

## BASKETBALL

### LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Coach: Tom Long, 2nd season.  
League: Western Lakes, Western Division.  
Last year's overall record: 12-10.  
Notable losses to graduation: Marcus Sarnovsky and Brian Johnson (10 pts.).  
Leading returnees: Mark Rutherford, 6-2 senior forward (7 pts.); Jason Baranowski, 5-8 senior point guard; Jimmy Hawkins, 6-1, senior forward; Jason Rutherford, 5-10 senior guard; Drew Jensen, 6-0 senior guard; Daniel Wacker, 6-1 senior center.  
Promising newcomers: Ethan Jerome, 5-10 junior guard; Dan Mims, 6-1 junior center; Jeff Barry, 6-2 junior center.  
Coach's outlook: "We're going to have to play a lot of close games — use all 94 feet — to make the playoffs in our league."  
"We have more speed this year, but not an outstanding shooter like last year. We're looking for somebody to step in and make up for last year's losses on offense."  
"Our defense is fine, but rebounding is a concern. If we hold our own on the boards, we'll be in good shape. We work hard every day on rebounding."

### LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Coach: Dan Kennedy, 1st season.  
League: Western Lakes, Western Division.  
Last year's overall record: 11-10.  
Notable losses to graduation: Keith Roberts, first-team All-Area guard; Russ Reberry, Joe Jones and Jeff Hunt.  
Leading returnees: Jason Fajon, 6-3 senior center; Jason McHenry, 6-0 senior center; Clement Herrera, 5-10 junior guard; Mark Baluk, 6-3 junior forward; Paul Kusschick, 6-0 junior guard.  
Promising newcomers: Dennis Madson, 5-9 junior guard; Greg Maple, 6-0 junior guard; Sam Monzeau, 5-10 junior guard.  
Coach's outlook: "We are trying to work at the knees and once we do, I think we will be all right. We're forced into playing on tempo game because of our size. The boys work hard. I think we will have some success."

### LIVONIA STEVENSON

Coach: Jim McIntyre, 8th season.  
League: Western Lakes, Lakes Division.  
Last year's overall record: 12-10.  
Notable losses to graduation: Matt Grodzki, (15 pts.); Tony Stow, (11 pts.); Scott Stockton (12 pts.); Ryan Funks (8 pts.).  
Leading returnees: Adam Roy, 6-4 senior center (10 pts.); Brad Morgan, 6-1 junior guard; John Dixon, 6-3 senior forward; Mark Harty, 6-3 senior forward.  
Promising newcomers: Chris Chichia, 6-3 junior forward (transfer from Redford Catholic Central); Steve Hancock, 6-2 junior guard; Steve Jacobs, 5-10 junior guard; Brett Fenn, 6-5 junior forward; Kevin Schembra, 5-11 junior guard; Nick Downend, 5-8 junior guard; Jim Townsend, 6-4 sophomore forward.  
Coach's outlook: "We're not as quick or as good as we have been. If we pick up on the offensive end, we'll come around."  
"We're optimistic, but we're not a seasoned team. It's going to take awhile to put the pieces together and gel."

### WESTLAND JOHN GLENN

Coach: Mike Schiettle, 1st season.  
League: Western Lakes, Lakes Division.  
Last year's overall record: 12-10.  
Notable losses to graduation: Mitch Thompson, third-team All-Area guard; Mitch Dr. guard; Kevin Tomaszewski, forward.  
Leading returnees: Kevin Taylor, 6-3 senior forward center; Aaron Schreyer, 6-2 senior guard; John Miller, 6-2 senior guard; Kevin Clay, 5-11 senior guard.  
Promising newcomers: Tony Gons, 6-4 junior forward; Brent Washington, 6-5 sophomore guard; Guy Tucker, 6-9 sophomore center.  
Coach's outlook: "We are still getting to know one another and the team is learning what I expect as far as attitude, hustle and work ethic. Our strengths will be rebounding and hopefully defense. We're a bit untested at point guard and I wonder how many points we'll be able to put up. We like to run and we have good athletes. These guys are real competitors. They want to win real bad."

### WAYNE MEMORIAL

Coach: Chuck Henry, 16th season.  
League: Wayne A.

## Raiders prepare for 1992-93



Power move: Junior Scot Lord fights his way for a layup in practice and will be a key inside player for North Farmington.

Last year's overall record: 19-4, Wolverine A District champion.  
Notable losses to graduation: Rick Barnes, forward (16 pts., 13 rbs.); Greg Hamman, forward (10 pts., 8 rbs.); Lee Williams, guard; Romano Fletcher, center; Demarco Robinson, guard.  
Leading returnees: Donnie Prewitt, 5-8 senior guard (5 pts.); Andre Graves, 6-4 junior guard (nine pts. until second semester).

### LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE

Head coach: Rob White, 4th season.  
League: Metro Conference (West Division).  
Last year's overall record: 9-12.  
Notable losses to graduation: Dan Nunery, forward (18 pts., 9 rbs.); James Barnard, center; Tony Smith, 6-1 junior guard.  
Leading returnees: Mark Katay, 6-1 junior forward (11 pts.); John Katay, 6-1 junior guard (10 pts., 4 assists); Doreck Hamilton, 6-0 sophomore guard (7 pts., 3 steals, 3 assists); Mano Herzi, 6-4 senior center (10 rbs.); Ryan McHenry, 6-0 senior guard.  
Promising newcomers: Mark Skelley, 6-1 junior guard (transfer from Ferndale, will improve his second semester); Chris Smith, 6-1 junior forward; Lou Lucas, 6-0 junior guard.  
White's outlook: "If we don't improve, I ought to quit. We are definitely better than we were last year, and we are still young. We'll be even better next year. We have a chance to be the first team to finish above .500 at Clarenceville in about 20 years."

### LUTHERAN WESTLAND

Coach: Scott Wiener, 6th season.  
League: Metro Conference (West Division).  
Last year's overall record: 4-17.  
Notable losses to graduation: Matt Grams, forward; Jeremy Bohn, forward.  
Leading returnees: Jason Tamm, 6-5 senior center; Chris Tamm, 5-10 sophomore guard; Matt Russian, 5-11 senior guard; Phil Spolajec, 11 senior guard; Pat Schaefer, 6-3 senior forward; Kent Wattersworth, 6-3 senior guard; Jason Cunningham, 6-0 senior forward; Kevin Roberts, 6-0 senior guard.  
Promising newcomers: Matt Purdy, 5-9 junior guard; Jeff Leichter, 6-3 junior forward; Andy Mattheis, 5-9 junior guard.  
Wiener's outlook: "Our strengths are team and individual defense, rebounding and a strong offense. Also we are an experienced team. We have to reduce our turnovers and play with some consistency."

### HURON VALLEY LUTHERAN

Coach: Dave Kolander, seventh season.  
League: Michigan Independent Alliance Conference.  
Last year's overall record: 15-10 (Class D District champions).  
Notable losses to graduation: Jason Thompson, Dave Page, Greg Hannewald.  
Leading returnees: Matt Stoudemire, 6-1 senior guard (23 pts., 11 rbs.); Dave Hunter, 5-8 senior guard (9 pts., 6 assists); Art Prebe, 6-0 senior forward.  
Promising newcomers: Shawn Deruter, 5-11 senior guard forward; Eric Ruth, 6-0 junior guard; Jon Gys, 5-10 junior forward; Tom Bartlett, 5-11 junior forward.  
Coach's outlook: "Height is a problem. We have no point guards."  
"Jason has worked a lot on his outside shooting. His jumping ability is better than last year. He's doing 300 degree reverse dunks."

### REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Coach: Bernie Holowicki, 22nd season.  
League: Catholic League (Western Division).  
Last year's overall record: 19-5, division co-champions, district champions.  
Notable losses to graduation: Chad Varpa, center (23 pts., 10 rbs.); Bobby Kummer, guard (21 pts., 8 rbs.); Tommy Laco, forward.  
Leading returnees: Eric Justice, 6-0 senior guard (13 pts.); Brian Paluk, 6-5 senior guard; Andy Skarski, 6-3 junior forward; Andy Kummer, 6-3 junior forward; Sean Galtner, 6-4 junior forward.  
Promising newcomers: Jeff Galt, 6-4 senior forward; Joe DeLong, 6-3 sophomore forward; Danah Baskerville, 6-0 sophomore guard.  
Holowicki's outlook: "We graduated at least 50 percent of our offense, so right now we are very concerned about how we are going to score our points. We aren't going to be a power team and we won't be a great rebounding team. We should be far defensively and we have decent speed. We hope to play an up-tempo game."

## BASKETBALL

### OBSERVERLAND'S TOP 10 (Selected by Brad Emmons)

1. James Head, 6-6 junior, Ply. Salem: He's one of the reasons why Plymouth Salem could contend in the Western Lakes Activities Association once again. Plays a strong inside game with good jumping ability. Has to expand his game outside the paint. Younger brother of former University of Tennessee All-American Dena Head.  
2. Randy Whitfield, 6-8 senior, Bishop Borgess: Came on strong at the end of last season and made second-team All-Observer honors along with Head. Very close in ability and stature to Head and should be a Division I prospect before his oval.  
3. Charles Smith, 6-3 junior, Bishop Borgess: Transfer from Redford St. Mary's of Detroit who should make the Spartans one of the state's most dangerous teams in Class C. From the guard position, he should thrive within first-year coach Glen Donahue's system.  
4. Brian Paluk, 6-5 senior, Redford CC: Made great strides at the end of last season despite being overshadowed by Division I signee Bobby Kummer (UNC-Charlotte) and Chad Varpa (Richmond). Has long arms, giving him rebounding ability. He also has good shooting range.  
5. Melton Stoudemire, 6-1 senior, Huron Valley: An unknown quantity to most basketball observers because he plays at a small Class D school. He can leap as well as anybody and can also score, averaging 23 points per game a year ago. Led Huron Valley Lutheran in Westland to a district championship. The Hawks were 8-3 when he was in the lineup and 0-11 without him.  
6. Bryan Whitfield, 6-5 junior, Ply. Canton: Transfer from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., who is trying to adjust to a higher caliber of competition. At Spackenheide High he averaged 23 points per game as a sopho-

more and was voted Player of the Year in two New York counties despite playing in only 11 games (knee injury). Has great leaping ability and can handle the ball, but his game is soft and his outside jumper is suspect. Lots of potential, though.  
7. Mike Slone, 6-4 senior, Ply. Salem: Capable swingman who can play guard or forward. A good shooter who should take the pressure off Head when teams try to double-team him. Should enjoy a big senior season.  
8. Andre Graves, 6-0 junior, Wayne: Won't be eligible until second semester, but definitely Zebra's best prospect. He can slash to the hoop and pull up for the jumper.  
9. Ken Taylor, 6-8 senior, Westland Glenn: Showed great promise as a sophomore, but failed off his junior year. Can be a strong inside player who could be dominating on the glass. Needs to improve touch around the hoop.  
10. Adam Roy, 6-4 senior, Ply. Liveston: Hard worker who is dedicated to getting better. Strictly an inside threat who can maneuver his way around the hoop. His supporting cast will determine his success.

### OTHERS TO WATCH

Bryan Clark and Perry Robinson, Bishop Borgess; Evan Ellis, Scot Lord and Todd Anderson, North Farmington; Don Bryant and Jeremy Teachman, Farmington Harrison; Brian Fast, Farmington; Dave Marquez, Redford Union; Jeff Guza, Garden City; Brandon Stone, Plymouth; Owen Crosby, Plymouth Canton; Darnell Baskerville and Andy Skarski, Redford Catholic Central; John Mier and Aaron Schaefer, Westland John Glenn; Mark Skelley, John Kaly and Mark Kaly, Livonia Clarenceville; Antonio Dodd and Donnie Prewitt, Wayne Memorial; Kevin Nelson, Lutheran High Westland; Jason Neil, Plymouth Christian; Mark Rutherford, Livonia Churchill; Paul Kussick and Clemente Herrera, Livonia Franklin; Paul Peters, Redford St. Agatha; Chris Chichia, Livonia Stevenson.

## Madonna women hit .500

With four players reaching double figures in scoring, Madonna University eyed the record at 4-4 with a 55-79 women's basketball victory over Carthage (Wis.) College Friday in the opening round of the Hope College Classic.

All was not good news for the Lady Crusaders, however. Starting point guard Dana Cvecek sprained an ankle at the end of the first half; she is expected to be out a week, according to coach Bill Potter.

Cvecek was on fire before her injury, knocking down three consecutive free-throws, scoring 11 points and grabbing seven rebounds in the first half. Her play helped Madonna pull out to a 45-32 lead by halftime.

Carthage pulled to within eight with nine minutes left, but the Crusaders rattled off the next eight points to decide the issue.

Stephanie Niebauer's 24 points paced Madonna. Stephanie Creley had 15 and seven boards, Jill Burt scored 14 and hauled down nine rebounds, and Kim Kibbey finished with nine points and seven rebounds.

Kristy Goetz led Carthage (1-2) with 31 points.

Potter said Burt, who had been coming off the bench, will start in Cvecek's absence and share the point duties with Kibbey and Niebauer.

On Thursday, it wasn't a clutch, last-second shot dropping through the net that saved Madonna at Grand Valley State. Rather, it was the Lady Crusaders managing to hang on for a 71-69 overtime win.

The Lakers had a chance to win the game in regulation, but failed to get off a shot in the closing seconds. Then, after Creley banked in a layup with 19 seconds left in OT to put Madonna in front, Grand Valley managed to get off five shots.

Nene fell — which meant the Lakers did, for the fourth time in five games.

Creley and Cvecek each poured in 20 points for Madonna, which improved to 3-4. Cvecek also had 10 rebounds. Niebauer added 14 points, and Cheri SanGregorio also grabbed 10 boards.

Marie Thomas paced Grand Valley with 23 points. Shelly Ross had 18.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Dec. 8  
Dearborn at Red. Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Southgate at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Liv. Churchill at Northville, 7 p.m.  
Liv. Stevenson at Belleville, 7 p.m.  
Monroe at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Wal. Kettering, 7 p.m.  
Wayne Memorial at Ply. Canton, 7:30 p.m.  
Redford Union at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha at Clarenceville, 7:30 p.m.  
Redford CC at Ypsilanti, 7:30 p.m.  
St. Agatha at Don St. Alphonsus, 7:30 p.m.  
Huron Valley vs. A.A. Greenhills  
Marquette Junior High, 7:30 p.m.  
Ply. Christian vs. Taylor Light & Life  
at Lowell Middle School, 7:30 p.m.  
at Farmington at Etnahy, 7:45 p.m.  
Farm. Harrison at W. Bloomfield, 7:45 p.m.  
Thursday, Dec. 10  
Ply. Christian at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 11

D.H. Annapolis at Uitt. Westland 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Harper Woods, 7 p.m.  
Sag. Buena Vista at Bask. Borgess, 7 p.m.  
Liv. Stevenson at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Wolverine at Liv. Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Ypsilanti at Westland Glenn, 7:30 p.m.  
Southgate at Ply. Salem, 7:30 p.m.

### PREP HOCKEY

Wednesday, Dec. 9  
Liv. Franklin vs. St. Agatha  
Liv. Churchill vs. Bloomfield Lakeshore  
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.  
Redford CC at A.A. Huron (Vets), 7:40 p.m.  
Friday, Dec. 11  
Liv. Franklin vs. Liv. Stevenson  
at Livonia's Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 12  
Liv. Franklin vs. Midland High  
at Lakeland Ice Arena, 6:30 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Allen Pk. Cabini  
at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

### MEETS COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 7  
Schoolcraft at Adrian W.V. 7 p.m.  
Wednesday, Dec. 9  
Schoolcraft at St. Clair CC, 7:30 p.m.  
Oakland CC at Alpena J.C., 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 12  
Schoolcraft at Highland Pk., 7:30 p.m.

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