Defending champ eliminates Lakers

BY CHILS MAYER STAFF WRITER

West Bloomfield's girls basket-ball teum witnessed firsthand Monday night the damage Birm-ingham Marian's full-court press

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The Lakers took the court at Plymouth Salem with hopes of upsetting the defending Class A champion, but Marian's relent-less pressure propelled the Mustangs to a 68-46 regional semifinal victory.

The win lifted the Mustangs (19-4) into the regional final at 7 p.m. Wedneaday night against Plymouth Canton (19-4). The Chiefs advanced with a 47-27

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Marian and Canton played in September with the host Mustangs earning a 57-39 victory, and Marian coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone believes dealing with Canton's patient offense will be pivotal in the rematch. "The Chiefs) are so patient on offense," she said. "They hold the ball for 30 or 40 seconds before looking to take a shot.
"That might not seem like a long time, but it is when you're down in a defensive stance. We're going to have to be patient defensively and not take too many risks. And we're going to have to do a good job boxing out."
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Said Canton coach Bob Blohm: They beat us the first time with everything — with their pressure, with their rebounding and with their size. It's hard to match up with them."

West Bloomfield, which concluded a tremendous season at 21-3, experienced similar match-up problems Monday.

The Lakers committed 29 turnovers, didn't have an answer for Marian's full-court pressure and couldn't contain 6-3 junior center Nicolo Anaejionu, who finished with a game-high 20 points and 12 rebounds.

"We knew Marian was going to (press full court) and we looked at different ways at which to break it," West Bloomfield coach Lance Davis said. But we couldn't duplicate Marian's size, and our girls didn't understand how the angles were being taken away from them.

"We executed well in practice

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but when we got in the game the size factor hurt us. That pass they were making in practice, they couldn't make tonight.

"Marian has the size and speed and undorstanding as players what to do. They know where to be and they anticipate well. They're always a step ahead on the press."

West Bloomfield played well carly and ied 14:13 following a putback by sophomore Crystal Andrews with 4:39 left in the second quarter. Marian, however, took control from there.

The Mustangs went on a 30-5 run, beginning with an 11-2 spurt to end the first half and continuing with a 19-3 edge to start the third quarter, for a 43-19 advantage. The lead grow to 52-27 in the fourth quarter.

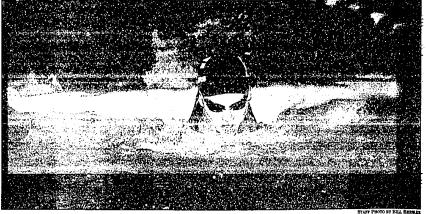
"Our press definitely helped us," said Marian junior Kellie Byers, whose 3-pointer late in the second quarter helped ignite the decisive run. "We like to trap in the corners and we were able to do that."

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Marian, which led 24-16 at halftime and 49-25 after three halftime and 49-25 after three quarters, also received double-digit scoring from Byers (12) and senior guard Brecan Walas (11). Annejionu scored six of Marian's first seven points and was a force all night. "Nicole turned in a big-time performance," Davis said. "She stepped up and got some crucial points in the paint when we were still in the game."

Junior center Kim Kilpela and sophomore Heather Robbins paced West Bloomfield with 11 points apiece.

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Freshman Lisa Copeland chipped in 10 points, and Andrews finished with nine points and nine rebounds.
Kilpela also blocked nine shots and cleared seven rebounds.
We're pleased with the way the girls played all year," said Davis, whose starting lineup Monday featured two juniors, two sophomores and one freshman. They stepped up and metchallenge after challenge after challenge after challenge at the seven with the seven with



First state meet huge success: North Farmington freshman Hannah Pawlewicz had the best finish of any Farmington swimmer Saturday, placing second in the butterfly. She also was fifth in the 50 freestyle.

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We had a surprise in the 200 relay, Downs said of his four-some of Danielle Clayton, Jenny MacDonald, Elizabeth MacDonald and McCullough. They were 12th (Friday) and moved up to tie for 10th the second day (with a 1:41.52 time).

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that's a ways off."

The Raiders took a 10th in the 200 medlay relay with a time of 1:52.74. Tara Grider awam the backstroke, Nevra Alver the breaststroke, Pawlewicz the butterfly and Chori Farber the freestyle.

Junior Alver also was sixth in

back to finish fourth in the breaststroke in 1:07.47. She was fifth in both events in the 1996 state meet.
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We just had Fetters score. Hawks coach Ross Bandy said. We had two relays, Julie Kluka and Dona Schwalm in the meet, but they didn't swim as well as we thought they would. And that's my fault.

We had a great season. We were 5-5 overall; we swam some great times. We would up going into the state meet swimming faster than ever before.

"Our medley relay team broke the school record of 1:55.03 walking in the door. This was probably the most confident I've felt going in.

"But it didn't happen. It's my fault. I don't think we got excited about the state meet. We didn't do what I thought we would do, and I'll take the hit. I know it weast the kids.

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"I was not a good day. It was not a bad day, but it was not a good day. Still, I give credit to the kids. They did the job all season long. I was pleased.

They all should be pleased. The state meet is like frosting on a cake. Sometimes it's threk; sometimes it's thin. But it's still, frosting.

Huron coach hopes River Rats as good as his neighbor's team

BY STEVE KOWALSKI STAFF WRITER

Ann Arbor Huron coach Paul Verska lives across the street from University of Michigan football coach Lloyd Carr, which makes you wonder if that gives him first dibs on using the U-M indoor facility for practice this

week.
It's a tradition U-M has done over the years, allowing teams to use their facility in preparing for the state finals at the Silver-dome. Kickoff for the matchup between the River Rats and the Shamrocks is I p.m. Saturday.

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The two coaches laugh about Verska's ties to Carr, but maybe the U-M coach has divided loys. His son, Jason Carr, quarterbacked CC to the 1990 state championship. GC coach Tom Mach only wants to use the indoor facility once this week anyway.

"It's a little more work for us to get on the bus and drive an hour there," Mach said. "We went one year three times and that's a little tiring. It's a great experience, seeing the No. 1

team in the nation, a chance for players to meet the players and coaches. Now we've got a former player (Terry Malone) as an assistant on the U-M staff and that's impressive for our kids."

CC has already played at the Silverdome twice this year, including the final game against Southgate Aquinas in the Prop Bowl. Verska and his players have been there only to watch.

'I asked coach Mach, How am I supposed to act?" Verska said.

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Segard, who has committed to Purdue, was sacked several times and untercepted in the end zone by Huron's Qasim Bask in the find seconds.

"It's a dream come true," Basir said.
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"Id reamed about this. It's been our goal all year. Now we have to make a new once winning the state championship."

Bituron junor quarterback boel przygodski, kis the son of Plymouth Canton Griss cross country and track coach George Przygodski, who was a standout at U-H and all-state at Grand Rapids Catholic Central.

The younger Przygodski completed more than 50 percent of his passes for 512 yards and 12 touchdowns during the regular second.

wide receiver Thabiti Williamson.

"He's a good kid and gets better each week," Verska sald. "He started off slowly and we've added to his work tool each week." He also ports.

E Pat Johnson, a 5-10, 175-pound sonior, is the fiver start to pusher. He was the workhowse during the regular color, which workhowse shared the rushing load throughout the playoffs after being a breakway threat with 652 yards on 48 carries and 11 TDs in the regular season.

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3 The River Rats didn't kick a field goal until last week when David McNamera converted his only attempt of the year from 37 yards last week.

3 The two teams met once previously, in 1987 when the Sharmocks won a non-league matchup, 14-0. Clost in the finals that year of the Cless A state tournament to Ann Arbor Pionen.

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four previous times, losing only to Segnew Arthur Hill in the 1991 finals. CC
won the rematch in 1992.

If Mach wasn't surprised to see the
River Rits best Rockford.

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gigantic but bigger and tough." Mach
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week. Verske astimates that of the
(,000 fans there, a few hundred were
from Hunon.

"And a lot were the players and
coaches relatives." he said, "They'll
come out of the woodwork this week."

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Buylewicz, a former Catholic League
coach and discrete, was coaching into
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yeer is an assistant cooch at U-D Jesuit for health reasons.
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"He's one of the reasons I went into Cosching, a great influence," Verska said. "He heiged me get other jobs; when I was younger, taught me to coughen up when the presss is on you; be film, yet friendy with the kids."

B U.S. representative David Bonlor (D) of Macomb County was quarterbock-of the 1992 Notire Dame High School team. Verska was a lineman and mosterback on that team. "If I lived in his distinct, he'd be getting my vote." Versia kaid, "He's honotst and there are not many of those cround in politics."



Pregnancy and Pets

Many pet ewness first "children" were their pets. With the annual of a baby, the family structure will change for everyone including cats and dogs and most pets

them anjust to the new adultation.
Dogs are besteally pack animals and
may see a new buby, as a threat to their
position in the "family" pack. It is
important to watch your dog for signs of
aggression and depression. Those signs
may be exhibited as growing,
crouching, lower head posture, and not
exiter.

eating.

Cats are less sodal than dogs and may not even admowledge that there is a new member of the family. If your cat-does object to a new family member, signs that may be seen include not eating, aggression, or house solling.

earing, aggression, or notice sounds, Before bringing a new bably into your home, it is a good idea to allow your pet into the bably's new room. In this way, your pet can become accustomed to the new smalls of a bably. Once you bring your new bably home, allow your pet to

see and smell your baby under supervision.

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As your child gets older, it is important to teach respect for the family pet. Encourage your children to treat animals with kindness in a gentle manner and they will be rewarded with the love and devotion of the family pet.

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