Soccer champions



Perfect season: The Farmington Bandits under-10 select team went undefeated during the 1996 indoor season at the Canton Soccerdome. Team members are (front row, from left) Jason Karmolinski, Steven Besk, Aaron Helesek, Eric Hansen, Alex Gargol, Randy Ward, Ryan Gregory, (middle) Andy Baum, Greg Tur-cotte, Shant Bagdasarian, Chris Eliason, James Dowd and Ryan Laverty. The coaches are (back, from left) John Turcotte and Dan Besk.

Warriors upset Vikings in final

BASKETBALL

By BILL PARKER

Senior center Mike Brooka was 8 years old playing basketball on his fifth-grade team. Head coach Pat Adams had yet to coach a basketball game and was playing AAA baseball for the San Fran-cinc Clurk

AAA baseball for the San Francisco Giants.
That's how long it had been since the Welted Lake Western beakethall team had won a district championship.
The drought ended Friday on the host Warriors won the title with a 64-52 upset over rival Walted Lake Central.
The victory was especially sweet for Western:
It was Western's first district championship since 1937.
It was Western's first victory over Central in six years and Adams' first in his five-year career at Western.
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It marked the coming of ago of the Warrior baskethall program.
"This is the phonacle as far search was the western as concerned, said Adams, who missed the said was th

60. Lynch isunched a potential game-tying three with 22 seconds remaining. Mike Whiting rebounded for the Warriors, and Mike Mitchell split a pair of free

SPORTS SHORTS

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BY CHRIS MAYER STAFF WRITER

With a district championship at stake, coach Chris Drogosch put Bloomfield Hills Lahser's fate in the hands of Nathau New-

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The 6-foot-3 senior guard drilled a lumper from the freethrow line as time expired Friday, giving the Knights a 67-65 win over host West Bloomfield in the championship game. Lathers (13-9) will play regional tournament host Southfield-Lathuny (19-3) at 7 p.m. Twesday. The Chargers, who rallied to beat the Knights 50-45 in the regional semis a year ago, advanced with a 58-44 win over Berkley.

"I think, defensively, we have to stop (Lathup's) transition game," Drogosch said. "I'm sure there are a lot of other things we're going to have to do, but right now I want to savor this win."

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The dramatic victory gave the Knights their second consecutive district title at West Bloomfield's expense. The Lakers (14-9) dropped a 51-40 decision to Laher last sesson.

But Friday's loss will no doubt haunt West Bloomfield more. The Lakers aquandered a 13-point, first-quarter lead and then watched Newman releases his game-winning basket with half as second on the clock.

"There's probably nobody more deserving to make that shot than Nathan Newman," said Drogosch, whose team won for the 10th time in 12 games. "Ho's been just an incredible player for us. He's been our leading scorer all year — a quiet and non-assuming leading scorer — and I'm just so heppy for him."

Newman's heroics started with 28 seconds remaining and the

Newman's heroics started with 12.8 seconds remaining and the scored knotted at 65. Lahaer had called a timeout after rebounding a West Bloomfield missed free throw, and Drogosch's plan was to let Newman take the final shot if the Lekers went man-to-man. They did. Newman inbounded the ball to senior guard Eric Von Gries, who immediately gave it back to Newman. Newman

BASKETBALL

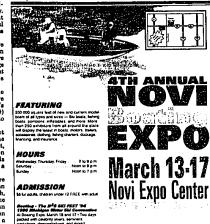
backed West Bloomfield defender Chuck Mondo into the lane and attempted a jumper with three seconds left which Mondo blocked. But Newman grabbed the loase ball and hit the shot as the clock reached double zero. Referees Larry Janis and Rick Massa immediately counted the basket and a local TV replay clearly showed Newman released

Knights beat Lakers at buzzer

the ball in time.

Von Gries paced Lahser with 18 points, 12 in the first half to help with Knights overcome a 24-11 def

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Senior guard Mike Furners add-dd 14 points, Newman 13 and sen-lor center Rusty Sturek (seven re-bounds) and juntor forward Ryan Goble chipped in eight each. Senior Jeff Wilson nalled five three-pointers and led all scorers with 20 points for West Bloom-field. Mondo scored 18 points.



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