

# Warriors win tourney, but Trojans are No. 1

Lutheran High Westland and Livonia Clarenceville ended a little satisfaction following Saturday's Metro Conference girls volleyball tournament held at Macomb Lutheran North.

Lutheran Westland, who the conference journey for the second time in school history with a 16-19, 15-8 win over the Trojans.

Clarenceville, however, the regular season champion at 7-1 in dual matches, captured the overall conference title based on both the tourney and the regular season.

"We had a successful season and we look forward to the district, regional and even the state tournament," said Clarenceville coach, Allison Love, whose team is 32-12-3 overall. "We didn't fall apart, even with a key player koshing out."

"We played hard and with some heart. We stuck together and I'm proud of this team," Lutheran Westland reached the final with victories over Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (15-5, 15-1) and host Lutheran North (15-7, 15-11).

"We played offensively and defensively — it was one of our best days," Lutheran Westland coach Joan Ollinger said. "We put it all together. The girls are happy."


"The only bad thing is that

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CLASS A  
March 6 at LIVONIA LADYWOOD  
First round: (A) Livonia Ladywood vs. (B) Livonia Stevenson, 5 p.m.  
Semifinals: Livonia Franklin vs. Detroit Redford, 6 p.m.; Redford Union vs. A-B winner, 6 p.m.  
Final: 7:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Ypsilanti/Lincoln district champion.)

March 6 at NOVI HIGH SCHOOL  
First round: (A) Plymouth Canton vs. (B) Plymouth Salem, 10 a.m.  
Semifinals: Livonia Churchill vs. Northville, 11:30 a.m.; Novi vs. A-B winner, 11:30 a.m.  
Final: 1 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer district champion.)

March 6 at WALLED LAKE CENTRAL  
First round: (A) Farmington Hills Marston vs. (B) Walled Lake Western, 10 a.m.  
Semifinals: North Farmington vs. Farmington, 11 a.m.; Walled Lake Central vs. A-B winner, 11 a.m.  
Final: 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Farmington Hills Marston district champion.)

March 6 at FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY  
First round: (A) Farmington Hills Mercy vs. (B) Berkey, 10 a.m.  
Semifinals: Southfield Lathrup vs. Southfield, 11 a.m.; Detroit Henry Ford vs. A-B winner, noon.  
Final: 1:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Walled Lake Western regional vs. Walled Lake Central district champion.)

March 6 at YPSILANTI LINCOLN  
First round: (A) Ypsilanti Lincoln vs. (B) Belleville, 10:30 a.m.  
Semifinals: (C) Garden City vs. (C) Westland John Glenn, noon; Wayne Memorial vs. A-B winner, 1:30 p.m.  
Final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Ann Arbor Huron regional vs. Livonia Ladywood district champion.)

CLASS C  
March 6 at DETROIT CHIA  
Semifinals: Dearborn St. Alphonsus vs. Detroit Communication & Media Arts, 3 p.m.; Lutheran High Westland vs. Detroit Dedicative, 4:30 p.m.  
Final: 6 p.m. (Winner advances to the Almont regional vs. Grosse Pointe champion.)

March 6 at SOUTHWELL CHRISTIAN  
Semifinals: Livonia Clarenceville vs. Redford Bishop Douglas, 10 a.m.; Southfield Christian vs. Royal Oak Shrine, noon.  
Final: 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the Almont regional vs. Grosse Pointe champion.)

CLASS D  
March 6 at SOUTHWELL CHRISTIAN  
First round: (A) Redford St. Agatha vs. (B) Plymouth Christian, 4 p.m.  
Semifinals: Southfield Franklin Road Christian vs. Westland Huron Valley Lutheran, 5:30 p.m.; Canton Agape vs. A-B winner, 7 p.m.  
Final: 8:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the Taylor Light & Life Christian regional vs. Detroit Holy Redeemer district champion.)

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# Top-seeded Vikings win Western Lakes tourney

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Walled Lake Central entered the Western Lakes Activities Association volleyball tournament on a roll Saturday, and the Vikings left celebrating a championship.

Central continued its superior play, downing defending league champ Plymouth Salem in two games in the championship final at Northville High School, and now the focus shifts to the upcoming Class A state tournament where the Vikings seek an eighth straight district crown.

But coach Mike Lindstrom and his Vikings took the time to enjoy last weekend's accomplishment, punctuated by an impressive 15-8, 15-11 victory over Salem in the final. Central lost Leah Douglas to a broken ankle during last year's league tournament and wound up falling to Livonia Stevenson in the semifinals.

The Vikings and Rocks, arguably the conference's top two teams, staged an entertaining championship match. Salem, which defeated Central twice at the Temperance-Bedford Invitational in mid-February by scores of 15-13, 15-12 and 15-8, 15-11, the Michigan High School Volleyball Coaches Class A poll and Central held down the No. 7 spot.

"That was our best volleyball of the day. It really was," Lindstrom said of match with Salem. "We kind of cruised in the early part of the day and kind of saved it, and I think we were as strong at the end of the day as we'd been all day long. And I think it

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kind of showed; Salem kind of fell down a little bit at the end there as far as being able to push a little bit."

Central (44-8-1) led 8-6 in the opening game when seniors Amanda Mendonhall and Douglas and junior Christina Tudor sparked a seven-point run. Douglas served an ace to make it 13-6. Tudor followed with a cross-court kill and Mendonhall ended the game with a well-placed tip kill that fell easily between two Sam defenders.

Salem (43-10-1) regrouped in the second game and managed an 11-10 lead thanks to the dominant net play of Angie Sillmon, who has committed to play volleyball at Western Michigan University.

But Central, the league's regular-season champion and tournament's top seed, used another decisive run to seal the title. Douglas served two aces as the Vikings forged ahead 14-11 and junior Colleen Saldana closed it out with a kill off a set from senior Sarah Schreiber.

"We gave it a good run, but we didn't find our hitting zones very well at times," Salem coach Tom Teeters said. "But that's how it goes in volleyball sometimes."

"I have seven seniors and three of them have been to the (state semifinals), so they know not to let up," Lindstrom said. "We have lots of good leaders out there and that's all I can tell you. They're all picking it up right now and communicating well with each other."

Central held off pesky Livonia

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