

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

**LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE**  
Head coach: Rosie Marino, first season.  
League affiliation: Metro Conference.  
Season opener: 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.  
Last year's overall record: 4-18.  
Notable losses to graduation: None.  
Leading returnees: Rachel Sundberg, 5-3 sophomore point guard; Michelle Berry, 6-0 senior center; Tanya Wheeler, 5-7 Sr. forward; Rachel Korman, 5-2 soph. guard; Kristina Slez, 5-5 junior guard forward; Kristina Skelton, 5-8 Jr. forward center.  
Promising newcomers: Jessica Berry, 6-1 senior forward teaching student last year in Sweden; Jessica Kennedy, 5-6 freshman guard; Jenny Kennedy, 5-2 Jr. guard; Felicia Hernandez, 5-3 Jr. guard; Jenny Haglund, 5-2 Jr. guard; Cindy Brooks, 5-2 Jr. guard.  
Marino's 1997 outlook: "We hope to be in 500 ballparks, but I don't know what the competition is like."

"We have a couple of good shooters. Sundberg had a great three-point shot. Real well also give us outside shooting. We do have an outside game and hopefully we'll have an inside game."

"We have to get better defensively. We'll play some 2-3 zone and some half court man."

**LIVONIA LADYWOOD**  
Head coach: Andrea Gorick, second season.  
League affiliation: Catholic (Central).  
Season opener: 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Flint Powers.

Last year's overall record: 5-16.  
Titles won last year: Class A district.

Notable losses to graduation: Melissa Poma (Kalamazoo University), Stephanie Mussal, Mary Dankert, Kara McDonald, Kelly O'Reilly, Colleen Ruff, Jenna Bok.

Leading returnees: Sarah Foghts, 6-0 Sr. center; Erin Hayden, 5-7 Jr. point guard; Sheryl Wroblewski, 5-8 Sr. forward; Jenny Luchapala, 5-11 Jr. guard; Kim Bietter, 5-7 Jr. guard; Kelly Jeffrey, 5-7 Jr. guard.

Promising newcomers: Emily Queen, 5-9 Jr. forward; Elena Sventickas, 5-10 Jr. forward; Meryl Denton, 5-6 Sr. point guard; Jenny Kostrewski, 5-6 Jr. guard; Michelle Harakas, 5-7 Jr. forward center; Melissa Harakas, 5-7 Jr. guard.

Dorick's 1997 outlook: "I think we're looking better because we do things easier from mentally. We're sound fundamentally and we're smarter."

"We won't shoot the lights out, but we have some better scorers. I think points will come easier because we have more kids who can score."

"Defensively, we'll probably run more multiple sets. Any concern is post defense. We can't afford to have the ball going into the post because teams can shoot over us."

**LIVONIA CHURCHILL**  
Head coach: Dave Baum, fifth season.  
League affiliation: WLLA (Western).  
Season opener: 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Notable losses to graduation: Joyce Jenkins, Dawn Pertulla, Amanda Esczcs, Renee Sheehon.

Leading returnees: Andrea Galindo, 5-8 Jr. point guard; Kersten Czekin, 5-8 Jr. guard; Terri Owens, 5-6 Sr. forward; Stacey Supanich, 5-9 Jr. forward; Luba Gersh, 5-9 Jr. guard; Lauren Ruprecht, 6-0 Jr. center.

Promising newcomers: Dominique Beland, 5-8 Sr. forward (transfer); Kristin (last year by say); Debbie Bails, 5-7 Jr. forward; Nikki Lewis, 5-8 Jr. guard; Andrea Parson, 5-8 Jr. forward; Jill Rudzinski, 5-8 Jr. forward.

Baum's 1997 outlook: "If our confidence level is up and we get some early wins, we could be tough. It all has to do with attitude. We had a good summer camp at Northwood. We're very, very quick, but we're not big. But we'll be feisty and smart in transition."

"Ruprecht has improved tremendously. We hope to get her the ball inside. If she gets to the line, she's a good foul shooter."

"I'll be disappointed if we're not in the top eight in our league."

**LIVONIA FRANKLIN**  
Head coach: Cory Warner, third season.  
League affiliation: WLLA (Western).  
Season opener: 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Last year's overall record: 6-16.  
Notable losses to graduation: Randi Wolfe, Kelly Houten.

Leading returnees: Julie Warner, 5-4 Sr. guard (fourth year on varsity); Lori Rykiewicz, 5-5 Sr. guard (third year on varsity); Julie Cencer, 5-6 Sr. forward; Lori Jendruski, 5-6 Sr. forward; Joyce Reyes, 5-6 Sr. guard; Teri Moril, 5-11 Soph. center.

Promising newcomers: Kelly Young, 4-11 Jr. guard; Angie D'Amunzio, 5-6 Jr. forward; Lindsay Duprey, 5-3 Jr. guard; Tanya Sines, 5-9 Soph. guard (transfer from Chubbuck, Conn.); Kerstin Marshall, 6-2 Jr. center; Marissa Bader, 6-0 Jr. center.

Warner's 1997 outlook: "We have some fresh talent and new ideas. I'm excited to get into the season."

"We're more mature and we'll play smarter basketball. Our shooting should be better and we have some height to help us out."

**WESTLAND JOHN GLENN**  
Head coach: Wayne Henry, sixth season.  
League affiliation: WLLA (Lakes Division).  
Season opener: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Notable losses to graduation: Kathie Suda, Angie Gorick.

Leading returnees: Samantha Crews, 5-11 Soph. guard; Bridget Hensley, 5-9 Jr. guard; Rola Amad, 5-11 Jr. forward; LeToya Chandler, 5-11 Soph. forward; Michelle Sanders, 5-7 Jr. forward; Nikki Reisinger, 5-9 Jr. forward; Kristi Borge, 5-8 Jr. guard; Rosemary Billewicz, 5-11 Jr. forward; Adrian Ellis, 5-7 Jr. guard.

Promising newcomers: Jovanna Akins, 5-9 Soph. guard; Andrea Sanders, 6-0 Jr. center; Christina Bloom, 5-6 Jr. guard.

Lloyd's 1997 outlook: "We played 10 games in the UM-Dearborn (summer) league and it was a good experience for the girls because they haven't had that in the past. We played some top notch teams like Bishop Borge and the city (Detroit Public School) teams. We took a licking, but we didn't look at the scoreboard."

"We no longer program we're starting from scratch. But we had layouts and we had to make cuts. I'm installing a new system. We take from us they come. We're not worrying about anybody else other than ourselves."

**LIVONIA STEVENSON**  
Head coach: Wayne Henry, sixth season.  
League affiliation: WLLA (Lakes Division).  
Season opener: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Dearborn Heights Crestwood.

Notable losses to graduation: Jackie McCreary (third team All Observer), Gina Palmer, Lindsay Wilhelm.

Leading returnees: Carolyn Courtright, 5-9 Jr. guard; Melissa Barakat, 5-5 Jr. guard; Colleen Breneman, 5-5 Sr. guard; Becky Smith, 5-8 Jr. forward; Stephanie Dultz, 5-9 Jr. forward; Teri Fox, 5-3 Jr. guard (third knee surgery last year).

Promising newcomers: Cheryl Fox, 5-6 Soph. guard; Lindsay Guck, 5-5 Jr. guard; Katie King, 5-9 Soph. forward; Cassie Dierds, 5-9 Soph. forward; Jen Potter, 5-3 Jr. guard; Charlene Kloris, 5-6 Jr. guard; Fernanda Defenders, 5-8 Jr. center (exchange student from Brazil).

Henry's 1997 outlook: "We should be better. We had a lot of girls last year who were both offensively and defensively. We have nice depth, but are suffering from injuries and illness. We're down to six or seven girls. If we can get healthy, we should be pretty competitive and should improve on last year's record."

"Courtright was one of our leading scorers last year. She plays the point and the wing, and is one of the better guards in our area. Barakat is a smart defensive player who plays guard and forward who is much improved offensively."

## Hawks coast to easy victory

## BASKETBALL

So maybe it wasn't much of a contest, but it was still a good start for the Farmington Harrison girls basketball team.

The Hawks rolled over visiting Waterford Mott in their season opener Tuesday, 67-29.

Senior guard Amy Roble led the Hawks in scoring with 20 points, which included four three-point field goals.

Senior Mahogany Fletcher tossed in 10 points, senior Amy Jenkins and sophomore Emily Jackson seven each.

Junior Charlotte Blashfield, senior Kristine Knutson and senior Kerstin Andzowski added six points apiece and junior Cierra Colbert five.

Blashfield led the Hawks in rebounds with eight, and Fletcher also had six steals.

Harrison led 18-8 after one quarter and 38-12 at halftime. It was 49-20 at the end of three periods.

From the moment (student) Valerie Karkubara sang the national anthem, we were fired up to play," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said.

"We had good contributions from a lot of kids. When eight kids score five or more points, that's pretty good balance."

"We played hard and ran the

rules of the press well. We'll get a good test Thursday against (Waterford) Kettering."

Kendra Newbill scored six points to lead the Corsairs.

**ANDOVER 35, FARMINGTON 27:** Carrie Silver scored 21 points, including 12 of 12 free throws, Tuesday as Bloomfield Hills Andover opened with a victory over Farmington.

Elesha Smith grabbed five rebounds and blocked five shots for the winners, and teammate Reshma Shah had seven rebounds.

Shermie Anding scored nine points to pace the Falcons.

**ROCHESTER 26, W.L. CENTRAL 27:** The visiting Falcons jumped to a 21-11 lead after the first quarter and never looked back Tuesday as they hammered Walled Lake Central in the season opener.

Rochester led 33-16 at halftime and 48-20 after three quarters of play.

Senior center Megan Rasch owned the paint and paced the Falcons with 13 points, eight steals and five blocks.

Sophomore forward Paige Harris contributed 13 points, including three triples in the first quarter.

Junior center Michelle Bartz led Walled Lake Central with 12 points.

**SOUTH LYON 63, JOHN GLENN 24:** Host South Lyon put the pressure on and Westland John Glenn went down to defeat in its first game of the season.

South Lyon led 9-6 after one period but went to a press in the second quarter and exploded the game with a 16-6 margin in that period and a 21-4 third period.

Allison Banchoff scored 16 points to lead the Lions with Brook Ratts netting 13. Rola Amad paced Glenn with eight.

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Hindo. All are seniors.

Fournier, who begins her fourth year on the varsity, was the second-leading scorer with 11.2 points per game, as well as 3.5 rebounds. She scored a season high of 24 points against Waterford Kettering.

"She's really working on being the top three-point shooter this year," Perkins said. "She has an excellent outside shot and will start at the shooting guard, but she can come back and help bring the ball up the court, too."

Callahan, the most improved player last year, and Devereux will likely be in the starting lineup tonight for the opener at Ann Arbor Huron.

"(Callahan) really stepped up this summer," Perkins said. "She's not only playing great defense but shooting the ball well. Her dedication and desire to be a starter on this team is going to pay off for her."

The point guard will be 5-7 freshman Samantha McComb, who has been a relentless practice player, according to Perkins.

"She can execute the pass as well as any player I've seen in our league," Perkins said. "She can crash the boards, too. She does so many things that will make us a stronger team."

The roster includes four juniors up from the JV: 5-5 forwards Katie Gaffey and Court-

ney Camp, 5-3 guard Minna Hundo and 5-4 guard Laura Ellison.

Brittany Vitelke, a 5-8 freshman forward, and former teammate of McComb's at Duncel Middle School, joins the varsity.

Guskey and Rita Hundo are good shooters whom Perkins expects will come off the bench and provide an offensive spark when needed. Both get after the ball on defense, too, Perkins added.

Ellison and Minna Hundo also have the ability to shoot the ball from outside, while defense is the forte of Gaffey and Camp.

Brittany Vitelke provides depth in the post and additional

rebouncing.

The Raiders, who were 10-12 overall and 7-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, would like to move above .500 on both counts.

"My goal is to finish in the upper half of the league and our division," Perkins said. "We have the talent to finish better than (7-7)."

"I think Harrison will be the big force this year, and the Plymouth-Canton schools are always contenders."

"I want to finish up there with some big dogs. Some teams are a little more loaded, but that's the way it is — and those are the teams we want to knock off."

## Marlins from page C1

Moug, an All-Observer shortstop in softball, is Mercey's most versatile basketball player with the ability to play any position.

"She can do it all for us," Collins said. "She can play guard, forward or center; she can rebound, score and defend. She has a very good head on her shoulders as far as keeping her poise on the floor."

Davis will alternate in the post with 10 junior Katie Van Leeuwen. Davis is a smart player and good defender, according to Collins.

"If you tell her you want her to do something, she has the ability

to get it done," he said.

In addition to Van Leeuwen, seven others from last year's JV join the varsity — junior guard Jackie Connolly (5-8), junior forwards Natalie Grondin (5-8), Laura Mathews (5-11) and Kellie Schwaghe (5-6) and sophomore guards Carrie Brankiewicz (5-8), Kristie McDonald (5-9) and Erin Carson (5-7).

Van Leeuwen is the team's strongest rebounder and a good post defender, Collins said.

Brankiewicz will have playing

time at point guard.

"I'm very impressed with her (Brankiewicz) basketball IQ," Collins said. "She's an excellent hustler and an aggressive player; she's an excellent rebounder for her size."

The Marlins will attempt to compensate for a lack of height with their quickness.

"We're going to pressure and get into transition," Collins said. "We have to create scoring opportunities, so we'll try to use our quickness as best we can."

Collins has heard a lot about the Catholic League's Central Division, but he believes the Marlins will hold their own and be competitive.

"This team will overachieve and will be difficult to beat," he said. "Teams will have to play well to beat us."

"We're not loaded with talent, but we will play with a lot of heart — and nothing gives a coach more satisfaction than that."



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