

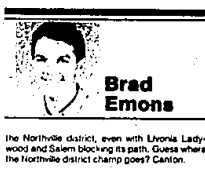
Tourney whistle music to the ear

IT'S TIME to roll! The state girls basketball tournament gets under way this evening with 16 teams throughout the state vying for district titles.

By mid-week or so, the music charts should be quite clear.

What groups do I like and dislike?

Well, you won't see Milli Vanilli, but there are some familiar groups on my list.



Brad Emons

Remember kids, booster club members and fans, this is done all in fun. Don't take this personally. As Billy Joel proclaims, "I like you just the way you are."

Hock, go out and prove me wrong even though I can strike some off-beat chords.

Try to emulate 1988 Grammy Award winner Bob McFerrin. Don't Worry, Be Happy.

It's time to put in those Cumpae Discs.

This is how I see things shaping up through my *Bette Davis Eyes* as far as Observers' teams go.

STARSHIP

Plymouth Salem (15-4): The Rocks can ride all the way to the state final. They can ride through a tough district at Northville. Coach Fred Thomas has been there before and a tough night scheduled to beat Hixson should stretch. Duce Mier is a bonafide center, leading a tough front line that also includes Cynthia Muller and Emily Gaskin.

NIRVANA

Plymouth Canton (16-3): The Luvies proved they could play with just about anybody in the state after beating Tim Powers earlier this season. The only victory scheduled to beat Hixson, but Canton has the horses to get through.

SISTERS OF MERCY

Farmington Hills Mercy (12-8): How appropriate. This team has played a tough schedule and should get through the Walpole Lake Central district. The coaching of a district and perhaps a regional crown. The Patriots, who took Salem to the limit last year before losing 61-58, are the favorites at Garden City. Tied for Detroit-Murray-Willand stands in the way again in the regional.

QUEEN

Livonia Franklin (24-3): Post-guard David Walker, averaging 27 points and in the running for Most Outstanding Player, is talented enough to put the Patriots on the cusp of a district and perhaps a regional crown. The Patriots, who took Salem to the limit last year before losing 61-58, are the favorites at Garden City. Tied for Detroit-Murray-Willand stands in the way again in the regional.

GOLDEN EARRING

Redford Union (15-3): The Panthers, who have steadily improved under the coaching of Gary Fula, made the regional last year and this season should be no different. RU, a disappointing second round in the regional in the Northwest Suburban League, should win its district and get into the regional with a possible matchup against either Dearborn or Dearborn Fordson.

B-52s

Livonia Ladywood (12-8): The Blazers used to play very talented freshmen from the JV and late in the season and they could be dangerous.

HUMBLE PIE

Lutheran Westland (13-7): This is not a bad C team, but being Birmingham County Day in tonight's opener at Bishop Borgosa is not a favorable draw. But give credit to Coach Ron Gier for believing his team can win any game. Redford Bishop Borgosa (7-12): The Spartans did not make the playoffs, but could win their district opener against Dearborn Heights. Fastlane Christian, Coach Dave Mann's team won their last three games and could make it four tonight. Country Day stands in the way on Thursday.

MOODY BLUES

Livonia Stevenson (14-8): A tough club to figure out. Came within three against Garden and beat a good Northville club on the road. Some nights they look like world-beaters, but other nights...

RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS

Redford Thurston (13-10): The Eagles, district champions a year ago, could catch fire. Coach Mike Schutte has the talent to capture he crown. The team beat RUI, but could be the surprise of the area as far as advancing. Detroit Benedictine stands in the way.

THE PRETENDERS

Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (7-10): Coach Harvey Kihlberger has got to see his Hawks into the district finals at Detroit St. Mary's of Redford. The host Rustics, however, are unbeaten and Catholic League C-D Division champions.

THE DRIFTERS

Garden City (8-11): The Cougars could be tough on their own turf, but with a victory over Glen in tonight's opener, they could be taking district final against Lourdes. The team beat RUI, but could be underestimated.

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football

ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 1991 FOOTBALL TEAMS

ALL-CONFERENCE OFFENSE

Center: Joe Hayes, 6-2, 210, senior, Plymouth Canton.

Interior lineman: Brian Osterland, 5-9, 180, senior, Livonia Stevenson.

Quarterback: Ryan Hugel, 6-2, 185, senior, North Farmington.

Wide receiver: Jamey Mier, 5-10, 175, senior, North Farmington.

Running back: Roy Granger, 5-8, 162, senior, Farmington Hills.

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ALL-CONFERENCE DEFENSE

Defensive back: Eric Gundry, 5-8, 162, senior, Plymouth Canton.

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ALL-WESTERN DEFENSE

Center: Todd Osborne, 6-2, 205, senior, Northville.

Interior lineman: Frank Ankeny, 5-10, 175, senior, Farmington Hills.

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LAKES HONORABLE MENTION

North Farmington: Doug Fletcher, Brad Pawlowski, Eric Parker, Jon Stutz, Plymouth Canton: Hugh Blake-Thomas, Matt Kuzmanic, Pat Martinez, Boyd Rudy, Roy Shupley, Don Smith, Aaron Udal, Josh Vau, Ciro Waskovic, Pete Zantop, Westland: Mike Birt, Kerry Young, Farmington Hills: Ryan Adams, Rob Cavagnolo, Scott Hodelay, Jay Adams, Dave Lee, Dave Morley, Dean Parnham, Livonia Stevenson: Jason Drager, Frank Eupoli, Chris Lelli, Eric Hertz, Walpole Lake Central: Max Goplar, Mike Gush, Andy Hap, Steve Taba, Mark Tataruk, Justin Williams.

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Bowlers roll through Thanksgiving

THANKSGIVING BRINGS families together for the traditional turkey dinner, but it is also a day the local bowling centers stay open for people who wish to entertain their guests.

Many of these centers have scheduled some special activities for Thanksgiving weekend. Most of the events will take place in the morning and afternoon, but several houses with no-top bowling parties in the evening.

The action varies from one place to another and I will explain just a few of the events here. You can find out more specifics on Thanksgiving activities by calling your local bowling center.

Bel Air Lanes in Farmington Hills will host an adult-child tournament at noon Nov. 29. The cost is \$15 per adult-teen pair. For more information call 178-2250.

Livonia's Merri Bowl Lanes will be the site of a tournament on Nov. 28 with a \$100 first prize. The morning session is \$10 and the tournament begins at 7 p.m. Check-in time is 6:30 p.m.

Westland Bowl will have an adult-teen tournament in the morning and a no-top doubles tournament in the evening on Thanksgiving Day. Call 722-2570 for starting times.

Westland's Oak Lanes will also have an adult-teen tournament. For more details, call the center at 422-7420.

Bel Air Lanes in Farmington Hills will host a "Turkey Shoot" for adult-teen teams on Thanksgiving Day at 11 a.m. The entry fee is \$12, however, one bowler must be a league bowler from either Bel Air, Mayflower Lanes or Woodland Lanes.

Check your scores! It's the arithmetic correct! It's wise to take a moment to review the league score sheet for errors before you turn it in and sign the score cards.

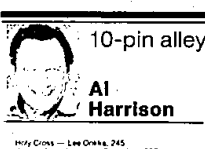
This would have been good advice for Chris Campbell of the Sunnysiders League at Merri Bowl in Livonia. She bowled a line 251 game and 698 series. With that being her first 600 series, she brought the worst-beat burn.

At home, Campbell discovered a two-pin error by the scorekeeper. She should have been given a 254 which means a 700 series. Unfortunately, once the cards are signed and the score sheet has been removed, the scores are official. Nice bowling anyway!

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