and other times we look awful. That happens with a young team. Ladywood is always consistent. They never get rattled and they're a reflection of Teeters' personality."

"I WAS JUST hoping they wouldn't serve like that in the third game because in the second game they just served us off the court," Teeters said. "They served some tough and low shots to the net. That's what they had to do. They served aggressively."

But the win was easily as Livonia's Dana Domanski suffered a possible dislocated shoulder.

In first-round action in Pool A, Ladywood routed Southfield (15-1, 15-0), while Stevenson ousted Farmington (15-9, 15-9).

But Pool B was the tougher side of the draw. Churchill opened with a 15-0, 15-2 triumph over Detroit Redford, while Detroit Public School League champion Henry Ford ousted a formidable Farmington Hills Mercy, another Catholic League Central Division squad, 15-15, 15-12, 15-8.

But Churchill, the Western Lakes Activities Association champs, caught Henry Ford napping in the semifinals, winning 15-11, 15-2.

"The way it (the draw) went was not a factor for us, but Henry Ford and Mercy have given us problems in the past," said Teeters, whose team will take a 4-15 record into Saturday's Wayne Memorial regional.

REDFORD BISHOP BORGESS was expected to win at home, and the Spartans came through. It was coach Jerry Abraham's fifth district crown.

In the final against Divine Child, seniors Tanisha Stokes (11 kills) and Melissa Mars (five kills) were both effective at blocking and hitting at the net.

Providing good defense was Val Perrone and Ann DiMambro.

Abraham said that junior setter Mazie Pilut "had one of her best days of the year," committing only one error in 114 sets.

Borgess finished with 34 kills, while Mars added 27 on the day.

# North, Troy Athens expected to battle for top regional spots

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ville goes to the regional at Plymouth Canton. All three have qualified as teams, also.

Farmington's Christine Oates and Julie Lawton have qualified for the all-around. The Falcons had five individuals qualify on vault, including Debbie Ford, Meredith Stumpo and Sheri Vitale.

Ford (bars), Nicole Gerwatowski (beam) and Jennifer Reed (floor) also made the grade individually. Completing the list of the team competitors will be Gerwatowski on bars, either Amber Arbuckle or Michelle Fenner on beam and Ford on floor.

"We're trying to go into it with an open mind," Farmington coach Mary Beth Schornhorst said. "We don't expect to be among the top three, but we hope to make a good

## gymnastics

showing. We hope to do some good routines and go from there."

Harrison's highest team score was 118. It's therefore unreasonable to think the Hawks could contend, but the fact Harrison qualified reflects the progress the program has made under second-year coach Jackie Huff.

"WE SCORED 101 last year in our last meet," she said. "That we even qualified for the regional was a big-time, major accomplishment."

Harrison's Jenny Rick and Michelle Doecker qualified in the all-around, Amy Solomon and Julie

Robbins on beam.

Lisa Granfield is Clarenceville's lone all-arounder, but the Trojans have plenty of others who qualified in several events. The list includes Christy Nagorka (vault, beam), Roberta Wiggle (vault, beam), Colleen Wood (vault, beam, floor), Tricia Dunklee (bars), Erin Maguire (bars), Jennifer Kaiplo (bars, beam, floor) and Kathy Kelley (beam, floor).

"We feel we've done our job getting kids qualified for regional, and we'll go there trying to do the best we can," Clarenceville coach Chuck Thompson said.

"We don't expect to get out of the regional, but we have a couple kids with good chances to make it out."

"At Clarenceville, I think our goal is just to make it to that meet," he added. "It's an honor to get as many kids qualified into the regional."

## gymnastics

Plymouth Canton coach John Cunningham is compiling the area's top gymnastics results. Coaches are urged to call Cunningham any evening at 455-1741.

VAULT	
Wendy Munch (John Glenn)	9.70
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Kim Heller (H. Farmington)	9.20
Debbie Williams (John Glenn)	9.20
Shannon Reed (Wayne)	9.00
Kristin Szustarski (H. Farmington)	8.85
Autumn Bunch (Salem)	8.70
Rita Dunn (H. Farmington)	8.70
Colleen Wood (Clarenceville)	8.65
Dana Holza (Salem)	8.65
Johanna Anderson (Canton)	8.60

BALANCE BEAM	
Wendy Munch (John Glenn)	9.70
Heather Kahn (H. Farmington)	9.35
Christine Oates (Farmington)	9.35
Rita Dunn (H. Farmington)	8.90
Lisa Granfield (Clarenceville)	8.90
Colleen Wood (Clarenceville)	8.85
Christine Oates (Farmington)	8.85
Christine Oates (Farmington)	8.85
Debbie Williams (John Glenn)	8.80
Debbie Williams (John Glenn)	8.80
Debbie Williams (John Glenn)	8.75
Debbie Williams (John Glenn)	8.75

UNEVEN BARS	
Wendy Munch (John Glenn)	9.70
Heather Kahn (H. Farmington)	9.25
Debbie Williams (John Glenn)	9.15
Christine Oates (Farmington)	9.05
Kim Heller (H. Farmington)	8.90
Jennifer Kaiplo (Clarenceville)	8.85
Kristin Szustarski (H. Farmington)	8.75
Lisa Granfield (Clarenceville)	8.75
Dawn Clifford (Canton)	8.65
Debbie Ford (Farmington)	8.50

### FLOOR EXERCISE

Wendy Munch (John Glenn)	9.50
Heather Kahn (H. Farmington)	9.30
Autumn Bunch (Salem)	9.20
Debbie Williams (John Glenn)	9.15
Christine Oates (Farmington)	8.95
Shannon Reed (Wayne)	8.90
Kristin Szustarski (H. Farmington)	8.90
Lisa Granfield (Clarenceville)	8.85
Johanna Anderson (Canton)	8.75
Dawn Clifford (Canton)	8.75

### ALL-AROUND

Wendy Munch (John Glenn)	38.00
Heather Kahn (H. Farmington)	35.25
Kim Heller (H. Farmington)	35.60

Debbie Williams (John Glenn)	35.50
Lisa Granfield (Clarenceville)	34.50
Kristin Szustarski (H. Farmington)	34.50
Christine Oates (Farmington)	34.20
Dawn Clifford (Canton)	34.20
Shannon Reed (Wayne)	34.15
Johanna Anderson (Canton)	34.10

### TEAM SCORES

North Farmington	137.80
Wayne Memorial	135.50
Westland John Green	134.50
Livonia Clarenceville	134.00
Plymouth Canton	131.70
Farmington	130.65
Plymouth Salem	125.85
Farmington Hills Harrison	115.20

# North's season ends in district final

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a 12-10 lead. The momentum, however, shifted again, and the Vikings went on to win the game and position themselves for the two-game sweep.

"AT THAT POINT (with North up 12-10), our hitting seemed to go flat except for Courtney," Lubienicki said. "She was in the back row it seemed when we needed her most."

Knapp was 20-of-21 in the final with eight kills, and Wendy Wolf was 9-of-11 serving, scoring eight points, including two aces.

The Raiders, who finished with a 26-7 record, had to come from behind to beat Western in the opener, too. In the second game, the Raiders were leading 13-4 when the Warriors were assessed consecutive unports-

manlike penalties. That resulted in North getting its final two points. Eve Clair was 13-of-13 when attacking for the Raiders and had four kills in that match, Seamons 13-of-15 with five kills.

A key to North getting to the championship round, according to Lubienicki, was the play of Amy Post and Dana Postwick. They alternated at the No. 2 setter position in place of Pam Gressler, who was injured the previous Saturday in the WLA tournament. Post also was 10-of-11 serving with nine points.

(Post and Postwick) did a fantastic job in that setting spot," Lubienicki said. "Of course, we rely on Debbie, and she was right there all day long."

For the tournament, Knapp had 20

kills and Seamons 15. The latter also had 14 blocks for point or sidout. Weintraub was 30-of-31 serving and recorded 53 assists as the main setter.

"YOU COULD hear a pin drop on the bus on the way back," Lubienicki said. "We knew we could have beaten Walled Lake Central, and we really thought we could win (the district). But I think they were more sad because the season had come to an end."

"This team did an outstanding job," she said. "Most teams would have had a down year (with only one returning starter, Weintraub). But the kids worked around Debbie and she brought them along, and Knapp had just an awesome season."

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