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A: I'll tell you where to go, mister! Go to a Detroit Vipers hockey jame. Talk about incredible hock-ey! The Vipers were the Northern Division champs last year! Where the Vipers were the Northern Where the Vipers were the Northern tike that for lost five bucks! I'm telling ya mister, get your family together and get bit!

Q: Hey, for once I'd like to take in a hockey game where I can get a cheap seat without getting a nose bleed. Any suggestions?

A. It's easy, Fal. You just gotta go to a game! The Vipers pull in the biguest crowds in the league. And if you go to a game once, you seep coming back. That's what getting bit is all about. So check out this schedule of upcoming home games and be there or be bording. Q: My family and I are blg sports lans, but nowadays it's impossible for a family to see great hockey action without paying an arm and leg! Can you tell me where to go?

> Friday Dec. 1 7:30 pm vs HOUSTON Acros

A: Vipers hockey, mant Obviously you haven't been out to the Palace to see the Vipers play. Tickets start at Just 35. You definitely need to get with it...and get bit.

Q: Everyone I know is talking about Vipers hockey. How exactly can I "get bit" like all my friends?

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Yellowjackets return to Final Four

An injured Katie Kerr watched from the bench last season as De-troit Country Day lost in the Class B quarterfinels to Dearborn Divine Child.

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But sho is healthy this year and a major reason the Yellowjackets are headed for Bettle Creek for the Final Four in girls basketball. Kerr, completely recovered from a torn left anterior cruciate ligament, 'acored a season-bigh 22 points Tuesday, and Country Davidefonse to smother upstart Monroe Jefferson '4-65 in a Class B quarterlinal game at Carleton Airport.

No. 4 Country Day's opponent will be top-ranked Paw Paw. The

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undefeated Redskins (26-0) earned a spot in the Final Four with a 69-48 triumph over No. 8 Muskegon Heighta. Tipoff is exheduled for 2:50 nm. Friday at Battle Creck's Kel-logg Arena. A victory would put DCD in the final at 8 p.m. Satur-day.

DUD in the limbs are yeard, "acid Kerr, a senior guard who made four three-pointers and was a perfect 8-of-8 from the field. "Our goal is to reach that final destination, and we've made it to Buttle Creck. We've had to take a lot of steps out here, and we've played some each here, and we've played some get here, and we've played some very good teams in the tourns-ment."

A trip to Battle Creek ogain eluded DCD in 193 and '94, but Kert and senior teammates Pam Biersynski, Kerry Duggan, Jennifer Kostecke, Terika Richardson and Andrea Desy made good on their final opportunity.

"I'm really happy for the players, especially the seniors, to be able to have this experience," Orlando seid. "We came into a gym Monroe Jefferson had played at this season. It was a pressure situation, and we had lost in the quarterfinale last year. But we're going to Battle Creek, and I hope we can enjoy it."

DCD, which won the 1989 Class C state title, trailed only once (4-2) and put 11 players into the scoring column. Kerr netted 17 of her points in the first half, and was one of three Yellowjackets to reach double figures.

The Yelfow Jackets shot a blistering 64 percent (30-0f-47) in perhaps their best shooding performance this season, but it was a stingy man-to-man defense that kept the Bears (21-5) at a distance. Jefferson was guilty of 19 turnovers and had trouble executing its half-court offense.

"They have a good, aggressive defense," Jefferson coach Dallas Powers said. "But we really doug see that kind of talent and teams with that many quality players, wouldn't be surprised to see the do very well this weekend."

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"I've been at Country Day, for 15 years and I don't think there's any question this team plays; sa well defensively as any graup we've ever had," Orlando seldi "This might be the best defensive team we've ever had."

DCD built an 18-8 lead after the first quarter and with the help of three second-quarter triples by Kerr and was ahead at halfilm 38-23. The Yellowjackets led by many as 30 points (62-32) in the final quarter.

many as 30 points (0.23.7) it in a different points, five steals and five rebounds. Fresh man center Jennifer Thomse came off the bench to add it points, five rebounds and one block. Richardson had eigh points. Senior guard Chris Dietrickept the Bears in the game with 28 points.

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"We've worked so hard to get here. I've never been to Battle Creek, but I don't mind visiting for this."

Senior forward Alexis Koenings finished with 13 points for Ma-rian, and sophomore guard Bream Walas netted 11.

First-year Central coach Steve Emert will also be making his first trip to Battle Creek and his first spearance in the Final Four. Emert is the longtime boys

coach at Central and guided his team to the state quarterinals if 1993 only to lose to the eventual state champion Detroit Pershing.

"This is exciting it's great for Walled Lake, and it's nice to sel Walled Lake kide going there," said Emert. "This is really a unique group of young ladies. Their battle cry all year has been one because they want to play a one unit."



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