

Lahser eliminated in OT, 49-46

By C.J. RISAK

Erin McDow hit four of five free throws in overtime to help Waterford Mott upset Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 49-46, in the state district finals at Rochester Friday.

Lahser had trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half in what Knight coach John Hansen referred to as a "lackluster performance."

Lahser rallied, however, late in the second quarter to pull to within four, 23-19, at the intermission. The Knights

continued to drive in the second half, but failed to catch the Corsairs until early in the final period.

Jackie Munson's three-point play with 7:39 left in the game gave Lahser its first lead, 32-31. It was a seesaw battle from there, with Mott drawing out to a three-point lead with 5:45 left, but the Knights rallying to tie again with two minutes remaining, 40-40.

With 30 seconds left in regulation time, Mott's Brigit Brennan, a sophomore forward, put in a short jumper to give the Corsairs a 42-40 lead.

Lahser countered, however, as Munson put in a rebound shot with nine seconds remaining to knot it at 42-42. Brennan's last second jumper from the corner bounced off the rim and the game was in overtime.

FOR LAHSER, it was more of the same in the extra period. The Knights had more than enough chance to score, but couldn't put the ball in the hoop. Mott pulled out to a five-point lead at the 1:28 mark on three free throws by McDow and a basket by Majha Schmitt.

Fran Kienle scored for Lahser moments later, but McDow converted another pair of free throws to insure the win for Mott.

"We couldn't buy a basket," Hansen said afterwards. "They (Mott) came out more fired up than we were and it took us a quarter to get going."

The Knights finished the season with a 7-5 record. Mott moves into the regional tournament at Southfield-Lathrup. It's first game will be against West Bloomfield Thursday at 7:30 p.m.



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Livonia Bentley gets by rival, 35-27

BY DAVE SCHWARTZ

Something had to give Friday.

With both teams sporting 14-game winning streaks, the Livonia Bentley girls' basketball final promised to be a real battle.

It was all of that and more. When the tie cleared, the Bulldogs emerged victorious with a 35-27 win over Stevenson.

The Bulldogs will meet Birmingham eahom 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

"I want everybody to know that our

streak is alive at 15," said Bentley coach Tom Lang, happy, but exhausted after the skirmish. "That's 21 wins, now."

It was a noisy, spirited crowd at Farmington High School, geared for a thriller. They weren't disappointed — unless they were Spartan fans. Bentley out-scored the Spartans 10-4 in the last quarter to claim the title.

Stevenson jumped out to an early lead. Led by Noreen Kelley, the Spartans led 8-3 after one quarter. As a matter of fact, Kelley scored Stevenson's first 14 points, covering more than a half of the game.

It took a rare press by Bentley to shift the momentum. The tight Bulldog defense hounded the Spartans into several turnovers and was the telling point. Led by sparkling Carla Campbell, Bentley turned it around in the second quarter. Campbell spearheaded the Bulldogs into a 15-12 halftime lead, as Ann Roy hit for six points in the quarter.

"This was only the second time we had pressed all year," said Lang. "We felt that Stevenson had only one real good ball handler, number 15 (Beth Mueller). We felt that if we pressed her, that we could force them into turn-

overs. It was a gamble. If they could have broken the press, they could have blown us out."

The scoring picked up in the second half. Bentley was too quick, though and Stevenson never led again. The Spartans several times drew to within two, but shots were few and far between in this game.

Finally, the energetic Bulldogs wore down Stevenson. Bentley mopped up the game in the final quarter to the delight of the noisy Bulldog faithful.

Noreen Kelley ended up with a game-high 17 points for Stevenson. Campbell paced Bentley with 11.

W. Bloomfield triumphs

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sammates Suzanne Dietz and Kelly also added 15 and eight points, respectively.

West Bloomfield earned a shot at the strict crown by defeating Detroit entry Ford team, 55-41, last Wednesday. Gwen Brown scored 18 points for Ford, which led by a point (19-18) at halftime. Odessa scored 15 points and Stephanie Smith had 13 for West Bloomfield.

W. BLOOMFIELD 66 — MERCY 23
WEST BLOOMFIELD (65) — SALLY DESILVIO 8, 16; Lynn Gerber 4, 0-0; Carolyn Baroczewicz 9, 11; Stephanie Smith 3, 2, 14; Katie Odessa 2, 12; Ann Cavarella 1, 2-2; Sue Vodka 0, 1-1; TOTALS: 25, 14-18, 66.

ADY OF MERCY (61) — DENISE BARFORD 4, 9-17; Suzanne Dietz 6, 1-2; Kelly Forcensee 2, 4; Lisa Morris 1, 0-0; 2; Kelly Walsh 3, 2-2; 4; Mallon 0, 0-0; 2; Lisa Baruchian 1, 0-0; 2; Shire Chapman 3, 0-0; 6; TOTALS: 20, 12-16, 52.

FOULED OUT: None.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 55 — HENRY FORD
WEST BLOOMFIELD (55) — Katie Odessa 8, 3-5, 15; Sally Desilvio 3, 1-3, 7; Carolyn Baroczewicz 3, 3-4, 9; Stephanie Smith 4, 0-0, 13; Lynn Gerber 1, 1-2, 3; Ann Cavarella 3, 2-4, 8; TOTALS: 29, 15-24, 55.

DETROIT HENRY FORD (41) — Gwen Brown 8, 2-7, 18; Daphne Mitchell 3, 4-7, 16; Anya Williams 3, 1-2, 7; Tracy Nesbit 3, 0-3, 6; TOTALS: 17, 7-21, 41.

TOTAL FOULS — Henry Ford 25, W. Bloomfield 17. FOULED OUT: Mitchell (HF), Malbone (WF).

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HENRY FORD 13 6 9 12 — 41

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