

# Let March Madness begin



PAUL BEAUDRY

The first week of March means a lot of things to a lot of people. To me, it means A) who do I turn my NCAA picks in to; B) who do you mean the course isn't open yet?; but above all, C) it's tournament time.

This whole week is one big orgy of high school hoops. And for a junkie like me, it's a week worth of fixes. There's a good game every night and some great ones in the middle of the week.

And, as I have for the past 20 years at various times and places, I've picked the district winners for the annual Michigan High School Athletic Association's boys basketball tournament. You may love 'em, you may hate 'em. But I call 'em as I see 'em.

And, like a couple of officials I know, if I don't see 'em, I make them up.

**CLASS A**  
At Romulus  
TEAMS: Belleville, Garden City, John Glenn, Livonia Franklin, Romulus, Wayne.

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**CLASS B**  
At Detroit  
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**At Catholic Central**  
TEAMS: CC, Detroit Redford, Livonia Stevenson, Redford Union, Southfield.  
**PREDICTED WINNER:** Again, the real championship game is played before the actual final. Southfield will make it to the championship game (See Romulus), but the best game in the area Thursday is the 7 p.m. game between Catholic League runner-up CC and PSL champ Detroit Redford. CC's got the outside guns and the homecourt advantage, but there's a reason the Huskies are near the top of every prep poll in the state.

**At Northville**  
TEAMS: Detroit Henry Ford, Livonia Churchill, Northville, Novi, Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem.  
**PREDICTED WINNER:** Whoa... will anyone tell me what in the Wild World of Sports that Henry Ford is doing playing so far out of Detroit? The Trojans should be playing at CC, not Northville. The only mystery is who will they beat in the final - Salem, Canton or Northville. My guess is Canton, but it's a moot point. Henry Ford drives to the regional.

**At North Farmington**  
TEAMS: Bloomfield Hills Lehigh, Farmington, Harrison, North Farmington, West Bloomfield.  
**PREDICTED WINNER:** The question is not which Farmington team will play West Bloomfield in the final (The answer is Farmington High). It's the North coach Tom Negashian get a technical foul for complaining about officiating against Harrison on Tuesday night? (The answer is probably, unless he reads this and behaves.) As for the final, both Farmington and the Lakers are good. But West Bloomfield played the OAA championship game and Farmington didn't even play in the Western Lakes consolation. It will make a difference.

**CLASS B**  
At Melvindale  
TEAMS: Detroit Chablis, Dearborn Heights Annapolis, Dearborn Divine Child, Highland Park, Melvindale, Redford Thurston.  
**PREDICTED WINNER:** The two teams playing in for this district final will be two Mega teams who defied the odds in their league tournaments. Highland

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Park, floating right around .500 reached the Mega Red/White semifinal and Melvindale, which played Friday against Garden City in the Blue/Gold final, has worked hard to become one of the best-disciplined teams in the area. Any one who didn't watch the Cardinals against Garden City, will find out what I mean in the district final.

**CLASS C**  
At Bishop Borgess  
TEAMS: Bishop Borgess, Clearcove, Detroit Benedictine, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy, Southfield Christian.

**PREDICTED WINNER:** Benedictine came this close to stopping DePores in the Catholic League semifinals and DePores is a much stronger team than everyone else in the district. Borgess will put up a fight in the finals, but Benedictine moves on.

**At Dundee**  
TEAMS: Allen Park Cabrini, Dundee, Ida, Monroe St. Mary CC, Lutheran Westland, St. Ignace, Summit Academy.  
**PREDICTED WINNER:** I know Lutheran Westland won the MIAC. And an 19-1 season is a lot to be proud of. But something in the back of my mind keeps telling me "MSMCC, MSMCC, MSMCC." And it doesn't stand for "My Sainted Mother Can't Cook."

**CLASS D**  
At Detroit Urban Lutheran  
TEAMS: Academy of Immanuel, Agape Christian, Detroit Charlotte Forten Academy, Detroit Urban Lutheran, Huron Valley Lutheran, Plymouth Christian, St. Agatha.

**PREDICTED WINNER:** Hmmm, let's see. It could be Agape, with one of the best seasons in the area. It could be St. Agatha, which probably has the best pure athletes in the district. Or it could be... nah, it won't. The winner comes from Thursday's Agape-St. Agatha game. And if the Aggies, who play a little tougher schedule, can play the same disciplined game they've showed at times this season, they'll win. If not, Agape will catch them flatfooted. The schedule pays off - St. Agatha grabs the title.

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## Raiders to host district tourney



Post-season play: North Farmington's Brian Johns (15) tries to block a shot by Curtis Tillman of Farmington in a Feb. 23 game. Both teams will be back in action this week in a district tournament.

## BASKETBALL

our league record has been pretty good. We did well in our league - and this is a tough conference - so that says a lot about these kids.

"We got a lot of players in tonight and rotated a lot of players," Brodie added. "We've been having some pretty good practices where we've tried to do a lot of things. We've had our first and our second teams. So when you put that competition in practice, all of a sudden those second teams start playing real hard and it showed a little bit tonight when they had a chance to play."

Salem (9-11) took the lead for good at 14-13 on a Davis jumper with 1:32 left in the first quarter. The basket ignited a 16-0

spurt - Scott Diacher hit a pair of three-pointers to fuel the run - and the Rockets took advantage of Western's lackluster play and forged ahead 28-13 with 6:01 left before halftime.

"We were very flat and it's my fault," Western head coach Rex Stanczak said. "I've done a bad job of coaching this (consolation) game two years in a row. Once you got that district draw on Monday, it's real hard to play this game. If it's a championship game - like two years ago when we played for the championship - that's because you're playing for a title. But (the Rockets) shot the ball better and they got better post position."

Salem, the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament, led by as many as 19 points in third quarter and enjoyed a 46-37 advantage entering the final eight minutes. Third-seeded Western

(12-8) turned up the defensive pressure and closed within 49-43 on Chris Eagle's lay-up with 6:07 left, but Salem regrouped and Western would get no closer. Tochman helped seal the win with six points in the final 3:59.

"Most of the time we're involved in some type of championship thing, so I'm not really used to this," Brodie said. "What we tried to do was tell the kids that we have to salvage any victory we can and try to use this as a springboard into the districts."

Bryan Verdun netted 16 points, 14 in the second half, to lead Western. Eagle finished with 15 points and David Zeitlin had 11 points.

The Rockets will now focus on the Class A district tournament at Northville. Salem will face the Northville-Plymouth-Canton winner at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

## Basketball from page B1

Bortz was a force all night, collecting 16 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks. Justin Spencer also scored 11 points, nine in the first half.

Northville made just 10 field goals in the game (three in the first half) and was outscored 34-22 despite a decided height

advantage. Knapp finished with 10 points and seven rebounds, and Tim Ferng had eight points.

Central also did a fine job defensively on Aaron Redden (six points) and Dave Gregor (two points). Gregor had 26 points in Northville's 59-67 semifinal win over Western.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 56, URBAN 41:** Lutheran Westland (19-1) wrapped up its most successful regular season Thursday with a victory at Detroit Urban Lutheran.

Sophomore Josh Meckles led the winners with 22 points, while brother Nate grabbed 12 rebounds. Brent Habitz chipped in seven points.

## CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

Notice of Adoption of Ordinance C-201, an Ordinance to amend the Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 27, Subdivision of Land, relating to standards for storm water retention areas in plats and site condominiums. A full copy of this Ordinance is on file in the City's Office for public review and inspection.

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS ORDAINS:

Section 1. The Farmington Hills City Code, Chapter 27, Subdivision of Land, Article IV, "Improvements," Section 27-83, "Utilities," is hereby amended to add a new paragraph (4), which will read as follows:

- Storm water retention areas shall be provided for all subdivision plats and site condominium plats, subject to the following:
  - Open water retention basins shall not be located on a lot or condominium site that is to be used for one-family residential purposes.
  - Side slopes below storage elevation of water retention areas located in one-family residential subdivisions shall not exceed one (1) vertical to six (6) horizontal.
  - A landscape plan shall be submitted for water retention areas. The plan shall be submitted with the preliminary plan and shall be arranged in accordance with the applicable Landscape Design Principles adopted by the Planning Commission.
  - The minimum distance between the freeboard line of the water retention and any existing or proposed property line of a one-family residential use shall be fifteen (15) feet. This distance may be reduced by the Planning Commission, provided that the area set aside is equal in square feet to the area that would have been required by fifteen (15) feet.
  - Adequate access to the water retention area shall be provided for maintenance purposes.

Section 2. Repealer.  
Section 3. Severability.  
Section 4. Savings.  
Section 5. Effective Date.  
Section 6. Repealer.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk  
City of Farmington Hills

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## CITY OF FARMINGTON BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL PERSONS THAT: An Assessment Roll of all property in the City of Farmington subject to taxation has been prepared by the City Assessor, and said roll will be subject to inspection at the Office of the City Assessor in the Municipal Building, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.

The Board of Review will be in session as follows: Monday, March 12, 2001 1:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, 2001 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Upon request of any person who is assessed on the Roll, or his/her agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, the Board of Review can adjust the assessment on such property in such a manner as will in their judgment provide an equitable assessment. Such Assessment Roll review by said Board of Review shall be the Assessment Roll of the City of Farmington for the year 2001.

Appointments for a hearing before the Board of Review can be made after March 1st by calling the City Assessor's Office (474-5500 ext. 230) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. It is advisable that anyone planning an appeal of the 2001 assessment contact the City Assessor prior to the Board of Review meetings to discuss the matter.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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## CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

### CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 26, 2001

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:30 p.m.  
Council Present: Barnett, Bates, Brinkner, Ellis, Grant, McKee and Oliverio.  
Council Absent: None.  
Others Present: City Manager Brock, City Clerk Dornan, Assistant City Manager Whinnery, Assistant to the City Manager Arbenkova, Directors Boyer, Bissell and Couteau and Attorney Donohue.

### CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

- Proclaimed March 11-16, 2001 as *Volunteers for Youth Recognition Week*.
- Received annual report from:
  - Historic District Commission
  - Economic Development Corporation
- Accepted withdrawal requests from the proponents on the following:
  - Reasoning of south side of Northwestern Highway, east of Orchard Lake Road, Glen Acres and Glen Acres #2 Subdivision.
  - Reasoning of south side of Northwestern Highway, east of Orchard Lake Road.
- Enacted ordinance to regulate location, slope and landscape standards for construction of retention ponds within subdivision plats and site condominium plans.
- Tabled consideration of final preliminary plan for Kimberly Gardens Subdivision, Site Condominium 1, 1999.
- Set special city council meeting for Monday, March 5, 2001.

### APPROVED:

- Various appointments to boards and commissions.
- Adjustment in 2001 green fees at San Marino Golf Course.
- Acceptance of grant award to Police Department from Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority for Risk Avoidance Program.
- Entering into contracts with Michigan Department of Transportation for:
  - Haggerty and Drake Road Bridge Rehabilitation.
  - Citywide Traffic Signal Optimization and Program Project.
- Establishing special assessment district for road improvements for Herndonwood Drive; set public hearing of determination for March 19, 2001.
- City jurisdiction of public streets contained in final approved plat for Meadowbrook Forest Subdivision No. 2.
- Executive session meeting immediately following regular meeting to discuss pending litigation.

NANCY BATES, Mayor  
KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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