

Chiefs rate an Oscar

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR again. Time to announce our version of the Academy Award nominees for high school girls basketball.

The state tournament begins in earnest tonight with district action. Some of the runs will be short, but others will play until Dec. 1-2, when the Michigan High School Athletic Association determines its winners of the state finals, held at Grand Valley State University.

How do things look on the big screen? Who will hold the Oscars? This is Hollywood, where dreams are made, not Cammes, where fame is fleeting.

As only a director like Steven Spielberg would know, it's time to use your imagination. It's time to project the winners and the losers for this year's tournament.

But before you read this, pop some corn, take a soft drink out of the fridge and kick back your chair. (See tournament pairings.)

FROM HERE TO ETERNITY

Plymouth Canton (16-3): The Chiefs have been Overland's best team from Day No. 1. Their draw in the Northville district (Livonia Ladywood and rival Plymouth) is a doozy. They've proven themselves this season and should make a run.

TRUE GRIT

Livonia Franklin (15-3): If any team can make a run to the regional finals, it's the Patriots. They need a little John Wayne mentality to do it. They've proven themselves this season and should make a run.

DANGEROUS

Plymouth Salem (12-7): Bette Davis doesn't have to tell you this team is capable of beating anybody. Coach Fred Thompson has his underclassmen knocking on the door of another district crown. Only Canton and Livonia Ladywood stand in the way.

Wayne Memorial (13-6): First-year coach Jack Furlong got off to a slow start, but after beating Wolverine A League leaders Trenton and Dearborn Fordson in succession last week to end the regular season, the Zebras, led by the one-two punch of Maya Lewis and Dorris Battwell, could win their own district.

TERMS OF ENDEARMENT

Farmington Hills Mercy (12-7): Forward Carrie Walton has picked up the



Brad Emons

scoring slack of late, but for the Marlins to win the tough Nov district, they need punch. It's this one. Junior Dave Macco may lead the team. The Marlins need a point guard like Clinton and forward Joanne Stephens to create some offense of their own. Mercy's tough regular season schedule should bode well for the district.

Walled Lake Western (12-7): Western should reach the Nov district finals. And with high-scoring Holly Miller, the Warriors have a legitimate shot of going to the regional.

North Farmington (15-4): The Raiders need to balance out their scoring attack. Eve Clear carries much of the load, but big games from veterans Kim Gurecki and Vikki Seaman could put them over the top against Mercy in the district opener.

ROCKY

Livonia Ladywood (11-7): If any team in Overland can deliver the knockout punch, it's this one. Junior Steve Willey leads a talented cast which could give Canton and Salem fits in the Northville district. With over a week to prepare, first-year coach Tony Casparovic may come out with a different approach to motivate her troops for the tourney.

ROOM AT THE TOP

Redford Bishop Burgess (7-12): The Spartans started pitifully slow, but since junior guard Kyra Woodard has returned from an injury, they're capable of winning their own (Class B) district. Forward Tanya Tunnell has been steady all season. First-year coach Dave Macco may beat Ladywood this season, should benefit from the tough Catholic League Central Division schedule.

IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT

Garden City (13-7): The Cougars, Northwest Suburban League co-champions along with Dearborn Edsel Ford, have won nine of their last 10. They meet Churchill in the first round and should play for the district title. Junior center Krystal Matosic is improving each time out. The guard play of Carolyn Shanks and Lynn Goven has been solid.

Lathrup Western (12-7): High-scoring Steph Lock gives the Warriors hope of winning the Class D district at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. But the favorite is state-ranked Wyandotte Mount Carmel.

ORDINARY PEOPLE

Westland John Glenn (6-13): This team may be a year away, but the talent is there. With a win over Wayne and Walled Lake Western, Glenn could surprise a team or two in the district.

Livonia Stevenson (10-9): The Spartans are a lot like Glenn. They have size and strength on the frontline. Stevenson opens with Salem, a team on a roll of late.

Redford Thornton (12-4): The Eagles have a shot at winning the wide-open Burgess district. Laura Kress and Carolyn Nagel could put Thornton in the finals. But their Tri-River League co-schedule should bode well for the district.

Redford Union (8-11): The Panthers play in the weak Southfield district. They face Detroit River (7-4) in the opening round. Sophomores Shannon Morris and Carrie Burke will carry the load.

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Livonia Churchill (4-13): The Chargers meet Garden City in the district opener. Freshman Christy Daly is a promising player, but the state tournament has little promise for the Chargers.

Walled Lake Central (5-14): This is not one of Ken Bell's original 12. The Vikings have been scraping the bottom of the Western Lakes Activities Association all year.

Farmington (5-13): Sisters Rachel and Mandy Cannon came over to the Falcons from Redford Temple Christian. But Farmington will need more than those two transfers to mount any kind of district attack.

GONE WITH THE WIND

Farmington Harrison (2-17): It's tough to make any kind of district run at a school where making the Pom-Pom squad is more important than playing on the basketball team. And don't forget about Harrison football, too.

Redford St. Agatha (2-18): Despite their record, the Aggies have played under coach Pat Opiat. The Detroit County Day district is no picnic with the likes of the hot Yellow Jackets. One of the top three teams in the state, not to mention another regional contender in Detroit DePere.

GOODBYE MR. CHIPS

Livonia Clarenceville (1-18): Detroit Renaissance (4-9) is the first-round opponent. Coach Wendy Kellehan has been a real trooper, calling in all her losses. Somebody on this team deserves better.

ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE

Redford Temple Christian (record unknown): This team has been missing in action ever since the Canton sisters (see Farmington) transferred. The Patriots open in the Class D Oakland Christian against Bloomfield Hills Road.

Plymouth Christian (record unknown): Not even Mary Poppins could save this team from the Oakland Christian district.

Huron Valley Lutheran (record unknown): Gone to the Allen Park Inter-City district. That's all we can tell you.

Hills bowlers lauded

THE GREATER DETROIT Bowling Hall of Fame banquet took place Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Polish Century Club.

As mentioned in an earlier column, Fred Vitall and Al Witkel, both of Farmington Hills, were inducted.

The guest speaker was professional bowler Brian Voss, currently one of the leading winners on the Pro-Bowlers Tour. Ironically, Voss' first victory as a professional took place in Detroit at the 1983 Detroit Open.

Voss was in town for the annual Make-A-Wish tournament held earlier in the day at Astro Lanes.

• In the Country Lanes in Farmington, the Monday Night Men's League witnessed Andy Koerke's 288 game. Scott Gignac rolled a 286 and Paul Pfeiffer pitched a 705 series.

• In the Ever-Seven League, Roger Brocha bowled a 264 game.

The Wednesday Night Junior House League, Gary Smoulder rolled a 279 and "Flip" Gagnon, who came in as a substitute, hit a 725 series.

The Greenfield Mixed League continued the high level of competition with Wayne Freshman Christian. Daly is a promising player, but the state tournament has little promise for the Chargers.

• Bel Aire Lanes is the scene of action for the Senior House League on Tuesday with last week's shooters being Paul Koerke's 287, 286, 285, 272, George Berling, 232-226/715, Tom Shaw, 235-215/235/685, Steve Fetterman, 232-243/666, Joe Camilleri, 221/616, 222/616, and Les Leary, 242-200/670. Tom Johnstone 257/653, Ed Wright, 248, and Bill Funke, 245.

• It was the younger bowlers who took over the spotlight at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington Hills.

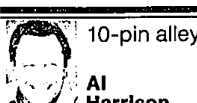
In the Drakeshire Youth League, Rob Lebeck rolled a 300 in a 708 series, Sean Quinn scored a 277 game and Tony Baladad was right up there with a 280.

The Sunday Youth Classic Traveling League also hit Drakeshire with a bang. As 61 bowlers shot 83 200-plus games with over 18 different 600-plus scores. Twenty-three bowlers were over 225.

Mark Alexander led with 761 series, including games of 258-257-246. Dennis Cunningham enjoyed a 270/688, Chris Spaulding, a 265/655, and Anthony Murphy 268/653.

• At Novi Bowl, the Inter-Lakes League featured Ron McInnes rolling his first 700 series with 225-246-240 for a 721. Jim Lachman fired a 711 with a block of 247-210-254.

• At Redford Lanes, the West Side Lutheran League featured Ken Ingram with a 241/653, Clark Stone, 242/650, and



Al Harrison

Kevin Chambers, 245/622; Gordie Engle, 609, Don Johnson, 606; and Will Grulke 601.

• Woodland Lanes in Livonia featured the Men's Trio League with Pat Chartrand scoring a 289/723 and Greg Wingard a 279/721.

In the American Legion League, Kathy Miller rolled a 257 game and 625 set. Delco witnessed Pete Maheras' 265/713 and Rick Skorpinski's 285/628.

In the Wonder Woman League, Maria Pegoraro shot a 248 game.

In the Ford Trans Ladies League, Ann Walker rolled a 242.

In the Ford Parts League, Keith Kuhn bowled a 277/705.

• The Western Wayne Youth Classic Traveling League had recent stops at Westland Bowl and Town and Country Lanes. The top scoring saw Doug Elliott 231/602, while Nelson Kluka added a 268 and 231 game. Julius Malsena, a pair of 231 games on route to a 641 set. Pat Agius, 246/612; Marc Rodriguez, 245/628, Dennis Spikes II, 231/602, Nyla Kluka, 259/596; Lona Pallos, a 247; Lisa McCulley, a 224; Ron Ellis, 278/672.

Other scorers included Scott Morgan hitting a 245/635 and 288/627, Brian Brandt, over the last three weeks, scored 635, 621 and 602. (This league is looking for a few subs and also has room for one more male bowler. If interested, call Joyce Zolck at 453-3388.)

• At Mayflower Lanes in Redford, the Tuesday Morning Earlybirds had an unusual score from a mother and daughter. The mother, Vi Crehan, hit a 221 and her daughter Barb Fuller a 220 in the same game.

A funny thing happened in the Thursday Diesel Trio League, as Ivan Bunlik knocked down the No. 7 and 10 pins on his first ball, then proceeded to hit the remaining pins on his next ball.

• At Cloverlanes in Livonia, the Beatles and Beasts League witnessed Old Carbury's perfect 300 game en route to a 669 set.

The West Side Jets had a 296 game from Gerald Byrd.

• In the Wednesday 9:30 Men's at Westland Bowl, Gary Janusowski rolled a 254, Jim Thomas, a 265, and Gordie Keherer a 267.

In the Tuesday 6:30 Men's, Ernie Schiller had a 257, Dennis Colner, 245; Larry Boj, 236-268/703; and Mark Volpe, 245-246/711.

Ernie Bierkamp bowled a career-high 700 series in the Monday Morning Men's.

• Super Bowl in Canton has the Wednesday AM Men's League as Lester

Drum rolled a 221-207-201/629, Tim Magyar, 241; Mike Oltz, 286/635; and Don Eiden, 215-219-203/635.

• Beech Lanes in Redford featured Jim Potoczek recording a 263 in the Our Lady of Loretto League, while in the H.M. Tuesday Night League, Tom Gonnoli rolled a 245/618.

In the St. Eugeenes Wednesday Night League, Joe Driscoll had a 211-212/614, Greg Galliber, 209-201-224/625; and Jay McDonald, 226.

• At Fiesta Lanes in Westland, the "Go Getters" Senior League featured 67-year-old Jo Baker bettering her 132-average with a 247 game. She earns an award for this high-over average game.

• At Merri Bowl, the Nottingham Mixed League had Jack Bourque (145 average) scoring a 256 game and a 559 series.

Karen Mathys went 111 pins over her average, and her husband Tom had a 202 game. Both just started bowling this year. Jan Stocker was 104 pins over her average for a series.

In the Men's Senior House League, Fred Myrdock spun a 209/697, Fred Young, 238/652; Craig Senkowski, 238/686; Jim McPhail Jr., 247/703; Bob Varga, 225/648; and Handy Smith, 224/659.

Merri Bowl will be running a Thanksgiving Mixed Bowlers "No-Taps" on Sat. at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, 11:30 p.m. Check-in is at 11 p.m. First prize money is \$500, and there are also free turkeys to be won. The entrance fee is \$25 per couple. Call 427-2900 for more information.

• In the Sunday Classic at Oak Hills, the mother, Joe Morgan hit a 248, Jim Graham, 279/706, Tom Leonard a 267.

In the Wednesday Ladies Pacemakers, the leaders were Janet Jones (212), Mary Gehring (210) and Sande Powell (208).

Terry Mijl bowled a 266/659 in the Wednesday Night Men's League. Other good scores were posted by Allen Buchholz (247), Gregory George (226), Tim Simmons (223), Robert Klann (227), Ted Nimble (246) and Gary James (227-217/671).

In the Tuesday Night Men's, the leaders included Gregory Bird (235), Roy Workman (243-224/665), Jim Mijl (229-222/645) and Ken Young (243).

In the Tuesday Night Ladies, Maryanne Shipley led the way with a 230. Jim Hazen (231) and Mark Mancos (233-225/631) also posted high scores in the Tuesday Men's.

Oak Hills will feature a Adult-Child Tournament at 10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day). Later that day, Oak Lanes will host a No-Tap Mixed, beginning at 8 p.m.

Walton paces Mercy

Carrie Walton scored 23 points Wednesday night in Farmington Hills Mercy's 59-47 girls basketball victory over visiting Royal Oak Shrine.

Walton, a junior forward, scored 16 in the first half to lead the Marlins, 12-8 overall, to a 35-27 halftime lead.

Walton was Mercy's leading scorer in the last three games of the regular season and scored in double figures in the final four.

Mercy senior Jenny Clinton added eight points and had eight assists to put her within eight of Annette Ruggiero's school-record 291 career assists.

Nine players scored for the Mar-

lins, who made nine of 11 field goals in the second quarter. All-Catholic forward Christine Asford tallied 13 points for Shrine, 13-5.

In a hastily-arranged game last Tuesday, the Marlins dominated Oakland Cathlamet from the opening tip and cruised 52-21 on the road.

Mercy jumped out to a commanding 26-9 lead at halftime and never looked back.

Walton led the Marlins with a game-high 19 points, and junior Susie Atchison added eight. Jennifer Gekiere led Oakland with eight points.

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