

## Marlins win regional crown

# Another tourney trip for Mercy?

By TOM BAER

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy's basketball players did very little celebrating after they trounced Detroit Cass Tech, 72-37, last Saturday in the Warren Fitzgerald regional championship game.

Mercy, a real powerhouse in Class A girls' basketball, has been there before, making the state finals for the past two seasons. And things look good for another trip to state again this season.

"They're starting to take the regional victories for granted," said Mercy coach Larry Baker, who never even watched a girls' basketball game until he accepted his first teaching job—and the basketball coaching assignment—at the Farmington all-girl Catholic school last fall.

"We started looking toward the quarterfinals as soon as we won that district."

Mercy has only to beat Detroit Pershing in the Hazel Park quarterfinal to earn a trip to the 1975 state finals. The semifinals are scheduled for Grand Rapids South Christian this Friday. The finals are set for Grand Rapids Kentwood High on Saturday.

Mercy has been winning its district and regional games by wide margins, outscoring opponents, 353-146, in five tournament games including the regional final.

"We seem to get out to those early leads and then sit on them," Baker said.

"OUR PRESS has done a lot for us. It was the press again against Cass Tech. We had a 22-7 lead after one quarter and, by the time they had it figured, we had a pretty big cushion to sit on. It's a zone press and we don't depend on any one person to keep it going. The girls work well as a unit. We have a very quick team

We have very quick forwards and that really helps with the press."

One of those "very quick forwards" is Diane Dietz, a 5-8 sophomore. Against Cass, she took game scoring honors with 21 points. Teammate K.D. Harte, a 5-4 junior guard, continued her impressive scoring with 18 points. Miss Harte has been averaging 15 points per game in the five tournament games.

Mercy's Karen Gilbooly, a 5-9 senior forward, added eight points. Substitute Leslie Sims, whose older sister attended Cass Tech, scored five points and came up with some key steals early in the game.

Cynthia Ware, Cass Tech's high scoring guard, was held to eight points. "We knew Ware was a good ball player and could give us some problems," Baker said. "So we double teamed her on the press and that seemed to do the trick."

The victory lifted Mercy to 18-2 this season. The Marlins have lost to Detroit Bishop Borgers during the regular season and to Detroit North-eastern in the Public School League-Catholic League championship game.

### Mercy-Cass Tech

Mercy (21): Juden Bartos 3, 0, 0, Diane Dietz 8, 5, 21, Karen Gilbooly 4, 0, 8, K.D. Harte 8, 2, 18, Marge Langes 0, 2, 2, Katie McNamara 1, 0, 2, Jean (Wio) 2, 0, 4, Leslie Sims 2, 1, 3, Lynn Yalovich 1, 0, 2, Kathy Smith 1, 0, 2, Mary Saarimaki 1, 0, 2, Mary Pat Hammel 0, 0, 0, Mary Vincent 0, 0, 0, Carolyn (Showski) 0, 0, 0. Totals: 21, 10, 72.

Cass Tech (27): David Bowser 2, 0, 4, Carmen Chestnut 2, 0, 4, Bernetta Green 3, 0, 6, Yvette Harris 2, 1, 3, Brenda Lykes 4, 0, 8, Sharon Sims 1, 0, 2, Cynthia Ware 4, 0, 8. Totals: 18, 1, 27.

Total Fouls: Cass Tech 16, Mercy 10. Fouled Out: Cynthia Ware (Cass Tech), Mercy 22, 20, 15, 15. Cass Tech 7, 10, 8, 12, 37.



Mercy's K.D. Harte is averaging 15 points per tournament game.

## Falcons drop 2nd game

# Birmingham Seaholm stops Farmington, 76-51

By DAVE RAY

It took Birmingham Seaholm's basketball team a while to get warmed up Tuesday night, but the Maples came on strong in the second period to take a 20-point lead over Farmington at the half and then coasted to a 76-51 nonleague victory over the Falcons.

Dave Bean sparked the Seaholm at-

tack with 21 points, nine in the second quarter, while Doug Everard added 20, six in the second stanza.

The score was close through most of the first period, but the Maples hit for four points in the last two minutes to take a 13-8 edge. Seaholm broke the game open in the second quarter with 25 points while holding the Falcons to 10 and held a 22-point margin for the

final two minutes until Farmington sank a basket to make it 38-18 at the intermission.

Seaholm started fast in the third quarter, too, and took a 27-point lead near the end of the period before the Falcons hit for four to cut the deficit to 62-37. The teams played on even terms in the final eight minutes although Farmington converted two

steals midway through the final frame and forward Mark Springfield had all six of his points in the last quarter.

"FARMINGTON HAS a real good fast break and they get a lot of second shots," Seaholm coach Bob Sherwood said. "We wanted to stop their fast break and keep them off the boards and I think we were very effective."

"Bean, (Jim) Fox and (Chris) Smith did an outstanding job for us on the boards and our guards moved the ball well on our break."

Falcon coach Bruce Brown noted that the Maples "came at us. They

were shooting and rebounding well and they just outthrew us on the boards."

Richard Milhizer led the Falcons with 13 points before he fouled out of the game with 2:27 left in the fourth quarter. Forward Bob Finnell and guard Dick Radatz had 10 each for Farmington.

"We're pleased that we're at 4-0 so far this season and we're ready for the SMA (Southeastern Michigan Association)," Sherwood said. "We have a lot of respect for Southfield (Seaholm's first SMA opponent tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Southfield). They're real tough."

### Birmingham Seaholm-Farmington

Birmingham Seaholm (26): Dave Bean 8, 5, 4, 21, Doug Everard 9, 2, 20, Chris Smith 3, 4, 12, Jim Fox 2, 5, 9, George Topson 3, 0, 6, Dave Hamman 1, 2, 3, Dan Bean 1, 0, 2, Billy Brooks 1, 0, 1, 2. Totals: 28, 20, 76.

Farmington (31): Richard Milhizer 4, 5, 12, Bob Finnell 5, 0, 10, Dick Radatz 2, 4, 10, Brian Strussoff 3, 0, 6, Mark Springfield 3, 0, 6, Howard Meier 2, 0, 4, Mike Denna 1, 0, 2. Totals: 20, 11, 51.

Total Fouls: Farmington 20, Seaholm 19. Fouled Out: Brooks (Seaholm) and Milhizer (Farmington). Birmingham Seaholm 12, 25, 24, 14. Farmington 8, 10, 13, 14.



Dick Radatz (13), of Farmington, and Birmingham Seaholm's Chris Smith reach for a rebound in Tuesday's game. Radatz had 10

points for the Falcons, but Seaholm won, 76-51. (Photo by Charlie Kidd)

## Christian cagers wake up in time to down Oakland

Southfield Christian "stalled out," in the words of coach Bruce Calderwood, but got started soon enough to defeat Oakland Christian, 63-54, in a class D basketball game last Tuesday.

"It was probably the worst game we've played so far," said Calderwood, whose team is 3-0 this season. Southfield Christian led by two (28-26) at halftime and by four (47-43) after three quarters. But the Eagles found themselves behind by five points midway through the final quarter.

"We just kind of stalled out and they got hot," Calderwood said. "But we had a good fourth quarter. Five kids scored and that helped us tremendously. We also started to press them man-to-man. We had to do something to generate some momentum and enthusiasm."

With about two minutes left, Southfield Christian's Greg Guggie scored a basket to tie the game at 57 all.

Teammate John King found the range seconds later to give the Eagles the lead. King and Eric Larson led Christian with 18 points each. Eric Lampi added 15. John Garner, Oakland's 6-8 center, led all scorers with 19 points on seven baskets (all coming in the second half) and five of nine free throws. Jeff Nance, a guard, added 13 points to the losers' total. Christian plays next on Tuesday

(Dec. 16) at Lutheran North High School. The game begins at 7:30 p.m.

### Christian-Oak. Christian

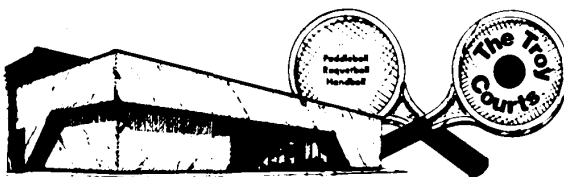
SMA Christian (31): Eric Larson 8, 6, 1, 16, John King 5, 0, 0, 18, Ben Lampi 7, 0, 4, Greg Guggie 2, 0, 0, 4, Steve Knowles 0, 0, 0, Craig Oakland 3, 0, 0, 4, Dan Hendon 1, 0, 0, 2. Totals: 32, 14, 63.

Oakland Christian (30): Jeff Norris 5, 11, 13, 21, Gordy Lindsay 4, 0, 2, 8, Bill Lake 2, 4, 4, John Garner 7, 4, 0, 19, Bill Johnson 1, 0, 0, 2. Totals: 19, 20, 27, 65.

Total Fouls: Southfield Christian 22, Oakland Christian 13. Fouled Out: Tom Marks (Southfield Christian), SMA Christian 19, 13, 13, 13. Oakland Christian 11, 13, 17, 13.

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