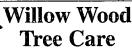
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## Mercy Softball Camp scheduled

The Annual Mercy High School Softball Camp will take place 9 a.m. to noon on six Saturdays in early 2003. The camp dates are Jan. 11, 18 and 25, Feb. 1 and 15 and

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## CC graduate orchestrates upset of MSU

When he was a freshman guard during the 1999-2000 season at the University of Toledo, Nick Moore was on the losing end of a 78-33 score to Michigan State at the Breslin Center.

On Dec. 30, the senior from Redford Catholic Central High baled or whet that one of the senior to the senior that the senior

On Dec. 30, the sentor room redford Catholic Central High helped orchestrate one of the biggest upsets of the 2002-03 college basketball sčason. Hitting four of seven three-point shots en route to a teamhigh 19 points, the 6-foot-1, 185-pound guard was the man of the hour as the Rocketz stunned No. 15-ranked MSU, 81-76, before 14-759 at the Breslin Center. R was only the third home loss in 68 games for the Spurtans, who fell to 8-3 overall. Toledo, meanwhile, upped its mark to 7-4. Needless to 84, Moore and his Rocket teammates made a meteoric burst that Monday evening onto ESPN's Sports

evening onto ESPN's Sports Center.

Center:
A win two years ago over
nationally-ranked Cincinnati
was another highlight, but that
was pale in comparison because
it occurred on a neutral floor.
I told the guys this is something you play your whole
career for, you live for moments
like this," said Moore, who is

averaging career-high 15 points per game. Nobody gave us a chance to win, but we gave ourselves a chance if we came out play-

ing hard."
Moore, handling the point-guard position a majority of the time, was a calming influence in the second half as Toledo fought off a Spartan second-

tough of a sparan second half rally. But Moore scored 14 of his 19 during the final 20 minutes, including three big triples and three critical free throws down the stretch, to stun the MSU faithful.

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"MSU has a great team and they'll win a lot of games, but we've been shooting the three-hall well and we did a good job of checking out on the glass." Moore said. "We knew everyone had to rebound. When we got up by nine in the first half I knew we were playing well. "It was just amazing." What he may lack in qulckness, brute strength or leaping ability, Moore is able to counter with court savey, a deft outside shooting touch and most simportant of all — leadership skills.

"If you look up student-athlete in the dictionary, Nick is

the definition. Toledo coach
Stan Joplin said of the business
and finance major. He's not a
holler guy, he leads by example.
"He knows his limits and his
strengths, and that's a big plus.
He's become a complete player.
Not only is he a better passer,
better shooter and better ballhandler, he's improved as a
defender. He was not a good
defender when he came to us,
but he's worked just as hard on
that aspect of his game."
The 'yesilanti native has
increased bis numbers steadily
over his four-year career. He is
also just eight three-point field
goals away from becoming
Toledo's all-time three-point
field goal shooter.
After scoring 5.3 points per
game as a freshman, Moore
averaged 10.1 as a sophomore
and 14.3 as a junior.
This season, he is shooting
42.6 percent from three-point
range and 83.3 from the free

This season, he is shooting 42.6 percent from three-point range and 83.3 from the free throw line. Moore scored a season-high 25 earlier this year against Youngstown State and has a career-high 31 against Western Michigan (Feb. 23, 2002).

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On Feb. 13, 2002, Moore nailed all seven of his triple attempts vs. Akron to set a school record. In the process, he also tied both Mid-American Conference and Savage Hall marks.

Joplin, a former six-year

axsistant at MSU, was almost apologetic for the upset of the Spartans. He had a hard time explaining the sudden turn of events following a 94-68 lost he previous game against St. Bonaventure. (In that game, Moore scored a season-low seven points.)
"I guess we'll be on a ESPN for a day," Joplin said." I guess in the short term it's good for our players, but this doesn't mean at thing if we don't focus and come out with a good performance against Northern Illinois (Jan. 8 at home)." Moore, the senior leader he has become, also sounded afterwards like a coach, a line of work he may seriously consider following graduation. "This is huge, but we have to keep our focus," he said. "We have to perform. We just can't hang our hat on this!" During Moore's career, Toledo has enjoyed only one postseason appearance, that coming in the 2001 National Invitational Tournament (NIT) where the Rockets were ousted in the second round by Alabama. That means he has some unfinished business left in the Glass City.
"In dying to get to the NCAAs," in a senior. Obviously, I hope this is the year."

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

DOYS BASKETBALL

S'tield Christian at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7 N. Farmington at Farmington, 7 p.m. Farm, Harrison at Andover, 7:45 p.n

H.W. Hotre Dame at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 8 Det. Community at Clarenceville, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10

Friday, Jan. 10
Berkley al N. Farmington, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Seaholm, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Lamphere, 7:30 p.m.
Redford CC at U-D Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
GIRLS YOLLEYBALL
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Monday, Jan. 6
Farmington at Adams, 6:30 p.m.
Kimball at North Farmington, 7 p.m.
Dondero at Farm. Hacrison, 7 p.m.
Clarenceville at Ply. Christian, 7 p.m. Call toll free for details 1-866-248-6265

Thursday, Jan. 9
Seaholm at Farmington. 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Lake Orlon, 7 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Clawson. 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 10
Clarenceville at Lutheran Kwest, 7 p.m.
Saturder, Jan.

Saturday, Jan. 11 Farmington and Harris

at Troy Tournament, 8 a.m. BOYS SWIMMING Tuesday, Jan. 7 Churchill at H. Farmington, 6:30 p.m. Redford EC at Stevenson, 7 g.m.

Rochester at N. Farmington, 6:30 p.m. Rochester at N. Farmington, 6:30 p.m. Athens at Farmington/Harrison, 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11 H. Farmington at W.S. Invite, TBA. WRESTLING

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Mott. Seaholm at Farmington, 5 p.m.
R. Farmington vs. Ferndale & Dak Park,
6 p.m. at Southfield High School.
Dondero, Lethrup at Harrison, 6:30 p.m.
Thurnday, Jan. 9

Redford CC. Southpate at Romaus, 6 p.m.
Quad meet at Clarenceville, 6 p.m.
Sauthy A. S. Seaturdey, Jan. 11 Saturday, Jan. 11

farmington at Avondale Invite, 9 a.m N. Farmington at Lakeland Invite, 8 a.m.
Shamrock Invitational at CC, 10 a.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Monday, Jan. 6 Farmington at Rock, Adams, 7 p.m. PREP SKUNG

Mercy vs. E. Lansing at Nt. Brighton, 4:30 a.m.

p.m. PREP HOCKEY Wednesday, Jan. 8 Farm. vs. Clarkslon et Lapeer, 7 p.m.

Fridey, Jan. 10
Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind.), 8 pm.
Seturday, Jan. 11
Lamphere at Farm, Unified, 8 pm.
Redford CC at Park Tudor (Ind.), 7.15 pm.

Sunday, Jan. 12 Redford CC at Culver Military (Ind.), 2 p.m. ONTARXO HOCKEY LEAGUE

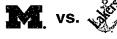
Sunday, Jan. 5 Whalers at London Knights, 2 p m. Tuesday, Jan. 7

Whalers at Kitchener Renders, 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 10
Whalers vs. Windsor (Computer

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