

# Country Day's Evans selected top cage talent

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A year ago, Peggy Evans enrolled in a speech class at Detroit Country Day.

It paid off. Like most people, Evans used to have trouble addressing a large crowd. But it was no problem Monday at a press conference in Downtown Detroit, where she was introduced as Michigan's ninth Miss Basketball winner.

Television cameras and microphones crowded around Evans for more than an hour — and she answered every question without a flaw.

On this day, the nerves belonged to her proud parents, Bill and Emma Evans.

"I know I'm more nervous than her," Emma said. "She's so calm. I'm glad for her. She's worked hard for this."

IN THE CLOSEST balloting ever conducted by the Basketball Coaches Association, Evans edged Kalamazoo Central's Angel Lewis, 387-341 in total points.

Evans earned one more first-place vote and more second-place votes than Lewis to secure the award. This marks the second straight year an Eccentric-area player was named Miss Basketball.

Last year, the honor went to Birmingham Marlan's Jennifer Shasky, now playing at George Washington University.

The award caps a dream season for Evans, who guided Country Day to the Class C state title last fall.

Evans had a kind word for everyone when she stepped to the podium.

"I'd like to thank God for keeping me healthy and having an injury-free season," Evans said. "My teammates, because without them I wouldn't be here today, and my coach, Frank Orlando, for always being there for us. I'd also like to thank my parents and family for being at all my games. If I had a bad game, they'd tell me 'It's all right.'"

ORLANDO CAN'T recall a bad game from Evans, who averages 28.4 points and 13 rebounds a game last fall. She finished her career with 1,861 points and couldn't have ended it on a better note than when she scored 47 points in the Class C title game against Saginaw Valley Lutheran.

DCD was 86-7 in the games Evans started throughout her career.

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"There weren't many bad games, so it wasn't hard to stick behind her," Orlando said. "She maintained a 3.0 grade point average and exemplifies the student-athlete. I'm quite proud to be associated with her. I'd ask her to stay another year, but they have rules against it."

Evans gives Orlando much of the credit for her progress. Evans didn't play basketball until the eighth grade when she joined DCD's eighth grade team.

"I could dribble down the court and shoot a layup — that's all," Evans remembers. "I used to love track — now I don't. Coach Orlando helped out a lot — always telling me the little things. My brother (William) also started me out."

Now she loves basketball and it's time for her to choose which college to attend. Evans already has visited Tennessee and Ohio State and will visit Texas this weekend.

SHE ALSO is considering Georgia, Syracuse and Michigan State.

Evans hasn't planned an official visit to MSU because she's made several unofficial visits to the East Lansing campus to see her sister Shirley.

Shirley is a sophomore and a track star at MSU, but the decision is Peggy's to make.

"If I stay in the state, that's where I'd go," Peggy said. "I've been up there plenty of times so I know the coaches and the team. Shirley says 'Go where you're happy — that's more important.'"

It's also important that Evans has learned to talk openly with the press. The interviews were difficult at first, but Evans doesn't shy away from the bright lights and noise pads.

"I took a speech class and that helped," Evans said. "It had gotten to the point that I didn't want to say anything. I couldn't handle the pressure."

Now she can.

# Marlins have edge on Ladywood



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Andrea Velthoven comes back to earth after a spike attempt. Ladywood's Kelli Haeger and Valerie Adzima tried to block it. Mercy has beaten the Blazers twice this year.

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THE THIRD game was there for the taking as the teams traded early sideouts. The Marlins edged in front 6-1 and gained control with seven unanswered points on three service rotations to lead 13-2. Albrecht's block for point and Goff's kill finished the match, the Marlins making a strong statement in the process.

"The energy level was just something else," Goff said. "This game was four years of anxiety and intensity for me."

"In the last match, we were too hyped. This time we wanted to play our game, nothing above. We're the type of team, if we concentrate on fundamentals, our game is going to be there."

"We have a lot of respect for that, but Mercy came through in the end," she added.

Peggy Knittel notched 14 kills to pace the Blazers, Kari Domanski and Willey 11 apiece. Kelli Haeger made six blocks. Domanski served

five aces and Marilee Spender produced 12 digs and was 11-of-11 on serve reception.

Despite some impressive individual stats, Teeters agreed with DeBello the Marlins had the better attack in this match.

"WE DIDN'T execute well enough to beat the kinda team that Mercy is," he said. "We didn't have enough kills to keep it going."

"In the third game, they outplayed us tremendously. The Marlins stayed in there and even played better than they did in the first two games."

DeBello said the Mercy defense was as big a factor in the win. Amy Miller, who had nine digs, was a standout in the back row, reacting well to the short-set to Knittel, he said. Velthoven scooped up seven digs, Goff six.

"It's a great win at this time of year," DeBello said, "but we know we're going to see them again down the line. The Catholic League championships will probably be a rematch."

# Raiders sink Central

North Farmington might have been a bit disappointed after losing a 12-1 lead and the opening game to Lakes Division volleyball Walled Lake Central, 13-15.

But the Raiders quickly regrouped, winning three of the next four games and the match, 15-7, 15-4, 12-15, 15-8.

The win put North at 2-2 in the division, 3-3 in the league and 7-7 overall.

Vikki Seamon, who played "one of her best matches ever," according to Raiders coach Sandy Lubnicki, paced the attack with a 28-of-30 hitting performance, which included 13 kills.

North teammate Courtney Knapp added 14 kills, while Eve Claar served seven aces and added 13 digs.

Dana Botwick (14 points) and Amy Post (17 points) were good on 24 of 25 serves apiece. In addition, sophomore Sarah Lungen played well in the back row, making good on all 10 of her serves and adding some accurate passing.

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BID NO. 89-96-61 SS-16 ASPHALT EMULSION AND APPLICATION THEREOF  
BID NO. 89-96-63 CALCIUM CHLORIDE AND APPLICATION THEREOF  
Specifications may be obtained from the Purchasing Department on or after Thursday, February 1, 1990.  
All offers submitted are to be clearly marked for the specific item.  
The City of Farmington Hills reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in part or in whole, to waive any informalities, and to accept the bid which it believes to be in the best interest of the City.  
KATHLYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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A parcel of land located in the W. 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24, T.1N., R.1E., City of Farmington, Oakland County, Michigan, more particularly described as:  
Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence North 89°49'06" East along the East-West 1/4 line 60.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing along the East-West 1/4 line North 89°49'06" East 420.24 feet; thence South 02°00'00" along the West line of Farmington Meadows No. 7 Subdivision, 509.48 feet; thence West 85°49'58" along the North line of Farmington Meadows Subdivision, 420.23 feet to the East Right-of-Way line of Farmington Road; thence North along the East Right-of-Way line of Farmington road 909.30 feet to the point of beginning.  
St. Gerald Catholic Church at 21300 Farmington Road proposes to construct a new house of worship and educational facilities on the above property.  
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JOSEPHINE M. BUSHLEY, City Clerk  
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