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"We dug a huge hole for them, and they played a terrific third quarter and still had a lot of ground to gain."

The Wildcats, led by Kristin Kenny, who scored 11 of her 19 points in the third quarter, outscored Mercy 11-2 in the last two minutes of the third quarter to get within 37-29.

"Once we got used to what they were doing, the girls started looking at the basket; we pressed them effectively and got back in the game," Novi coach John Hoffman said.

"They could have folded, but they took the ball by the horns and went right after them. We're pleased with the comeback. It's almost as good as a win for me."

Novi made eight of 12 field goals in the third period, while the Marlins (four of 14) had the same kind of shooting touch the Wildcats had earlier.

"They were throwing the ball deep against our trap, and we got more cautious," Baker said. "We're not a cut-and-mouse team. We're more effective in an up-tempo situation where we go to play aggressively. If we slow down and do a lot of thinking we don't seem to play, deliberate basketball."

Novi's shooting cooled to five of 17 — the Wildcats missed seven of their first eight — in the

fourth quarter. The Marlins made their count (four of seven) and also sank six of nine free throws late in the game.

Valrie Jones had seven of her nine points in the second half to help Mercy protect its lead. Dana Wade scored eight of her 12 in the first half. Julie Angell finished with 11 points and Katie Heffernan eight. Christine Edwards added nine for the Wildcats.

"I thought Wednesday and tonight our seniors showed real leadership," Baker said. "I was particularly pleased through this tournament with the court leadership of Katie Heffernan and Dana Wade."

Winning the district was a refreshing event for the Marlins, who were winless in the Central Division of the Catholic League while playing some of the state's best teams.

"We lost 10 of 11 games at one point in the season," Baker said. "All of those opponents save one were ranked. Nonetheless, it took a devastating toll on our confidence."

"It's a tremendous credit to these kids to regroup like they have. They took an ambitious goal and achieved it. Anyone who saw the game Wednesday will never forget it. This one is real special."



**Captain Hook:** Mercy sophomore center Julie Angell shoots a hook shot Friday in the team's district championship victory.

SC volleyball team in national tourney

By C.J. RISAK  
STAFF WRITER

Really, if Schoolcraft College's volleyball team listens to its coach — Tom Teeters — then it won't have many worries heading into the NJCAA Tournament, which starts today in Phoenix.

That's because the Lady Ocelots head into the tournament with that most feared label — at least to its opponents: *unknown* quantity.

That means they aren't really all that good, but they have been known to rise to the occasion. How high? Well, that's the question, isn't it?

Let's define it like this, for now: SC was able to rise enough to get this far (a 38-11 record), and that's really farther than Teeters says he figured they'd go.

And remember: He's been here before. This is SC's fifth-straight trip to the NJCAA Tournament. In Teeters' eight seasons as coach, the Ocelots have made this trip seven times.

So how does this team compare with its predecessors? Is it among the best?

Sorry. "By far, it's not," said Teeters. "This was the weakest team I've had at regionals, going against one of the strongest teams we've faced at regionals (Kellogg CC)."

And yet, Kellogg proved unable to get past SC. The Lady Bruins, 69-1 and ranked fifth in the NJCAA entering the regionals; lost twice to the Ocelots. "There's a certain chemistry that's carried us," explained Teeters. "It's an unknown factor."

"You never know when it's going to take over. It's a factor that's hard to measure."

(Hear that? By that definition, you really can't disappoint; all you can do is excel because no one figures you'll do much, anyway.)

If the Ocelots are going to make a long run in the NJCAAs, that unknown quantity is going to have to reach heretofore unexplored heights. SC has been seeded eighth, something Teeters didn't really want. It puts the Ocelots in the same pool as No. 1 seed Miami-Dade Wolfson.

There are 16 teams in the tournament (four pools of four teams); SC wants to be one of the eight to survive the first cut.

There are certain indicators that will show if the Ocelots are in the hunt. First and foremost, serving. "Serving well will indicate if we are going to win," said Teeters. "If our serves were good we end up losing. We can't afford to miss more than three serves (a game)."

Blazers rally for OT win over Rocks

By STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

Livonia Ladywood senior guard Tracy Prybylski lost her voice but not her shooting touch at the free-throw line.

Prybylski, playing with a cold and laryngitis, made three of five free throws in overtime Friday night to lead Ladywood to a 53-51 victory over Plymouth Salem in a Class A girls basketball district final at Canton.

Prybylski didn't score during regulation but made a pair of free throws with a minute left in OT to give Ladywood a 52-49 lead.

Salem senior center Cyndi Platter, who had a game-high 26 points, scored on a back-draw play to make it 52-51, but Prybylski split a pair of free throws with 26 seconds left.

Prybylski said she lost her voice prior to Thursday's practice and was suffering from a cold but neither ailment would keep her from playing.

"It never entered my mind," said Prybylski, who played with four fouls in the fourth quarter and during the OT. "It feels good

to finally be on top. I knew a lot of (Salem players), especially (starting guard) Christy Parimucha (who lives across the street)."

Salem enjoyed a 21-9 halftime lead but Ladywood's full-court press caused 18 turnovers in the second half and OT, including 10 in the third quarter.

The Blazers' defense prevailed in the last minute of OT as senior guard Mary Jo Kelly stole a pass with 35 seconds left and the Rocks had a traveling violation with 13 seconds remaining.

"Turnovers were key," said Salem coach Fred Thomann, whose teams have won seven districts in his 10 years. "We knew going in we had to pass and catch the ball."

The Blazers advance to tonight's regional game at 6 p.m. against Ann Arbor Huron at Ypsilanti High. Salem finished 13-10.

Ladywood won despite making only 16 of 60 shots (26 percent) and trailing 40-30 with about five minutes left in the fourth quarter.

Turn Overalls, who had 17 of her team-high 20 points after halftime, scored eight straight in

the fourth quarter to pull the Blazers within 40-36 with 3:55 left in regulation. A three-point shot by Andrea Putti and Overalls' three-point play made the score 44-44 with 1:30 remaining.

Platter made two free throws with 23 seconds left to put Salem ahead 46-44, but Anne Poglit forced OT with her only basket of the game and :05 left on the clock.

"I think people got their money's worth tonight," said Ladywood coach Ed Kavanaugh, who won 11 districts and two state championships in his first stint as Blazers' coach. "This is our best district championship we ever got, because we were not supposed to win. We were not supposed to win at the end of the first half."

Kavanaugh doesn't know how the Blazers overcame their shooting woes.

"If I knew that, I'd write a book, be a coaching genius and make a lot of money," Kavanaugh said. "We knew Salem was going to play zone so we mentally said, 'Hey, we've got to make our shots' and panicked a bit."

Ladywood won under similar circumstances Wednesday, recovering from a 13-point deficit to defeat Livonia Stevenson 55-51 in a district semifinal.

"Yeah, it's a carbon copy. They made the plays at the end; we didn't," Thomann said.

Salem got superb play from Platter and senior Shelly Sockow. Platter made eight of 14 shots from the floor and grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds. Sockow finished with 15 points on seven of nine shots and 11 rebounds. Senior guards Leslie Gots, Cindy McClure and Parimucha also started their final games, although Gots ended with 2:37 left in regulation after fouling out.

"I feel bad for the whole team," Thomann said. "The seniors worked hard. We didn't win but it doesn't mean we were not successful. We had a lot of peaks and valleys, but it was an awesome ride."

Said Kavanaugh: "Platter is a great player, what I like about her most is the way she catches the ball and faces the basket."

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In Oakland County, officials experimented with what's called the three-whistle system. The linesmen, as well as the referee, each had whistles and were allowed to call fouls.

I have heard both good and bad regarding this, one side insisting it's necessary, the other saying it creates havoc on the field. I believe it could work, that the proper coordination could be found. Heck, in college basketball they have had three officials for 10 players in a much smaller area; why not in soccer?

**Others share blame**

But officiating isn't going to rectify all the problems. I mentioned Parsons didn't agree with parts of my original column; the OU coach thinks the problems I mentioned aren't limited to soccer, and singling out soccer is wrong.

I agree that problems exist in almost all sports. But I also stand by my original assertion: I have not witnessed any other sport

that is more lacking in sportsmanship than soccer.

Coaches — at all levels — and parents share the blame. When players on Parsons' team explode and a fight breaks out causing the cancellation of a match, is it Parsons' fault? He's been coaching those players for only a few months.

He should have control over them, but it isn't always easy to tell how much a player will take. Soccer players all seem to have a chip on their shoulder; the question is, how far will they go before they figure that chip's been violated?

And who put it there to begin with? A temperamental age-group coach, perhaps, or an overzealous parent.

Soccer is a fast-growing sport, which means finding competent coaches and officials can be difficult.

But that's not much of an excuse. Because basic sportsmanship and competition should be — indeed, must — coexist, whatever the sport.

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