Northeastern next for Marlins

Mercy girls rip Harrison for district crown

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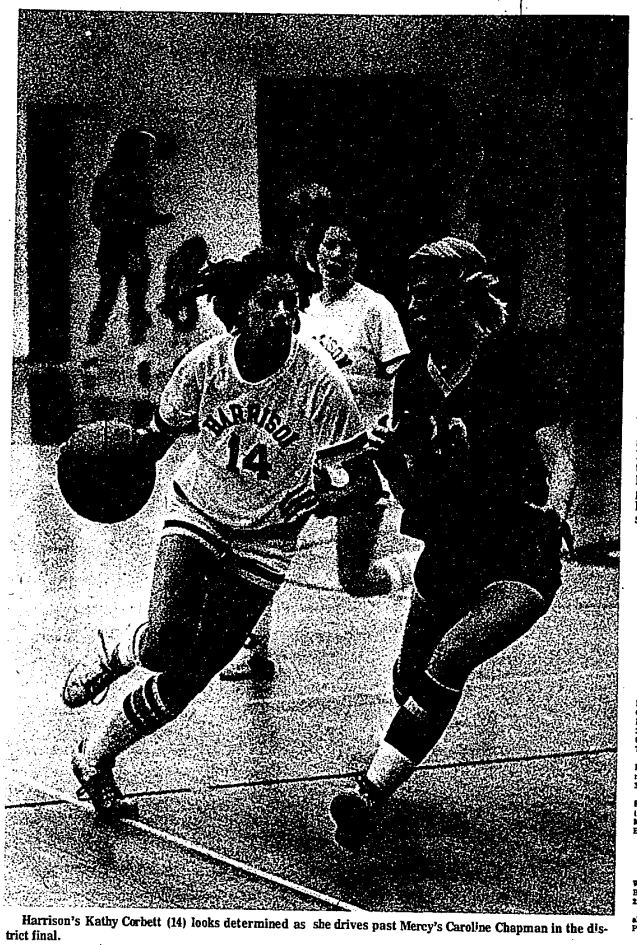

Harrison's Kathy Corbett (14) looks determined as she drives past Mercy's Caroline Chapman in the district final.

By C.J. RISAK

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy's depth proved to be too much for Farmington Harrison as the Marlins overwhelmed the Hawks, 60-38, to win the Class A girls' basketball district championship last Thursday night at Farmington High School.

Harrison jumped to an early 4-2 lead in the first minute of play, but Mercy went into its full court press and scored six straight points to take an 8-4 lead. The Marlins never trailed after that, leading 15-11 after the first period and 31-20 at the half.

"I thought we played very well," Harrison coach Neal Redford said. "We fought hard, but we only have nine girls on the squad. And they (Mercy) shot very well.

"It really hurt us when our big girl (Linda Tremonti) fouled out."

Both teams were in early foul trouble, with Mercy's Deanne Banfield getting three and Kelly Walsh four in the first half, and Harrison's Tremonti called for four first half fouls. What little chance Harrison had to win the game ended when Tremonti drew her fifth foul just one minute and 12 seconds into the third quarter.

Mercy quickly put the game away after Tremonti fouled out. Gretchen Larges scored the first six points of the second half to give Mercy a 37-20 lead. Harrison failed to score a field goal in the third quarter, as Mercy held them to four free throws while scoring 18 points of their own.

"I WAS HAPPY with our offense," Mercy coach Larry Baker said after the game. "We shot as well in the first quarter as we have in any game. But we had a lot of fouls. We forced a lot of turnovers, but sometimes we tried for them and they just weren't there.

"But eleven kids scored tonight, and to me that's very rewarding."

Harrison's Kathy Corbett was the game's leading scorer with 17 points. Mercy was led by Patty Schneider's 11 points (all in the second half) and Larges' 10.

Mercy now heads for the regional tournament, which will be held at Southfield High School. The Marlins first round opponent will be Detroit Northeastern, which advanced on the strength of a 74-54 district final win over Ferndale. Michelle Byas led Northeastern with 19 points, while Kathy Jones and Barb Burleigh each added 18.

"It's going to be a dynamite regional," Baker said. "We're going to have our work cut out for us. But we'll be ready."

Also playing in the Southfield regional will be last year's Class A runner-up—Detroit Mumford. Mercy beat Mumford in the finals last year, and that's the last time Mumford lost. The Mustangs ran their ran their winning streak to 17 Thursday with a 102-62 win over Detroit Murray-Wright to capture thier district title.

Mumford was led by Debra Walker with 33 points. Walker hit a state record 63 points in the team's win over Detroit Central last Wednesday. Also scoring in double figures for Mumford in the district final were Rhonda Beauford (23), Denise Johnson (17), and Darlene Brown (16).

Mumford has lost just one starter from last year's team.

But, at the moment, Baker is more concerned with his team's first round opponent, Northeastern. The two will clash Wednesday night, with the time tenatively set for 8:30 pm.

Tournament box scores

MERCY 60—HARRISON 38

MERCY (60)—Kelly Walsh 2, 0-0, 4; Gretchen Larges 4, 2-2, 10; Deanne Banfield 2, 1-2, 5; Caroline Chapman 4, 0-0, 8; Denise Basford 1, 0-0, 2; Lisa Morris 3, 0-0, 6; Laura Zeiller 1, 2-4, 4; Anne Haubold 3, 0-0, 6; Pat Schneider 5, 1-2, 11; Suzanne Dietz 1, 0-0, 2; Mary Ellen Cox 1, 0-0, 2; Meg Mullen 0, 0-2, 0. TOTALS: 27, 6-12, 60.

HARRISON (38)—Linda Tremonti 1, 2-4, 4; Linda Bache 2, 3-7, 7; Kathy Corbett 4, 8-18, 17; Lana Widman 2, 0-2, 4; Lori Webb 1, 1-2, 3; Ann Corbett 1, 1-2, 3. TOTALS: 11, 16-35, 38.

TOTAL FOULS—Mercy 27, Harrison 11.
FOULED OUT: Walsh (Mercy). Tremonti (Harrison).

MERCY	15	16	18	11	—60
HARRISON	11	9	4	14	—38

HARRISON 31—NORTHVILLE 29

HARRISON (31)—Linda Tremonti 1, 0-0, 2; Lana Widman 3, 0-1, 6; Kathy Corbett 3, 2-4, 8; Linda Bache 3, 0-0, 6; Beth Dilley 3, 0-1, 6; Lori Webb 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS: 14, 3-6, 31.

NORTHVILLE (29)—Sue Townsend 4, 1-1, 9; Lizabeth Finley 6, 0-2, 6; Karen Goerm 2, 2-2, 6; Dianna Perpich 1, 1-2, 3. TOTALS: 8, 4-7, 29.

TOTAL FOULS—Harrison 9, Northville 12.
FOULED OUT: None.

HARRISON	8	11	4	8	—31
NORTHVILLE	4	11	2	3	—29

MERCY 79—LIVONIA STEVENSON 48

MERCY (79)—Deanne Banfield 5, 2-2, 12; Laura Zeiller 3, 2-2, 8; Gretchen Larges 6, 3-5, 15; Anne Haubold 1, 2-2, 4; Lisa Morris 2, 0-0, 4; Caroline Chapman 2, 0-0, 4; Denise Basford 2, 0-2, 4; Kelly Walsh 1, 0-0, 2; Pat Schneider 2, 0-0, 4; Nancy Malone 1, 1-1, 3; Kelly Fortescue 1, 0-1, 2; Meg Mullen 1, 0-0, 2; Suzanne Dietz 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS: 30, 10-15, 79.

LIVONIA STEVENSON (48)—Cathy McGrath 0, 1-2, 1; Pat Dotson 0, 1-2, 1; Marie Wolfe 0, 3-5, 3; Stephanie Salyer 3, 1-2, 7; Noreen Kelly 2, 7-10, 11; Karen Kelly 2, 5-13, 9; Cindy Berry 2, 0-2, 4; Beth Mueller 4, 3-4, 11; Anne Boone 1, 0-0, 2. TOTALS: 14, 20-40, 48.

TOTAL FOULS—Mercy 31, Stevenson 11. FOULED OUT: Pat Schneider (Mercy).

MERCY	17	16	14	21	—79
LIVONIA STEVENSON	10	8	15	15	—48

Mercy's Kelly Walsh puts up a shot against Farmington Harrison during last Thursday's district championship game at Farmington High. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)

Prep athletes find help in picking right college

By C.J. RISAK

High school heroes—they score game-winning touchdowns, hit the big home run, pitch the perfect game, score the key basket. They are local celebrities, known throughout their school and community as great athletes.

But when their prep days are over, when they have graduated, where do they go? The lucky ones, those that have drawn enough attention and are exceptional athletes, get a shot at the big time with a scholarship to a major college or university.

But what about the graduate who isn't recruited? What if he had a bad day when the scouts from the biggies were there to see him, or if he was injured and not playing up to his full capabilities? How do they get someone interested in them?

Eric Schwartz found himself in that predicament last June when he graduated from Southfield High School. Schwartz was an All-SMA (Southeastern Michigan Association) pick as an outfielder on the conference baseball team. But no one recruited him. It appeared his talent would be wasted.

That's when Larry Fisher stepped in. Fisher is a recruiter. Not the type who tries to land athletes for his college alma mater. Instead, Fisher gets colleges interested in local athletes who have been ignored by the bigger schools.

Schwartz considered attending the University of Michigan without any kind of financial aid before he heard Fisher might be able to help him.

"HE CALLED ME and said he wasn't going to Michigan," Fisher said. "I got in touch with the coach at Ranger Junior College, in Ranger, Texas. Things worked out, and so that's where Eric went."

Ranger J.C. is the current national baseball champion among junior colleges , so it's not easy to make the team. But it appears as if Schwartz will make the varsity in his freshman year, which is quite an accomplishment.

Schwartz isn't the only athlete Fisher has helped. Scott Russell graduated from Southfield High last June. Russell had been a key figure on the Blue Jay's 19-3 basketball team, averaging 18 points and 15 rebounds a game. But, while warming up for the first district tournament game last March, he suffered a freak accident. His ring finger on his right hand got caught in the net around the basket and tore a little more than one-fourth of his finger off.

What had appeared to be a promising future in colleglate basketball now was uncertain. Despite the fact that he recovered and the injury had little effect on his play (it was to his right hand, he shoots left-handed), few state colleges showed any interest.

Fisher again stepped in and found Russell a place to exhibit his talent. Russell is now playing basketball at West Texas College, a junior college located in Snyder, Tex.

"A LOT OF kids aren't sponsored properly," Fisher said. "Their

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Falcons win, 55-45

Raiders roll

North Farmington basketball coach Ken Dean had high hopes for Mark Biehl and Brian Bowditch before the season started. And the two cagers didn't disappoint him in the season opener last Friday.

North Farmington battered city-rival Farmington Harrison, 60-48, on the Hawks' court, and Biehl and Bowditch led the way. Biehl, a 6-foot-7 senior, scored 19 points on nine field goals and one of two free throws. Bowditch, a 6-5 junior, followed with 16 points on eight field goals.

Harrison, which was just two points behind at halftime, got 19 points from senior Scott Hendries, and 11 more from Dave Turnquist.

Harrison has a long bus ride coming on Tuesday (Dec. 5) when it travels to Flint Northern for a non-league game. North Farmington plays next on the following Friday (Dec. 8) at home against Garden City East. Game time is 8 p.m.

FARMINGTON—CHURCHILL

Farmington High had three players score in double figures last Friday in its 55-45 victory over Livonia Churchill in a non-league basketball game on Farmington's court. Both teams have 1-1 records.

Jerry Krist, a 6-2 senior, led Farmington with 14 points. Jeff McGrath, a 6-2 junior, followed with 12, and Tom Harrison had 11. Dave Krick scored 12 points for Churchill, which trailed by two points (26-24) at halftime.

Farmington plays next on Tuesday (Dec. 5) against Birmingham Seaholm. Churchill travels to Garden City West on the same night. Both games start at 8 p.m.

N. FARMINGTON 60—HARRISON 48

NORTH FARMINGTON (60)—Rob Henderhan 2, 2-2, 6; Ron Nutter 2, 0-0, 4; Mike Howley 3, 1-2, 7; Rex Baker 1, 1-2, 3; Ron Frederich 1, 0-0, 2; Ed Furst 0, 1-2, 1; Brian Bowditch 8, 0-0, 16; Mark Biehl 9, 1-2, 19. TOTALS: 27, 4-10, 60.

FARMINGTON HARRISON (48)—Brian Burgess 2, 0-0, 4; Mark Dickman 0, 1-2, 1; Tom Candy 0, 1-3, 1; John Tremonti 1, 0-1, 2; Scott Hendries 9, 1-3, 19; Dave Turnquist 3, 1-2, 11; Don Schringer 1, 0-0, 2; Brad Herrmann 2, 3-4, 7; B.J. Hochstein 0, 1-2, 1. TOTALS: 20, 8-18, 48.

TOTAL FOULS—N. Farmington 18, Harrison 19.
FOULED OUT: None.

NORTH FARMINGTON	15	16	17	14	—60
FARMINGTON HARRISON	14	12	13	9	—48

FARMINGTON 55—CHURCHILL 45

FARMINGTON HIGH (55)—Jerry Krist 6, 2-3, 14; Greg Kuhnlein 3, 0-0, 6; Tom Harrison 5, 1-3, 11; John Dunn 1, 0-0, 2; Jeff McGrath 6, 0-3, 12; Ron Sarnevitch 2, 0-0, 4; Brian Tyler 2, 0-1, 4. TOTALS: 25, 3-8, 55.

LIVONIA CHURCHILL (45)—Dave Krick 6, 1-2, 12; Mike Tokovich 3, 0-1, 6; Carl Eberly 3, 0-1, 6; Matt Manske 2, 1-2, 5; Ralph Jarnot 2, 1-2, 5; Chris Horvath 5, 0-1, 10. TOTALS: 21, 3-8, 45.

TOTAL FOULS—Farmington 17, Churchill 12.
FOULED OUT: None.

FARMINGTON HIGH	12	16	15	12	—55
LIVONIA CHURCHILL	12	12	10	11	—45

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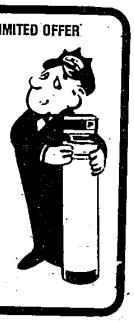

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