



## The agony of defeat

They call it the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat. For the victor comes the rewards of being a winner. For the loser there's very little, if anything at all.

There were many disappointing moments in area sports over the past year. It was Farrington's Mercy High's basketball team advancing to the state finals, only to come home a runner-up. It was a long, losing football season for both Southfield and Southfield-Lathrup High. Finally, there's the story of the hurdler. He was in the lead and on his way to victory when suddenly he hit a hurdle and went down. A sure victory turned into a crushing defeat.

In the sports world, it's the winner everyone looks at. If an unknown surpasses everyone else, it is he who makes the headlines. He has beaten the competition, he has excelled. For the loser, perhaps it's just a pat on the back and a thanks for the effort. But that's not much consolation for losing, for no one likes to be second best.



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