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Rowley called it the higgest win in Oxford athletic history. The Wildcats, who were No. 2 in BB, have been a state power ever since

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- Orford hasn't lost a regular-reason game since 1989 and has a 63-5 record from that season on. The Wildcats have been in the playoffs each of those years, win-ning the BB state title in 1992 and finishing second in '90 and 31

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"We just take each year as it course and do what we can," Row-ley said, downplaying the situation. "That year we were fortunate to get as far as we did, and we were fortunate against Harrison."

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we were fortunate against Harrison.
"But this is a new year, a new
game. We're just minding our
business and working hard and
getting ourselves ready for the
game Friday night."

The teams match up well in
terms of site, Herrington said.
The Hawks won't be at a weight
disadantage as they were last
against Livonia Stevenson.
One difference between the '90
and '94 Harrison teams is the
ability to employ more of a power
attack with '243-pound Nick Williams in the backfield this time,
Herrington said.

Harrison might have an edge in
speed and talent at the skill positions with wide receiver Kevin
Byant, tailback Jason Granger
and upback Williams.

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"I sure hope so," Herrington said. "It has been (the difference) in most games. I hope it is again."

Oxford reloads in '94

The Wildcats began the year with a lot of new starters after losing many from the team that lost in overtime to East Grand Rapids in the BB state final.

Tailback Dave DeFauw has rushed for 700 yards and 11 touchdowns on 122 carries.

Quarterback Mike Hendrix has passed for nearly as many yards and run for 243. He has six TDs

rushing and six passing. His fa-vorite receivers are Seth Crawley and Mike Peak with 26 and 17 re-ceptions, respectively. Tackle Dave Kukla, noseguard

Mike Dwyer, monsterback Eric Reab and safety Nathan Hoard comprise the cornerstone of the

comprise the comerstone of the defense.

"I've got to take my hat off to the team," Rowley said. "They've worked hard and deserve to be where they're at right now."

"They're very spirited and have great morale," Herrington said. "They emulate their coach, who is a very emotional, fired-up type goy. They play with a lot of heart and always seem to come up with away to win."

Harrison's injury situation got worse last week when junior punter/defensive back Jeff As-hoff suffered a broken leg. But senior tackle Jim Struble (elbow) will be able to play, and senior linebacker Evan Jefferson (knee) is back to full speed.

Both teams have already qualited for the playoffs, so pride will be the coaly thing at stake. "I think that will take some pressure out of the game, and the kids might play a little better," Herrington said. "They can go out and play for the fun of it and let it all hang out, so to apeak. "The Orford people ro crazy be-

and play for the fall of the all terms all hang out, so to speak.

"The Oxford people go crazy because they love their team and want to see them play a Class A team."

Mercy's fast start results in 55-48 win over Regina

Fermington Hills Mercy racched 5.00 in Central Division gifts basketball games Tuesday with a 55-48 victory over Harper Wood Regime.

The host Marlins are 5-5 in the division and 9.7 qursal. The host Marlins are 5-5 in the division and 9.7 qursal. The

The host Marlins are 0-5 in the division and 9-7 overall. The Saddlelites drop to 3-7 and 5-11. Mercy took a 25-5 lead in the first quarter and led 43-23 going into the final quarter when Regina managed to cut the huge deficit with a 25-12 finish.

"The press was a factor in the first querier," Mercy coach Larry Baker said.
"They were collapsing on Julie

first quarter," Mercy coach Larry
Baker asid.
"They were collapsing on Julie
Angell, and Felicia (Brooks). Mitri (Ruddock) and Piper (Metz) really stepped up."
Brooks had 12 points, Ruddock also
had eight steels. Freshman Sarah
Judd scored 17 points for Regina.
The Saddlelites got within five
points in the last period, but Mercy clinched the win with free
throws. Metz was 5-ol-8 at the
line in the fourth quarter.
The Mailins play at Riverview
Cabriel Richard in a Catholic
League crossover game tonight.

E CHURCHEL 42, FARRINGTON 32: The streak is over. Livonia Churchill's 10-game losing skid stopped Tuesday with a 42-32 win against Farmington at home on Parenta Nicht.

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Anne Roulo kept Churchill on top late bitting three of five free throws.

tasts of victory was never so were victory No. 1 in the Catholic League and a summary of the come against fewored Birmingham Marian Tuesday, thanks to Becty Billedits season-ship 3 point in the Carteria Division and 5-0 overall. Katis Lew provided a spark off the bench for the Blassra, adding 11 points.

Julia Stoven scored 10 to lead Marian, 3-7 and 8-7.

37 and 8.7.

S. KRESPHOOD 42, CVALE 26. This Metro Conference match boiled down to a cos-on-one between Kingswood's Kilds Stevens and Clarencerities Wendy Roy, Stevens woo.

"Our kids played a good game, but Stevens is a good ballpidayer," said, Clarencerities couch Bob Wolf. "But is just really a blooks and 15 relocated; which is not too shabby. But Stevens countered with 27 points and virtually took control of the game in the third quarter.

After an 18-18 first-half deedlock Kingswood turned Stevens loose on the press. She forced numerous turnovers and triggered a 16-4 in the Metro and 6-5 overall, Clarencerilis 0-8 and 1-12.

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team effort out there. It might come down to the sixth runner to determine who gets out."

Redford Catholic Central junior cross country star Joe Lee has a Catholic League championship; now be wants a Class A regional crown. CC won the Catholic League meet team championship on Saturdey bahind the running of Leo, who had a winning time of 18:18 on the Marahbank Park course.

cosch Tooy Magni said. "I told him
'You and Sobsek will be together and
when it comes down to finishing up
hart, make sure you're ready to go.'
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to the regional; I just hop be grit
them at the red.

The result has a few that will go with him
year running for team effort. We were
year running for position. When we flaished first, third and fifth that sealed
the victory."
Phil Camilleri was third (17:00) and
hits Srocrynski fifth (17:16).
Also serving All-Catholic honors were
Mits Danic, who pleaded 12th (17:45)
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The Shamrocks placed third last year's regional to qualify for the state meet, but they are favored this year with Ann Arbor Piosser and Ann Arbor Huron competing at the Monroe region—

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adding he thought he waited too long to make the adjustment. "We stayed in the zone so the girls could rest a bit and still give a maximum offensive effort."

The change in defenses had a positive effect for North. The Raiders outscored Harrison 13-4 to end the third quarter, getting as close as 44-40 when May hit an

as close as 4-40 when may nit an outside shot with a minute left. "We had to step up our de-fense," Snow said. "They had a good press and we had to get ball over (the time line) and take con-

trol — and we did that."

The Hawks led 52-44 early in the fourth quarter, and North was struggling to get any closer as turnovers and missed shots stalled their offense.

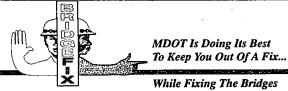
Harrison didn't fare much better, missing nine straight shots, but the Hawks sank 11 of 12 free throws in the final quarter to secure the victory.
"It seemed all game long we trying to get over the hump," Davis said. "I wan't worried about the lead they had, because I knew we were an execution, a stop

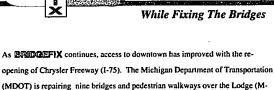
away from getting back in the game. When we went to the man-to-man we stopped them until think we got tired."
"Whenever we play North, it's going to be a hard game filled with a lot of intensity and emo-tion, and that's what we had again tonight," Mantyla said.

"I'm happy for my seniors be cause it was their last chance t win the (public school) city cham pionship, and I'm proud of th way they stepped up in a bi game."









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