

# SPORTS

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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Crusaders win opener

**M**egan Mariatt scored a game-high 19 points Wednesday, lifting host Madonna University to a season-opening 86-66 women's basketball win over visiting Michigan Christian.

Mariatt, from Alpena, hit seven of 13 shots from the floor and made five of six free throws. She also had four assists.

Four other Lady Crusader players in double figures included Vikki Koenig (17), Denise Williams (13), Dawn Pale (11) and Stephanie Creiley (10). Koenig also grabbed eight rebounds.

Maria Liang and Francine Williams dished out six and five assists, respectively.

The Lady Crusaders shot 64.8 percent from the field (35 of 54) and outrebounded Michigan Christian 34-24.

Tamika Brown and Tybrasha Wilson scored 20 and 13, respectively, for Michigan Christian, which couldn't overcome a 54-39 halftime deficit.

### Hawks '80 champions

**T**he Michigan Hawks '80, an under-15 girls soccer team coached by Paul Dugan, recently won the under-16 division of the Little Caesars Premier League with a 12-0-0 record.

The Hawks '80 have won four of the last six Little Caesars crowns, including the last three.

Members of the Hawks '80, which outscored its opponents 44-10, include: Jenny Barker, Shannon Buckler, Allison Campbell and Leah McGrath, all of Livonia; Mia Sarkisian and Missy Simons, Canton; Ally Brodie and Allison Rackley, Birmingham; Liza Fernandez, West Bloomfield; Felicia Pormosa, Nicole LePias, Jackie Rompel, Megan Cavallaro, Sue Desmond, Laurin Hendrickson, Kate Spicer and Andy Matthews.

Amy Trunk is the Hawks '80 assistant coach. The team manager is Barb Sarkisian.

### Baseball camps

**E**astern Michigan University will hold a series of winter baseball camps from 8:30 a.m. (registration) to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 11; Jan. 22; Feb. 12; and March 5 at Bowen Fieldhouse. The camp is open to players ages 5-18.

Each camp will be conducted by the EMU coaching staff and former Eagle players.

The registration fee is \$40 (any one day), \$75 (two days), \$105 (three days), \$130 (four days) and \$150 (five days). The cost includes a McDonald's lunch and camp T-shirt.

For more information, call Roger Corryell at 487-0315.

Mickey Litch will direct the 12th annual Detroit Tiger Baseball Fantasy Camp, Feb. 5-12 in Lakeland, Fla.

This year's coaching staff includes ex-Tigers Willie Horton, Ron LeFlore and Joe Workman.

The Fantasy Camp also features its first official road trip to play a series of games against Baltimore Orioles fantasy campers at Al Lang Field in Sarasota, Fla.

The complete package (includes airfare, hotel, uniform, meals and instruction), is \$2,995. Group rates are available.

For more information, call 1-800-95-CAMP-1.

### Tennis tournament

**T**he Girls 18 National Indoor Championship Tennis Tournament will be Wednesday through Monday, Nov. 23-26, at the Franklin Fitness and Racquet Club in Southfield.

The top 128 girls ages 18 and under from across the country will compete in the tournament, which is one of four national tournaments held annually. The tournament is sanctioned by the United States Tennis Association.

Area players expected to compete are Diana Opiens and Carrie Rose of Bloomfield Hills, Tara Elkins of Birmingham, Jennifer Clark of Plymouth, Canton and Naeke Moore of Royal Oak.

The tournament quarterfinals will be played Saturday, the semifinals on Sunday. The finals will begin at 10 a.m. Monday.

Spectators are welcome and there is no admission. The Franklin Fitness and Racquet Club is on Northwestern Highway, north of 12 Mile Road.

### Ski trip offered

**S**choolcraft College's Ski Club — Edgerunner — is inviting interested individuals to join club members on their upcoming ski trip to Steamboat Springs, Colo., Jan. 1-5, 1995.

The nine-day excursion includes transportation, lodging, lift tickets, apron ski parties, powder cat skiing and other onside trips. Cost for the trip is \$295 per person.

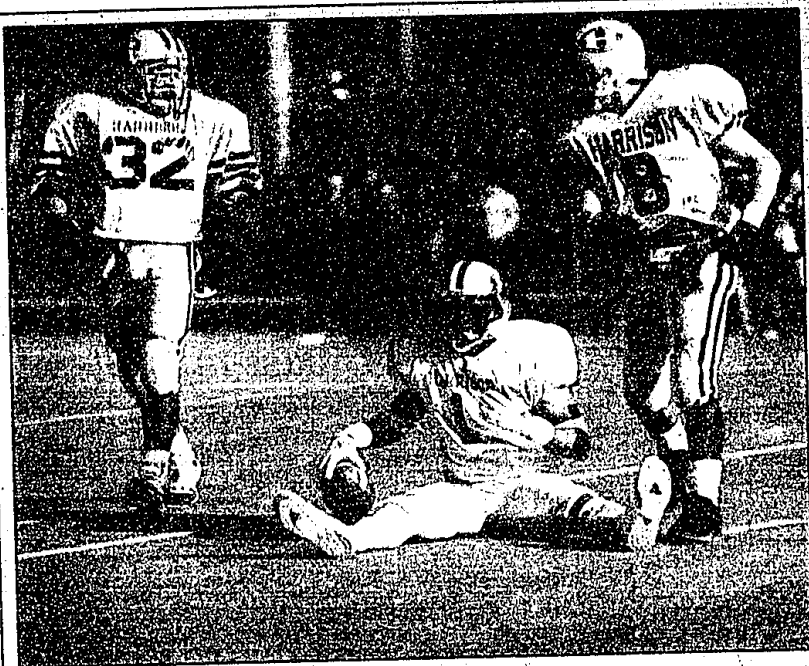
To make your reservation or to receive additional information call the Schoolcraft Student Activities Office at (313) 462-4422.

### Coaches of the Year

**T**he Michigan High School Coaches Association has named two Detroit Country Day coaches as recipients of the top honor in their respective sports.

Paul Bartholomew was selected as boys soccer coach of the year, and Bob Dowd was chosen as boys lacrosse coach of the year.

They will be honored at an awards ceremony Saturday, Nov. 26, at the Pontiac Silverdome between the afternoon and evening sessions of the state football finals.



**Pass pickoff:**  
Harrison's Kevin Bryant was a bit shaken up by a hard landing after making an acrobatic interception, the first of two, against Royal Oak Kimball. Teammates Nick Shaieb (32) and Jake Lawson (8) were close to the play, too. The defending state champion Hawks won the game 39-25.

## Hawks outrun Knights in 'A' semi



Farmington Hills Harrison is going back to the Pontiac Silverdome to play in its ninth state championship football game Friday after defeating Royal Oak Kimball 38-25 in a Class A semifinal contest.

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Coch John Herrington got a puzzled look when he told Nick Williams and Jason Granger they reminded him of Glenn Davis and Doc Blanchard.

"They said: 'Who are they?' They're too young to remember that, but they are Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside," Herrington said.

The Farmington Hills Harrison backfield duo called to mind the 1940s Army team with a pair of fine performances Saturday in a Class A semifinal game.

Williams ran up the middle and through the Royal Oak Kimball defense for 203 yards and four touchdowns as the Hawks won 38-25.

Granger burned the corners for another 150 yards and a touchdown on the artificial turf at Withington Stadium in Jackson.

"If I'm not in the game, (Granger) would get the ball more but probably have less yards, because the defense would key on him," Williams said.

"It's the same with me. When I'm in the game, they have to put the linebackers outside (because of Granger's speed) and the help me go inside. We help each other."

Williams, who scored on runs of 35, 8, 2 and 32 yards, and Granger complement each other well. Williams is a 248-pound senior fullback and Granger, who sprinted 29 yards for his touchdown, a 148-pound junior tailback.

"We expected speed, and the turf really accelerates it," Kimball coach Terry Powers said. "All it takes for these guys is a little opening. Both read holes well and can run to the open areas."

The running of Williams and Granger offset the passing of Kimball quarterback Jeff Davis, who gave the Harrison secondary its best workout of the season.

Davis attempted 39 passes and completed 19 for 276 yards and all four Kimball touchdowns. Kevin Bryant intercepted two of his passes and also recovered a fumbled punt.

Brian Isalt caught TD passes of

13 and 14 yards for the Knights. Jason Webster 7 and Neal Mondis-er 21.

"(Williams) was running over people today, and we needed it all because they were throwing the ball all over the yard," Herrington said, adding the Hawks aren't any more vulnerable to the pass than other teams.

"They're just a good passing team. In high school, if you have a kid who can throw like that, it's very tough to stop him."

Harrison (11-1) needed just three plays to score after the opening kickoff, leading 7-0 following the first of five extra points by Kyle Vessell.

But, as was the trend throughout, the Knights (10-2) came back on their first possession to score and stay in the game.

Granger TD capped another short, four-play drive, and Williams muffed the kick at 21-6 with his second TD at 2:59 in the second quarter.

That gave the Hawks breathing room, but Kimball managed to keep it interesting. With only 49 seconds left, Davis passed to Isalt for a TD and a 21-12 halftime tally.

Harrison scored on its first two possessions of the second half to lead 31-12. Williams, enjoying another big playoff run, continued to

pile up yards, and Vessell kicked a 42-yard field goal.

"The line really opened up some holes," Williams said. "They always do better themselves in the playoffs."

"It's a challenge for me, knowing when I'm at tailback I get the ball 90 percent of the time. When I break one, it means all the more."

"I love it when he breaks loose like that," Harrison senior guard Steve Shaieb said. "It means we did our job."

"They ran a 4-3 defense and we never see that. If they slant inside, it's a tough block but we adjusted well. We were just getting low and double teaming when we could. It was basic, hard-nosed football."

A fumbled punt allowed Kimball to keep the ball, and Mondisier's TD catch pulled the Knights within 31-18 early in the fourth quarter.

The Hawks lost another fumble but stopped Kimball, and Bryant's fumble recovery led to Harrison's last TD (38-18) with 2:13 remaining.

Kimball executed its hurry-up offense to get one more score, Davis passing for all 64 yards and a TD to Isalt with five seconds left.

"We haven't been able to put people away," Harrison said. "When it looks like we do, we fumble the

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## Marlins deny Hawks, win 18th district title

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Carrie Schwagie didn't let an opportunity to do something big for her Mercy High School basketball team go unfulfilled Friday night.

She scored a career-high 21 points to lead the Marlins past Farmington Hills Harrison 53-48 in the championship game of the Bloomfield Hills Lahar district tournament.

Mercy (13-8) has won six consecutive Class A district titles and will play Catholic League rival Birmingham Marian at 6 p.m. this evening in the regional at Birmingham Seaholm.

Schwagie tied a season high with four three-point baskets in the first half, scoring 16 points to help Mercy lead 34-20 at halftime.

The senior guard did it at the free-throw line in the fourth quarter. With the Hawks (17-3) making a furious rally, she sank five of six free throws to tie the victory.

"They played a zone and left me open on the weak side," Schwagie said. "I knew I had to step up and hit (the three) just to get on a roll."

"I think free throws at end" were more important, she said, "because they were catching up. If they hit a three, we were still up by four."

Harrison trailed 44-28 at the end of the third quarter, and it looked as if Mercy would coast to its 18th district championship.

But the Hawks made a big comeback and nearly pulled out a victory, getting as close as 46-43 with 2:37 remaining.

That's when Schwagie went to work. She gave the Marlins a five-point cushion and made 3 25-46 with 1:14 left, scoring five of Mercy's last seven points.

### BASKETBALL

"That was a big moment for Carrie Schwagie," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "She stuck with over there when she had other kids playing in front of her, and she made herself into a player."

Felicia Brooks added 12 points for the Marlins, Piper Mesa seven, Mitti Ruddock and Julie Angell five apiece. Mercy made 17 of 42 field-goal attempts for 40 percent.

Montique Anderson scored 12 points to lead Harrison, which shot 24 percent from the floor (14 of 59). Jeany Myrillinski added 11, Erin LaCrosse and Krista Snow seven each and Amy Robles six.

With aggressive defense, the Hawks forced nine turnovers in the last period and outscored Mercy 15-2 to start. Myrillinski had eight points in the fourth quarter, and Anderson and Erin LaCrosse fueled the rally with triples.

The Marlins missed the front end of five one-and-ones in the final, but Schwagie found the mark and saved the day for Mercy.

"I'm proud they never quit," said Mantyla of his players. "They gave us a shot to win it; they just wanted it that bad."

"It was a great competitive moment for us. We gave Mercy a chance to break and fold, and they didn't. I don't think either team could have battled any harder than it did."

Mercy led all the way and rattled Harrison early, taking an 8-0 lead in the first 1½ minutes. The Marlins forced several turnovers, and Brooks made six quick points (eight in the quarter).

"We wanted to start with a bang," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "We knew it was a big game for

Harrison, and we thought we might be able to rock them with our best intensity."

Schwagie sank three of her triples early in the second quarter as the Marlins ballooned a 15-5 quarter lead to 28-11.

"That made coaching a lot easier," Baker said. "She took a lot of the pressure off me."

"They were chasing us and trying to pressure us with a 2-3 zone. Carrie just stepped up and drilled them. That was the answer to the zone."

The Hawks continued to press and play aggressively the whole half, but Mercy increased its lead to 34-20 with late layups by Ruddock, Angell and Mary Jane Valade.

Harrison forced the Marlins into nine third-quarter turnovers but failed to gain ground after making only one of 15 shots. The Hawks matched their defense with the necessary offense in the fourth period.

"Nothing was easy, but I credit that to Harrison," Baker said. "They were rattled. I thought (a 16-point lead) was enough, but they kept the ball in their hands and made us play way too much defense."

"I can't say enough about what Pete has done with that group. He coached a great game and their seniors really stepped up. I hope the Harrison seniors realize they paved the way for the younger kids. They showed them how to win."

"My seniors hung in and squeezed out this win. We stumbled a bit, but we didn't collapse."

Mercy made 15 of 26 free throws, Harrison 16 of 25. The Hawks made only four of 23 three-point attempts, Schwagie four of six.

Mercy split its regular-season series with Marian.