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2001 ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS ALL-CONFERENCE: St. Ignace, Livonia Churchill, Marshall, Livonia Franklin, Sarah Pack, Westland John Glenn, J. Dombrowski, Plymouth Salem, Katie Drows, Livonia Stevenson, Heather Lippert, Walled Lake Central, Elise Joris, Walled Lake Western.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION: Lyndy Howard, Farmington; Meghan Colahan, North Farmington; May Lou Liebow and Katie Good, Plymouth Salem; Kelley Hutchins, Livonia Stevenson; Stephanie Kozowski and Katie Rademacher, Walled Lake Central.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION: Ashley Williams and Mary Kryka, Plymouth Canton; Susan Duncan and Sallie Kurako, Livonia Churchill; Lauren Temple, Northville; Erin Kerrigan, Walled Lake Western.

HONORABLE MENTION: Salem: Kelly Jaskot, Roline Llanes, Amber Williams, Danya Niemi; Churchill: Kelly Wright, Beth Bushey, Heather Menden; Leslie Liggett; Stevenson: Abby Schrader, Dana White, Kristine Matheson, Abby Lerson; Ashley Dettore; W.L. Central: Kelley Cross, Amy Rainsburg, Conita Peterson, Amanda Smith, John Glenn; Jenny Lack, Kathleen Knutson, Lindsay Beard, Karl McLeod, Lacey Catarino; Farmington: Randa Brown, Jessi Helly, Julie Kimmel; North Farmington: Elina Piliuta, Amy Berke; Canton: Courtney Jamon, Christi Kiasal, Jennifer Wayne; Meghan Walter; Franklin: Cassie Bentley, Sarah Baxter, Kellie Zwacki; Harrison: Kelly Taylor, Maggie Condini, Amber Behr; Northville: Kathleen Rademacher, Cymbre Jaskot; W.L. Western: Christy Wrobel, Lisa Szymaszewski, Megan Sorenson.

ALL-METRO CONFERENCE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS MVP: Faye Croteau, Junior, Livonia Clarenceville.

FIRST TEAM: Croteau; Leanne DeGaane, senior, Bloomfield Hills; Kingswood: Christy Dyer, senior, Macomb Lutheran North; Sarah McNelly, senior, Clarenceville; Jenny Riske, senior, Harper Woods Lutheran East; Kristy Ross, senior, Lutheran Westland; Allison Ward, senior, Harper Woods; Mia Williamson, senior, Grosse Pointe Woods University; Liggitt.

SECOND TEAM: Katie Blom, senior, Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest; Stephanie Erickson, junior, Lutheran Westland; Susan McGee, junior, University; Liggitt; Ashley Pearson, senior, Clarenceville; Courtney Quay, junior, Kingswood; Katie Rhodes, junior, Harper Woods; Andrea Wingfield, junior, Lutheran North.

THIRD TEAM: Emily Belhorn, junior, Lutheran East; Kim Brus, senior, Harper Woods; Tracey Greene, junior, University; Liggitt; Amy Holmester, junior, Lutheran Northwest; Kristen Jotko, senior, Lutheran North; Erin Jung, junior, Lutheran Westland; Sara Mazzone, junior, Harper Woods; Laura Meili, junior, Clarenceville; Rosalie Schrader, senior, Kingswood.

Letdown costly for Marian

By MARTY BUDNER
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There's no room for letdowns in state tournament play. Birmingham Marian's volleyball team learned that valuable lesson Tuesday night.

After a sensational month-long run that netted Catholic League, district and regional championships, the Mustangs' magical season ended in surprisingly swift fashion in a Class A state quarterfinal match at Walled Lake Central High School.

The Mustangs barely had enough time to settle in before they knew what hit them. Macomb County power Fraser eliminated Marian (39-11-2) with a two-game sweep that stunned nearly everyone in attendance.

After dropping a close opener, the Mustangs never found a rhythm in the second game and watched their season come to a close by 15-12, 15-1 scores.

Marian coach Stephanie Storen said her team just never got on track.

"We just didn't come to play, plain and simple," Storen said. "Fraser played well, you have to give them credit. But we didn't even put up a fight."

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"The girls did not come with the right mind frame. That was not Marian volleyball," she said. "It was probably a case of us being a little nervous and excited. We just did not get off on the right foot."

The Mustangs fell behind early in both games. They rallied to make the first game close, but never did overcome the second-game deficit.

"We've done it all year long. We get behind, but we've always been able to fight back," she said. "You can't do that all the time. It's going to burn you one of these times. It burned us today."

In the opener, Fraser freshman Pashy Jankowi served for four straight points to give the Ramblers a 4-0 lead. Marian senior Sarah Cashen got one of those points back, but Fraser scored the next four points to take an 8-1 lead.

The Mustangs regrouped and fought back to tie the game at 8-1 after Katherine Woch served for four straight points.

The match went back-and-forth for the next few minutes

and Marian took an 11-9 lead on service points from Kathleen Henry and Erin Pogitis.

However, Fraser (48-6-6) registered six of the next seven points to win by three.

Marian fell behind again in the second game as Jankowski staked the Ramblers to a quick 7-0 lead. This time the Mustangs could not bounce back.

Fraser hiked the margin to 12-0 before Marian scored. The Ramblers tallied the next three points and marched into the semifinal round for the first time under coach Kim Argiri.

"We fought back real well in that first game. We started to come back and play like we normally play. We just didn't finish it off," said Storen. "In the second game, it was the same thing all over again. They just played nervous. They did not play like they normally do."

Argiri said it was the best match her team had played.

"We came out hot," Argiri said. "When you're down 8-0 like that, it's hard to get back the focus and come back, especially when the pressure is on. When you lose (in the tournament) you're done. They just did a fantastic job."

Maples persevere in lengthy matches to win regional title

Adrian won the Class A regional volleyball tournament at Saline Saturday with a 12-15, 15-12, 15-12 victory over Livonia Ladywood.

The Maples were 35 minutes off a hard-fought, three-game victory over Plymouth Salem in the semifinals (10-15, 15-11, 16-14) while the Blazers coasted to a 15-2, 15-10 win over Belleville — then stood around and watched the dramatic, Adrian comeback from a 14-10 deficit in the lengthy third game.

"When we were down, 14-10, we were not even thinking about being in this match at that point," Adrian coach Mike Watkins said after his team made a necessary adjustment to power past Ladywood.

The key adjustment Adrian made came early in the second game.

Ladywood had been killing Adrian softly — with tip-kills, deft placement of its smash

kills and service placement that was handcuffing the Maples' receivers.

"We've got three different serve-receive setups we use," Watkins said. "We were struggling with our two (back-row deployment), which we usually use. They were serving in different areas. So we went to our three- and four-receive setups."

So instead of scrambling to return service, Adrian was able to direct the ball to its front row for kill attempts. Almost immediately, the Maple front line regained its confidence.

"When we pass the ball well," Watkins said, "we know we can drive the ball in the middle. And that opens up our outside attack."

The Maples only had eight kills in the first game, while Ladywood was putting up 18. But after the Blazers put up a 7-1 lead in the second game, the match turned around.

Falcons fall to Vikings in regional

By DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington put up a good fight but couldn't bring down Walled Lake Central in a Class A regional tournament volleyball match Friday.

The season ended for the Falcons when it dropped a pair of 12-15, 10-15 scores to the Vikings at Troy Athens High School.

Central was the eventual regional runner-up to Birmingham Marian, which was eliminated by Fraser in a state quarterfinal contest Tuesday.

As it was in the district tournament, Farmington was over-anxious and too psyched up for the start of regional play, according to coach Alex Perrin.

Consequently, the Falcons fell behind in the first game, 8-1. They regrouped and managed to tie the score at 12 before the Vikings pulled ahead to win.

"It took some time to settle down, it being our first regional and the excitement of it and adjusting to that," Perrin said.

Farmington rallied behind the serving of Lyndy Howard and hitting of Jessica Janowicz, who had seven kills in the match with no attacking errors.

The problem is she only had 15 swings," Perrin said. "We didn't get her the ball as much as we should have."

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The Falcons faced a 6-0 deficit in the first game, but they came back to tie the score again, 6-6. However, their serving failed them at that point.

"We were in it and couldn't hit a serve in the court," Perrin said. "I have to think the pressure was starting to build a little bit. The regional is a little different. It was the biggest crowd we played in front of the whole year."

With the score tied, the Vikings rotated back to their best servers and scored the next four points.

Stephanie Koslowski and Kelley Cross accounted for two thirds of Central's service points. Koslowski served 14 of the 30 and Cross six.

The Falcons defended well, however, and didn't allow Central's primary hitter, Heather Lippert, to have a big performance against them, according to Perrin.

"I don't know how many kills she had, but I didn't think she hurt us," he said. "I thought we limited her offense as much as we could. She's a good player; she's going to get her kills."

"I thought the best offensive player on the court was Jessica. They really couldn't stop her."

Perrin said his players shouldn't hang their heads in defeat,

because Central had a quality team.

"We didn't bring our A game," he said. "We brought our B game, and that wasn't good enough to beat a Central."

The Falcons, who finished with a 19-21-7 record, lost three players to graduation — Jessi Halliday, Chrissy Baker and Howard.

"We were talented but inexperienced going in, and the season reflected it," Perrin said. "When we had all our people in place we had success."

"Winning the district and Silver Division at Walled Lake Central were great accomplishments. In the conference tournament, we narrowly missed getting out of our pool without two starters."

"When you look at how far we've come in the last two years, the program has made a lot of progress."

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