

Stevenson vs Mercy
In Quarterfinals

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The Livonia Stevenson girls are out after that "first."

Stevenson knocked off Bishop Borgess to capture the Southfield regional crown, 45-35, and will meet Farmington Our Lady of Mercy tonight in one of four Class A quarterfinals in the state.

The Stevenson - Mercy clash will be at Sterling Heights Stevenson with tip-off slated for 7:30 p.m.
Other quarterfinal games have East Lansing pitted against Trenton, which clobbered Garden City East in its regional finale, at Chelsea; Flint Carmen against Grand Rapids Christian at Alma; and Dominican against Rochester Adams at Southfield Lathrup. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

The winner of the Livonia Stevenson - Mercy game will face the victor of the Lathrup contest on Friday, Dec. 14, 6 p.m. at Grand Blanc High.

Champions of the other two quarterfinals will play at



Grand Blanc on Friday at 5 p.m.
Come Saturday, Dec. 15, it will be State Class A championship time at Grand Blanc, at 2:30 p.m.

Stevenson, which now sports a 14-1 mark for the season with the Inter-Lakes loop, Southfield district and now regional championships under its belt will get the taste of real pressure with the title only three games away.

"I expected a tough game with Borgess and that's just what we got," commented Stevenson Coach Liz Embree. "We played awful sloppy the first half but once we took a 34-32 lead early in the fourth, I knew it was our game. Borgess just seemed to quit."

Sue Franz scored the opening basket for Borgess to give the Spartans a 2-0, 1:55 into the contest. Buckets by

Jan Welch and Mary Kay Itynre pushed the Borgess lead to 6-0.

Then with 3:50 remaining in the quarter, Stevenson finally got on the board, Sharon Solack popping in a free throw. Baskets by Donna Lang, Lory Hyman, a free throw by Jan Wilkinson and another bucket by Hyman tied it at eight-all after Itynre hit for Borgess.

But Pam Gibbons and Itynre hit in the last minute to give Borgess a 12-8 first quarter margin.

Borgess pushed its lead to 27-20 at the half with Itynre hitting two from the line at the close of the second quarter.

With five minutes remaining in the third quarter, Borgess was sitting on a 30-23 lead. Solack popped in a field goal, hit two from the line, and Miss Wilkinson scored in the fourth, I knew it was our game. Borgess just seemed to quit."

The two clubs then exchanged buckets, Mary Bobowski hitting for Borgess and Jerildine Isenhardt for Stevenson with 10 seconds left to make it 32-31 heading into the final eight minutes.

A free throw by Isenhardt tied it at 32-all, 7:07 remaining. Sue Franz then fouled out for Borgess and Hyman hit for Stevenson to make it 34-32. It was the first time Stevenson had the lead.

This is where the Borgess cards just died; their momentum was gone and they didn't get a point in the first 4:15 of the quarter.

Meanwhile, Stevenson upped its lead to 37-33.

A 12-3 final quarter score told the story of the regional championship. Stevenson's Miss Isenhardt was high for the victors with 14 points and Miss Itynre led Borgess with 18 points.

A total of 147 shots were taken. Stevenson made 15 of 73 for 21 per cent and Borgess 13 of 74 for 18 per cent. Box score:

Table with 4 columns: Team, FG, FT, TP, Points. Rows for Borgess and Stevenson.

Franklin Gets Revenge;
Tops Defending Champ

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It took three good battles but the Franklin High eagles finally pulled out one. It was



Westland John Glenn and Livonia Franklin in the Northwest Suburban opener.

Franklin, which trailed in the early moments, 8-4, came up with 23 points in the

second quarter, 18 in the third and capped it all with 20 in the fourth for an easy, 69-52 victory.

Franklin Coach Bob Visser had to have a bit of relief in recording his first win.

This triumph over the defending champs was an overall team effort for the Patriots with five players breaking into double figures. Jamie Knapp paced the crew with 16 points.

The Patriots shot at a 50 per cent mark, hitting on 31 of 62.

Glenn, which is now 2-2, mustered a 23 for 66 performances for 35 per cent.

Franklin's outstanding shooting key was complemented by the defensive efforts of 6-8 Kevin Kaseta and 6-8 Keith Blazaitis.

Prep Hockey Having State Tournament
The Michigan High School Athletic Association has announced the 1973-74 prep hockey season will conclude with its first state tournament.

Michigan State University and University of Michigan have made their indoor rinks available.

College Hockey Card Announced For Olympia
Pairings are set for the ninth annual Great Lakes invitational college hockey tournament at Olympia Stadium on Dec. 27-28.

On opening night, perennial eastern collegiate power Boston College will face the Spartans of Michigan State at 6 p.m. with host school Michigan Tech doing battle with the University of Pennsylvania in the nightcap.

The two combined to stymie the Glenn attack with Blazaitis coming up with six snuffs and Kaseta four. That's 10 Rocket shots that never had a chance to reach the hoop.

Glenn spurred to an early 9-4 lead in the first five minutes on buckets by Brian Kaluzny, Jim Kholmian and Harry Polovino.

Baskets by Blazaitis and Knapp sliced it to 11-8 after one quarter.

Franklin took the second quarter jump. Kaseta scored, Ken Fry popped one in and Kaseta hit for two more and with 2:05 elapsed in the period, Franklin was on top, 15-11.

The Rockets then muscled back the lead on four consecutive buckets by Polovino, Jeff Brittain and Kaluzny and it was 21-17 with 3:37 left in the half.

It was nip and tuck with a bucket by Fry and two free throws by Knapp pushing the Patriots to a 31-27 halftime margin.

With two minutes gone in the third period, a bucket by Polovino and two free throws by Kaluzny notched it at 35-all. That was to be Glenn's last shot at victory as Franklin proceeded to outscore the Rockets, 14-6, in the last five minutes of the quarter to lead 49-41.

With 2:54 remaining Franklin had pushed itself up, 61-52. Followed was two swoop - pointers by Matt Demars and four free throws with Glenn a beaten champion.

"We knew this game was a must," exclaimed Visser. "We were outbreathed the first half, 15-13 but came back to outbreath Glenn, 36-11, in the second half."

"Our offense just took the ball to them and it was just a beautiful team effort."



REGIONAL CHAMPIONS at Southfield High were the Stevenson girls in Michigan's first girls state basketball tourney. On the shoulders of the victors is Stevenson Coach Liz Embree. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

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