

# Regional title first for Marlins

By Marty Budner  
staff writer

Our Lady of Mercy's volleyball team carved out a niche of history for itself Saturday in the Class A regional tournament hosted by West Bloomfield High School.

The Marlins led by the powerful net play of senior Jennifer Goff and the superb floor play of Nicole Burns, captured its first regional championship in school history. Mercy flitted with history, two years ago, losing a regional title to Temperance-Bedford.

Mercy needed two victories to make history this year. And the Marlins accomplished the task in impressive style by first stepping past Birmingham Seaholm in the semifinals, 15-8, 15-7, then stonking Bloomfield Hills Lahser in the title match, 15-2, 15-7.

The Marlins exhibited an awesome display of power volleyball offensively and swarmed all over the court on defense, proving they are indeed worthy of their lofty status as the state's No. 2 ranked team. Mercy now advances to the state quarterfinals scheduled for 4 p.m. Friday at Nazareth College in Kalamazoo.

"We're happy that we were able to get to this point," said Mercy coach Tim DeBello, whose team is 53-3 overall. "If we can test ourselves against the best there is in the state, that's a great opportunity for us. (Winning the regional) is just another step on the road to Kalamazoo."

"We knew we were the favorites coming into the match, but this is the tournament time of the year and nobody wants to put their uniforms away yet," he said.

THE MARLIN KEPT their uniforms out of the closet by simply sweeping away their opponents.

## volleyball

Lahser lost to Mercy in straight games in their previous meeting of the season, and, although they scored a few more points against them this time around, the Marlins indeed were the superior squad.

Lahser scored first in the opening game on a serve by Sarah Bernard, but it was all Mercy after that. The Marlins took a 5-1 lead before Lahser broke through with another point on Kristin Campbell's serve, but then Mercy's Goff served 10 straight points for the win.

The Knights scored first again in the second game and went on to lead 4-3 — their last advantage of the game. Mercy gradually pulled away, finally winning on two straight service points by Maureen Paulin.

"They served well. They passed well. They blocked well," said Lahser coach Patti Kopmeyer about Mercy's overall strength. "I think they can do very well at the state meet."

"We know if we were to beat them we would have to work hard on defense, plus play our game by letting our middle blockers hit the ball. But Mercy just had too much depth for us. You're so busy respecting all their players you forget about playing against them."

"I'm proud of our girls. We've never gotten to a regional final before," she said. "Although it would have been great to be a regional champion, you can't lose sight of what we've done this year. We won our league (Metro Suburban Activities

Association) and the district, and we've never ever done that in the same year at Lahser."

## SEMIFINAL GAMES

Bloomfield Hills Lahser advanced to the regional final with an exciting come-from-behind victory over Lake Orion. The Knights won, 15-2, 11-15, 16-14.

The Knights found themselves down 9-14 in the deciding game, but then won the next seven points to secure a spot in the finals. The rally eventually was capped by a kill spike from Amy Ruprich. Margie Jinaric was credited with the winning serve.

"Lake Orion was a great win for us, especially when we came from behind the way we did," said Kopmeyer. "I have a bunch of unselfish players who work in unison. They just never gave up."

SEAHOLM, co-champions of the Southeastern Michigan Association (SMA), also had a rough time against Mercy in its semifinal match.

The Marlins started strong in the first game behind the spiking of Kristin Goff and serving of Ann Little. However, the Marlins overall balance proved more effective. Andrea Velthoven scored six points on serving, and the winning point was served by Becky Leddy.

Mercy broke open the second game behind the good serving of Burns, who tallied five straight points to open up a 12-3 Marlins advantage. And Leddy again was responsible for the winning serve.

"We knew they're a powerhouse team," said Seaholm coach Jim Mulligan. "You just can't let up on a team like Mercy. We had too many free balls. I think we frustrated them a little at the beginning, but we just couldn't keep it up."



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Andrea Velthoven performs her role as an outside hitter, helping Mercy to win the Class A regional tournament at West Bloomfield.

# Area teams vie for state crown

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the finals, but first must get past Wayne.

DeBello, however, believes East Kentwood is a heavy favorite.

"It's East Kentwood and everybody else," he said. "If anybody beats them, it's going to be in the state upset. We'd love to have a shot, but don't get me wrong, they've beaten everybody and beaten them badly. We have to play our best game to have a chance."

DeBello's team must first take care of business in the quarterfinal.

"We haven't played Wayne, but we saw them at Schoolcraft and they have two great hitters in the middle (Brandy Calncross and Evette Sluder) who stood out," said the Mercy coach. "They also play with a lot of enthusiasm. They're a good volleyball team with excellent athletes."

## Blazers win 3rd straight regional title

By Steve Kowalski  
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Perhaps the Livonia Ladywood volleyball team deserved a break. After taking nearly 60 minutes Saturday to finally eliminate Livonia Stevenson (13-15, 15-6, 15-11) in a regional semifinal, the Blazers breezed past Detroit Henry Ford (15-1, 15-3) in the final.

The win was the third straight regional title for Ladywood (45-9 overall), the defending Class A champion.

Although it took the Blazers less than a half hour to get past Henry Ford, Ladywood coach Tom Teeters still resembled a man who had been through enough in one day.

"No game is a breeze now," Teeters said. "One match and you're out. I had not seen Henry Ford all year, but we served consistently and they had trouble handling them. We've had a change of talent each year, but the kids get real good experience on the freshman and junior varsity levels."

Junior Kelli Haeger, who led Ladywood with 19 kills on the day, knew ahead of time Stevenson would be the Blazers' toughest obstacle. Henry Ford also had a tough semifinal, narrowly defeating Ferndale (16-14, 16-14), but it was evident the Trojans didn't have enough talent to match up with the experienced Blazers.

Henry Ford, the Public School League champ five of the last six years, ended its season at 43-21-4.

"I knew it was going to be hard against Stevenson," Haeger said.

"Henry Ford — they're a good team — I think they just died. It was a relief, relaxing."

If the Blazers were worn out from the semifinal match with Stevenson, they didn't show it.

Sparking Ladywood's lopsided win over Henry Ford were Karl Domanek and Haeger, who had six and four kills, respectively. Mary Jo Kelly led all servers, collecting five aces, and Marlene Sonder delivered several fine assists from her setter position.

Stevenson starts only one senior, Renea Bonser, but the Spartans still took Ladywood to the limit. Stevenson, 25-8-9, led 4-0 in Game 2 and 8-0 in the third but failed to hold either advantage. Sophomore middle hitter Teresa Sarno led Stevenson's attack with six blocks, eight kills and nine digs.

"The Stevenson win was more satisfying," Teeters said. "Haeger really came through for us hitting, and Karl and Rebecca (Willey) did a good job serving."

They're quick, they can hit right and left, and they hit hard."

DEBELLO WILL start Jennifer Goff, Andrea Velthoven, Amy Miller, Nikki Burns, Betsy Pope and Maureen Paulin.

Pope has been starting in place of the injured Gail Marie, who was slowed by an ankle injury. The first player off the bench is 5-11 senior Lee Albrecht.

"Lee's worked herself into a good middle hitter," DeBello said. "She blocks well, hits quick and attacks well. She's not spectacular, but she gets the job done."

Another unsung player besides Albrecht has been Paulin, a Junior right-side hitter.

"She's never come out of a game in two years," DeBello said. "She's been a mainstay with her blocking and she's one of our best passers. She gives us an another dimension on offense on the right side. And she's filled in for Nikki (Burns) as a setter. She's mastered a lot of trades. If we don't have her, we aren't where we are today."

Mercy's task is to keep a young Wayne team from exploding. The Zebras, who have only two seniors (Sluder and Jenny Tibbals) will be coming in with the attitude of wanting to lose and everything to gain.

## volleyball

WHAT: State Class A Volleyball Tournament.

FRIDAY: Quarterfinals at Nazareth College. Wayne Memorial vs. Farmington Hills Mercy, 4 p.m.; Livonia Ladywood vs. Sterling Heights Stevenson, 5:30 p.m.; East Kentwood vs. Harper Woods Regina, 7 p.m.; Bay City Central vs. Temperance-Bedford, 8:30 p.m. SATURDAY: Semifinals at Nazareth — Wayne-Mercy winner vs. Ladywood-Stevenson winner, 10 a.m.; E. Kentwood-Regina winner vs. Bay City-Bedford winner, 11:30 a.m. Championship at Kalamazoo Central High School — 6:30 p.m. TICKETS: Available at sites. MSS: Class D final at 2 p.m.; Class C, 3:30 p.m.; Class B, 5 p.m. (all at Kalamazoo Central).

"EVERY TEAM will be nervous to an extent," said Wayne coach Ann Kolinsky. "Our girls know where they are and they love the pressure."

Wayne goes primarily with eight players — Sluder, Calncross, Tibbals, Gori, Huffing, Laura Fisher, Vicki Hobarf, Kattie Corwin and Denise Walsh.

Fisher has become the team's setter, while Walsh is a defensive specialist.

"Just a great defensive player,"

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM PROGRAM YEAR 1990-91

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the City of Farmington Hills that it is entitled to receive approximately \$288,000.00 for the 1990-91 Community Development Block Grant Program Year. These funds have been authorized by the Department of Housing and Urban Development under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and 1977, as amended. In addition, an estimated \$38,000.00 will be received in program income from the Housing Rehabilitation activities. Notice is hereby given that on Monday, March 26, 1990, at 7:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the Council Chamber of the City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, at which time and place the Farmington Hills City Council will conduct a Public Hearing to discuss the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant funds.

The proposed statement of Community Development objectives and projected use of funds for the 1990-91 CDBG Program Year is as follows:

PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS FOR THE 1990-91 CDBG PROGRAM YEAR 1990-91 City of Farmington Hills

The City of Farmington Hills has considered the various eligible projects which may be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. These activities range from construction of sidewalks, storm/sanitary sewers, water lines, and street paving to public services, code enforcement, historic preservation, etc. After careful evaluation of these projects, it has been determined that the highest priority needs for low and moderate income areas in the community would be achieved through the following expenditure of CDBG funds.

APPROVED 1989-90	PROPOSED 1990-91
ADMINISTRATION \$12,000.00 11%	\$23,000.00 14%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS \$100,000.00 80%	\$100,000.00 58%
HOUSING REHABILITATION \$176,000.00** 109%	\$155,000.00** 82%
	\$252,000.00

\* Includes \$34,000.00 of program income and designates \$20,000.00 for a rental rehabilitation program

\*\* Includes \$39,000.00 of program income

Capital improvement projects for possible consideration include:

1. Regal Orchards Paving and Drainage Improvements (North of Nine Mile) (Section 25) \$200,000.00 (\$100,000/street)

2. Eldred and Kenwood Drainage Improvement (Section 35) (\$84,000.00)

3. Grand River Sidewalk Improvement (South Side) (Sections 35 & 36) (\$45,000.00)

4. Grand River Homes Sidewalk Replacement (Section 35) (\$27,500.00)

Please note that only a portion of these projects could be completed due to the funding levels. It is felt, however, that an opportunity for public discussion should be given on these projects.

All projects proposed with the use of the 1990-91 CDBG funds, as noted above, will benefit low and moderate income areas or persons defined in the 1990 Census.

All CDBG activities have been designed to avoid the displacement of persons. In the event displacement becomes necessary, the City will assist displaced persons in accordance with the Federal Uniform Relocation Act.

1989-90 CDBG Program - The Final Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds for 1989-90 Program Year included the above distribution of funds. It is anticipated that on May 31, 1990, the end of the Program Year, that the status of the expenditures will be as follows:


Administration 100% expended (\$42,000.00)	Robinson/Parker Storm Drain and Street Paving Improvements 100% expended (\$100,000.00)
Housing Rehabilitation 100% expended (\$157,000.00)	

Also, no persons will be displaced by the above activities.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed use of Block Grant funds and the City's participation in the Community Development Block Grant Program. Further information regarding the program and proposed CDBG Program may be obtained at the City of Farmington Hills Community Development Office, 31555 West Eleven Mile Road, or by calling 473-9541.

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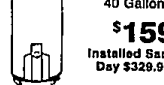

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