Vikes win regional, face Doughboys

BY BILL PARKER STATY WRITER

Twenty minutes after Friday's Class A boys basketball regional championship game at Port Huron High School had ended, Walled Lake Central's 6-foot-6 senior center Chris McFarlane stood quietly in the locker room crading the championship trophy under his arm. "(Mike) Gluski usually takes it,

"(Mike) Gluski unally takes it, "(Mike) Gluski unally takes it, but tonight I took it," he ex-plained, with the scain, politeness of a genute giant. But there was nothing caim or gonite about McFarlane's performance. After having his first shot of the game swatted away like a fly at a picnic. McFarlane buckled down and turmed in a career performance. He finished the game with 29 points, 12 rebounds and a couple stata in helping the Vikings win a thrilling 90-88 come-from-be-hind victory over Port Huron. "That (block) made me realize 1 had to go with more power to the

"Inst (block) made me realize 1 had to go with more power to the hole," McFarlane said. "They were more physical than I thought they'd be." The Vikings, 25-0 on the sea-

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win. Led by the outstanding play of senior Kicht Cates (27 points; 12 assists) and junior Tony Miller (33 points) the Big Reds scored the first four points of the contest and didn't relinquish the scale un-til the 4:28 mark of the fourth quarter. Port Hurco led by as many as 13 points midfway through the third quarter, and held a 12-point lead, 66-54, with less than 20 seconds remaining in the third before Central started another of its thrilling com-backs.

backs. "They're seniors," explained Central coach Steve Emert, who was proud to accopt his first re-gional trophy in 16 years of coach-ing at Central. "We were in a situ-

son, advance to the Class A state guarterfinal game 7:30 p.m. wasn't going to panle because Wednesday at the University of then they'd get upset with me. Wo Detroit Herey against defending state champion Detroit Pershing (23-1). As in Tuesday's regional open-ting-round victory over Pontiac Northern, the Villargs had to rally in the fourth quarter to secure the win. the fourth (9-of-25). "We were down by 13 and start-of trading beakets with them," the Viking coach said. "I told the kids we couldn't do that. We needed a stop. We're 10 deep and these kids just keep coming at you. Late in the third and in the fourth I felt we could get back on the boaris because they were get-ting alittle tired." stion where we got behind, but I wasn't going to panke because then they'd get upset with me. We know they get upset with me. We know they renewer out of it." With time running out in the third, Central's Adam McCarthy (17 points) hit a three-pointer and Miller was alapped with a foul af-ter the shot giving Central the bell under its own basket. Chris-tiane under the basket with the in-bounds pass and McFarlane dumped in an easy bucket off the glass, drew a foul and aced the free throw to quickly pull the Vik-ings to within als, 68-60. "It took us several minutes to turn finished the season at 17-6. "They accord a too of points in a fwe they. I'd say that was the turning to be let it get. That and Central's relentles

Central chipped away at the lead by converting 5-of-11 from the floor in the fourth quarter and 19-of-23 from the free throw line. They also dominated the boards, 11-5.

11-5. Mike Gluski led Central on an 8-0 run midway through the fourth and gave the Vikings their first lead of the game, 73-72, when he converted on an inbounds pass from Emert. McFarlane then re-bounded a miss by Cates and scored at the other end off a pass from Ron Thompson (16 points). Central never trailed again. The Vikings maintained the lead by nailing 12 of 14 free throws down the stretch, five each from McFarlane and Thompson.

Stevenson's loss ends coaching era

BY MARTY BUDNER

By MARTY BUDNER BYATY WARTY BUDNER FORTAGE — Immediately after Livonia Stevenson's Class A state quarterfinal playoff loss to Portage North-ern Friday evening, voteran Spartans volleyball coach Lee Cagie hugged each and every one of his players. The emotional encounter mear midcourt not only marked the end of the season, but the end of an era. Cegie's last match as Ste-venson's coach ended with a ranked Fortage Northarn at a packed house at Portage Can tral High School. Cagie said the post game

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BY DAN O'MEARA Staff WRITER

It would stretch the imagina-tion to think a high school bas-ketball team could be any more awesome than defending state champion Detroit Pershing was night

Friday night. The heavily favored Doughboys played a superb game and overwhelmed Plymouth Salem 83-52 in the final of the South-field-Lathrup regional tourna-

ment. Pershing (23-1) will play West-ern Lakes Activities Association champion Walled Lake Central (25-0) in a Class A quarterfinad game in the University of Detroit-Mercy's Caliban Hall at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Wednesday. The Doughboys were outstand-ing in every way necessary to dis-tinguish them as a fine team against the Rocks (21-4). "Wo played even.

against the Rocks (21-4). "We played good, aggressive basketball," Pershing coach Johnny Goston said. "We proba-bly had more depth than they had. My kids stepped up because sometimes in these games you

have a letdown." Salem had a total of 18 turn-overs, which might have been an acceptable number, but the Doughboys still forced the Rocks to play at a faster pace with their hustling defense. "They completely dismantide us." Salem coach Bob Brodis said. "They took us right out of our game plan and everything we wanted to do." "The Rocks had wanted to con-wore unable to do that. Conse-wore unable to do that. Conse-uently, they got into a running game with Perahing, and it looked as if Salem had given up on doing its things it planned. "Their pressure is so tremen-fous, and unless you're act the up-tempo game." Brodis said. "Our players were in a survival mode out there, and then you loss your concentration and sight of what you're trying to do." "The Roughboys made 38 of 78 field goals, including an assort:

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The Big Reds shot 62-percent from the floor through the first three quarters of the game but struggled to shoot 36-percent in

and hope we're flat." Slone scored 12 first-half points and gave the Rocks a 9-6 lead with a three-point basket. The Doughboys missed nine of their first 12 shots but got hot af-ter that. They scored the next 17 points and 16d 23-11 at the end of the first period. Pershing stretched the margin to 41-22 at halftime and 66-36 after three quarters.

stretched the margin to 41-22 at haltime and 66-36 after three quarters. "They got a lot of second and third shots early in the game," Bredle said. "Our shots were hur-ried and didn't fall, and that just compounds things. "We wanted to be a little more patient, but when you gut down by 10 or 12 points often times the beat laid planes go saunder." Three of Salem's four losses were to the teams that will meet in the U-D quarterinal game. "We got heat by an undefeated team and by the No. 1 team," Brodie said. "The sun will come up tomorrow, and the players will look back and realize this was one of the best teams we've had at Sa-lem."



Madonna lands Slone twins, Emert

BY CHRIS MCCOSKY

STAFF Warns You coach a first-year amall-college basketball program. You have no players, no alumni boost-er group, no television acposure (except for local access cablo), no scholarship monsy, and, bocause it is primarily a commuter college, there isn't much of a campual life. How in the world do you recruit players?





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