

# March holds no promises for area hoops

**M**ARCH MADNESS can truly be a maddening experience. But when the state basketball tournament opens Monday around the state, a majority of the teams realistically can't expect to win it all. Where do Overland teams fit into the scheme of things? It's becoming a redundant theme around western Wayne County. There are some good individual players here and there, but there aren't really any teams which can reach the quarterfinals.

But, hey, lets give each team at least a fighting chance in terms of advancing through the tourney:

• **REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL (13-6):** The Shamrocks are by no means Overland's top team, but they should win their own district, and should win a first round regional game at Southfield-Lathrup against the weak Milford Lakeland district champion, John McIntyre's stellar career will get an extension, although Detroit Cody is a stumbling block in the district.

• **GARDEN CITY (17-3):** The Cougars, Overland's hottest team, are no longer in what seemed to be a jinxed Livonia Churchill district. Garden City was sent to the Dearborn district where they are

clearly the class of the field. Looking beyond, GC would advance to the EMU regional to face either Romulus (with 6-foot-9 Terry Mills) or Ypsilanti. They might have a chance in the regional.

• **WAYNE MEMORIAL (10-1):** Overland's top team has only one black mark all season, but failed miserably in its most important test of the year, losing to Ann Arbor Huron in a road.

The Zebra, led by Wisconsin-bound Pollie Robertson and Howard Flowers, should get taken pressure from host Plymouth Salem in the district.

• **LIVONIA STEVENSON (17-3):** The Spartans may have to go another round in the district final with host Churchill and by no means will it be easy.

But the Spartans should get by and advance to the Southfield-Lathrup, where guess who is waiting? (Detroit Mackenzie). Their chances of getting to the regional final are remote, but Stevenson beat Mackenzie in the regional a few years back.

• **FARMINGTON HARRISON (15-5):** The Hawks open district play Wednesday at West Bloomfield against a team that beat them in their season opener, North Farmington.



**Brad Emons**

Junior guard Ken George is getting better each game and that gives the Hawks hope if they meet district favorite Southfield in the final.

• **NORTH FARMINGTON (13-7):** The Raiders' game with Harrison is tossup. North has played a tougher non-league schedule, but has struggled of late.

Scoring is needed from center Bob Chwalk, who complements 6-5 junior stand-out Rick Anderson.

• **PLYMOUTH SALEM (12-8):** It's going to be a tough road to hoe for the Rocks, who have yet to win a big game this season.

If everything meshes together, Salem could be tough in its own gym. Two seniors, Mike White and LeSean Haygood, must play over their heads to get through their own district.

• **LIVONIA CHURCHILL (8-12):** Coach Don Albertson says his team is better than their record indicates. This team plays well at home and not well on the road, giving them a chance to win their own district.

• **REDFORD BISHOP BORGES (11-8):** Should meet CC in the final and anything can happen, especially if

guard Joe Gregory gets help from his teammates.

Borges, however, did not fare well in against CC in two meetings earlier this year.

• **WESTLAND JOHN GLENN (11-9):** Coach Gordie Davis' team is capable of springing a victory or two, but not against Wayne Memorial. They should beat Northville and advance to the district final, but that isn't a leadpipe climb.

• **LIVONIA BENTLEY (7-12):** Coach Tom Niemi and his sub-500 club surprised everybody in last year's tournament, shocking Stevenson in the district and then going on to the regional final against Detroit Henry Ford.

Do miracles happen two years in a row?

• **PLYMOUTH CANTON (8-12):** The Chiefs get one more crack at Salem in Monday's district opener. Three strikes and you're out.

• **LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE (10-10):** The Trojans are in the Class B district at Detroit Renaissance and will face Redford Thurston in the first round.

Clarenceville is capable of beating Thurston, but not U-D High.

• **REDFORD THURSTON (6-14):** Another Jekyll and Hyde team that is hard to figure out. Are they really better than Clarenceville? We shall see.

• **REDFORD ST. AGATHA (1-17):** The Aggies beat Cardinal Mooney for their only victory, but have a chance to make it to the second round of the Class C district at Detroit Redford St. Mary's because they play another one-victory team, Pontiac Catholic.

• **LIVONIA FRANKLIN (5-15):** The Patriots open Wednesday against Stevenson. They'll go out with a fight, but Stevenson is too tall and too talented.

• **FARMINGTON (9-11):** This team is slumping at the worst possible time. They'll also be one of the state's earliest casualties, meeting Churchill in Monday night its own den.

• **PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN (13-7):** The Eagles are playing somebody that could win it all in Class D. They play No. 2 ranked Allen Park Inter-City Baptist Thursday at Taylor Baptist Park. What a stroke of luck!

## Tyndale triumphs

William Tyndale College closed its cage season with a team-generated 93-77 triumph over Midwestern Bible Feb. 22.

All 10 of the Farmington-based college's players scored in the win, which gave it a final record of 8-13.

Phil Carr's 26 points was best, followed by Ray Schramm's 16, Mike Sacco's 15 and Jim Swanson's 14.

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DISTRICT FARMINGTON  
(Class A)

at PLYMOUTH SALEM

Monday, March 4: Plymouth Centon (A) vs. Plymouth Salem (B), 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 6: Westland John Glenn vs. Westside, 6:30 p.m.; Wayne Memorial vs. A-B winner, 8:15 p.m.  
Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to Eastern Michigan University regional vs. Lincoln Park district champ).

at DEARBORN

Tuesday, March 5: Taylor Truman (A) vs. Dearborn (B), 6:30 p.m.; Taylor Kennedy vs. Southgate Anderson, 8 p.m.  
Thursday, March 7: Taylor Centon vs. A-B winner, 6:30 p.m.; Garden City vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.  
Saturday, March 9: Championship final, 7 p.m. (winner advances to the Eastern Michigan University regional vs. Ypsilanti district champ).

at REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Monday, March 4: Detroit Redford (A) vs. Redford Catholic Central (B), 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 5: Redford Union vs. Redford Bishop Borges, 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 6: Detroit Cody vs. A-B winner, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the Southfield-Lathrup regional vs. Milford Lakeland district champ).

at LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Monday, March 4: Farmington (A) vs. Livonia Churchill (B), 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5: Livonia Stevenson vs. Livonia Franklin, 7 p.m.; Livonia Bentley vs. A-B winner, 8:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 7: Championship final (winner advances to the Southfield-Lathrup regional vs. Dearborn Fordson district champ).

at WEST BLOOMFIELD

Monday, March 4: Southfield (A) vs. West Bloomfield (B), 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 6: Detroit Henry Ford vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.; Farmington Harrison vs. North Farmington, 8:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the Farmdale regional vs. Royal Oak Kimball district champ).

at DETROIT RENAISSANCE

Monday, March 4: Detroit Northern (A) vs. Detroit Renaissance (B), 4 p.m.  
Tuesday, March 5: Redford Thurston (C) vs. Livonia Clarenceville (D), 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 6: Detroit Renaissance vs. A-B winner, 4 p.m.  
Thursday, March 7: University of Detroit High vs. C-D winner, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, March 9: Championship final, 4 p.m. (winner advances to the Eastern Michigan University regional vs. Warren Fitzgerald district champ).

at REDFORD ST. MARY'S

Monday, March 4: Redford St. Agatha (A) vs. Pontiac Catholic (B), 6:30 p.m.; Waterloo De La Salle vs. Lakes (C) vs. Redford St. Mary's of Detroit (D), 8 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 6: Orchard Lake St. Mary's vs. A-B winner, 6:30 p.m.; Detroit Country Day vs. C-D winner, 8 p.m.  
Friday, March 8: Championship final, 7:30 p.m. (winner advances to the Dundee regional vs. Center Line St. Clement district champ).

## Successful coach retires

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"My sons think I won't have anything to do, but I'll be around. I love sports, and I love to work with the kids."

VANWAGONER TALKS most about the support given to him by his family over the years.

"I felt I've had one of the finest wives," he said. "She's been behind me 100 percent. She roots hard and

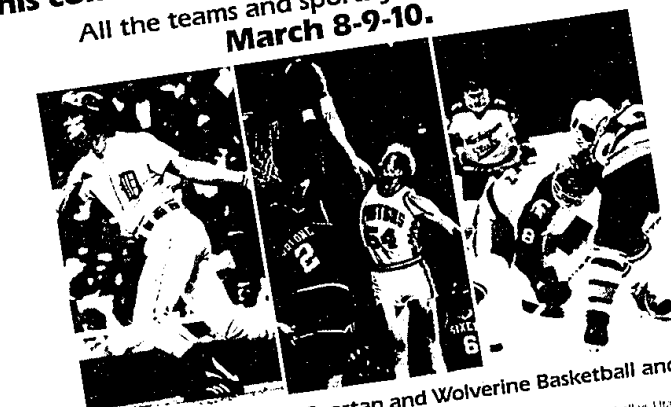
lives and dies right along with the kids."

"I also have a great brother (John) who roots for me."

Two of VanWagoner's sons, Paul and Tom, played at Stevenson, while the other two, Bruce and Rich, played for Churchill.

"I feel good that two of my sons played for me," he said. "I wish the other two had, too. But I can't complain. The school system has been good for me."

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City Clerk

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