

# It's Lahser vs. Mercy in regional action

By M.B. DILLON

Bloomfield Hills Lahser girls' basketball coach John Hansen, scissors in hand, stood among his players atop the scorekeepers' table which was now underneath the basket on Birmingham Groves' court.

Birmingham Seaholm was long gone, the aftermaths of its 47-23 defeat in the district finals still causing tremors in the locker room.

Forget the district trophy that Lahser had just won by defeating the Maples by 16 points. The Knights wanted the net.

One graceful snip and Hansen had it. The gesture wasn't unlike the game. Hansen's team made the contest with Seaholm — a team that suffered its first loss in a month — look simple.

Spearheaded by Fran Kienle's 19 points, the Knights never faltered. "This feels super," said Hansen, smiling. "I'm so happy for the kids."

"They worked hard all year and this was part of a culmination. "Our experience was a definite advantage. This is the third year that four of our girls have started."

"We've been preparing for today for two years," added Hansen.

LAHSER, THE TOP ranked squad in the Observer & Eccentric area, now advances to the regional tournament. It battles No. 2 Farmington Our Lady of Mercy at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Groves — and the Knights are ready.

"One of the main reasons we wanted to win the district was to take our game to Mercy," said Hansen.

## basketball

"We knew we wouldn't play them anywhere else, so we had to win this. "Since mid-season, we've been preparing for them off and on."

"Mercy's a good shooting, fast-breaking and a pressing team. And it's a team I have to respect because it's been successful," added Hansen.

Lahser takes a perfect 22-0 record into the showdown. Mercy is 22-1.

SEAHOLM COACH Jeff Parry took the Lahser loss on the chin.

"I thought we had a chance early on, but the shots wouldn't fall for us."

tallied five points in the first, third and fourth quarters.

LAHSER PLAYED impressively throughout the game, racking up 12 points in the third quarter and 13 in the fourth.

Clearly, Lahser was the superior team. Its skillful shooting and passing accompanied by aggressive defense and effectiveness at the foul line meant the 24-point difference in the final score.

Mercy probably won't surprise the Knights all that much. Hansen has seen the Maples play three times this season and has sent his assistants to two additional games.

"We've scouted them well," said Hansen, "and we've taken lots of notes."

Can Lahser beat Mercy? "Absolutely," said the coach. "I'm never pessimistic. "I think we can beat anyone in the state."

Before the Knights can reach that brand of competition, Martin Suzanne Dietz' outside shot will have to be contended with.

LAHSER-SEAHOLM

Lahser (47) — Sarah Albert 2, 0-1, 6; Fran Kienle 8, 3-3, 19; Kris Keeney 2, 0-0, 4; Becky Johnson 2, 0-0, 4; Francine Thomas 1, 2-2, 4; Jackie Munson 3, 2-4, 8; Ellen Seward 1, 0-0, 4. Totals 50, 7-18, 47.

Seaholm (23) — Pam Brooks 3, 3-4, 9; Carla Mayer 0, 1-4, 5; Julie Fremuth 5, 0-0, 10; Jenny Quinn 1, 0-2, 2; Elizabeth Solite 0, 0, 0; Amy Mulvihill 0, 1-2, 1. Totals 35, 5-13, 23.

Team fouls Lahser 11, Seaholm 10. Fouled out: None.

Lahser 12 10 12 13 — 47

Seaholm 5 8 5 — 23

## Traub reaps accolades

# Area pro golfer grabs prestigious tourney

By MARTY BUDNER

John Traub is king of the club pros, and he's learning what life is like on the throne.

The 29-year-old head golf professional at Rochester's Great Oaks Country Club gained that regal honor by winning the 13th annual PGA Club Professional Championship last month at Florida's Palm Beach Gardens.

Traub won the four-day, \$130,000 national tournament in stunning style.

He rallied from eight strokes back on the final day taking the title by two strokes, 283-285, over New York pro Jim Albus. He won the \$20,000 first-place jackpot, plus countless other honors in the form of endorsements and publicity.

Now, Traub is learning to cope with the overnight recognition.

"It's definitely a lot of fun to win... I wish everybody could experience something like this in their profession," said Traub, whose been the head

pro at Great Oaks for the past three years.

"It's just overwhelming to win. You have to keep everything in perspective. You have people coming out of the woodwork offering you things."

"There is a lot of recognition that comes your way when you win — more than I ever realized," he said. "Winning the Club Pro Championship is THE tournament for club pros, who are the backbone of the PGA."

TRAUB'S MAIN pre-tournament goal was to finish among the top 40 in the 360-player field. That would have automatically qualified him for next year's PGA championship.

It appeared he would have to settle for that when he found himself in seventh place after third-round action with a score of 214. New York's Gene Borek was the leader at that point with a 206.

However, Traub, relying mainly on his one-iron throughout the tournament, picked up six strokes on the first

nine holes of the final round as Borek's game collapsed. Albus also overtook Borek.

Traub took the lead for the first time in the tournament when he birdied the 17th hole with an eight-foot putt. Albus, playing behind Traub, was only one stroke back.

But, Traub, realizing what was happening, survived a couple shaky shots on the 18th hole to register a par. Albus bogeyed the 18th, and the drama was over.

"I didn't lose my concentration in the tournament until the second shot on the 18th green," said Traub. "Even though it went off the green, I still hit an adequate enough shot to par the hole."

"I learned in this game that if you keep your mind on each individual shot throughout a tournament you will keep your concentration," he said. "The better players concentrate on each shot."

THE VICTORY automatically qualified Traub for the 1981 World Series of Golf; the 1981 national PGA championship tournament in Atlanta, Ga.; and the PGA Cup Team for Club Pros that will compete against the best club pros from England next September.

Traub also earns automatic berths into a minimum of three national PGA tournaments next year.

## Eagles stand 1-2

Orchard Lake St. Mary's men's college basketball team saw its record drop to 1-2 overall last Monday night, losing a two-point heartbreaker to Grand Valley State, 88-85.

Eagle Martin Eddy, a 6-foot-8½ center, led all scorers with 24 points in the losing effort. Jim Olesnavage and Ed Moltrie scored 23 and 22 points, respectively, for Grand Valley.

St. Mary's first loss of the season came on Nov. 22. The Eagles fell to a solid Hillsdale College team, 96-75.

St. Mary's opened its season on Nov. 17 with a 70-60 victory over Alliance College. The Eagles led 35-27 at halftime and never lost control of the game.

Scott Glidden of Sterling Hts. and Phil Bouk of Detroit each netted 12 points for the winners.

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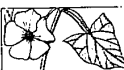
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