

# Defending champs defeat Mustangs in close match

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The Catholic League volleyball championship trail apparently starts and still winds through Livonia Ladywood.

The Blazers, eight-time defending playoff champions, were not razor-sharp, but had enough to hold off flu-ridden Birmingham Marian in the Central Division opener Tuesday for both teams, 15-12, 13-15, 16-13.

With the homecourt victory, Ladywood improved to 9-7-1 overall. Meanwhile, Marian falls to 9-4.

"We were very slow and didn't play well — I'm hoping it was because we had two weeks off, but we'll get it going," Ladywood coach Larry Wyatt said. "Tonight we protected our home court and you've got to go through us in the Catholic League — at least for now."

Fatty Horn, a 5-foot-9 senior, was Ladywood's top attacker with 11 kills. She also had eight digs. Erin Barthe, a 5-10 junior, contributed seven kills and four ace serves. (Both players made all tournament team Dec. 28 at Temperance Bedford.)

Jessica Tilson, a 6-foot senior, gave Wyatt some inspiration off the bench with nine kills.

"Tilson played well tonight, she was our MVP," Wyatt said. "This year we have to be more balanced. We want to play good defense and make people put the

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ball down against us. Obviously we have to be more balanced because we don't have that dominant hitter like we had last year in Jenny Young (now at Central Michigan University)."

Other contributions came from setter Melissa Buckshaw (43 assists and five kills); Desiree Betts (team-high 10 digs); and Jenni Gregor (five kills and one block).

After Ladywood won the opening game, Marian jumped out to an 11-4 lead in the second game, but Ladywood tied it at 13-all.

Katie Henry's kill evened the match, forcing a third-and-deciding game.

Ladywood appeared to have the third game well in hand with leads of 11-4 and 13-8, but the Mustangs refused to quit, squaring it at 13-all with a five-point run.

But Ladywood served out the next two points, including an ace from Barthe, to win its Central Division opener.

Sarah Cashen, a 6-1 junior, was Marian's top offensive player with nine kills, three solo blocks and three aces. Henry added five kills, while Katie Woch and Lauren Lamb each had four.

The Mustangs also started a freshman setter, 5-10 Erin Foglia, a familiar name in Ladywood circles. Her two older sis-

ters, Anne (who just finished her career at Michigan) and Sarah (playing at Loyola of Chicago), are former Blazer standouts.

Marian second-year coach Stephanie Storon was forced to use a makeshift lineup.

Starting middle blocker Linda Andrews, a 6-footer, was out with the flu along with defensive specialist Leslie Schmidt.

"With the bunch we had we were struggling, but it was an excellent effort," Storon said. "We had to convert Henry from outside hitter to middle hitter and I can't say enough how many blocks she had for us. She shut down one part of the middle."

"And we brought up Melissa Dowling from the JV and she did a good job being thrown into the fire."

Ladywood's game plan was simple, according to Wyatt.

"For us, it's running our offense and we also wanted to slow Cashen down," he said. "Tonight we were slow, kind of listless. It was a boring match I feel."

Storon, meanwhile, notices a slightly different Ladywood squad in 2000.

"Usually, they have one or two strong hitters they rely on," she said. "They're more diverse than they've been in the past. They're strong across the front."

And the Blazers remain the team to beat in the Catholic League.



On the offensive: Senior setter Amy Miller sets up an attack for a hitter.

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Defensively, Merry merely picked up where it left off Saturday when it won the University of Michigan-Dearborn tournament, according to Brankiewicz.

"We really stepped up our defense Saturday, and we continued it tonight," she said. "We just have to keep playing good defense; if we do that, we should dominate."

"We shut down their offense and kinda demoralized them."

With the score tied 2-2 in the first game, Merry served the next serve, including four straight on setter Amy Miller's service rotation.

Kelley Blunden had three of her four match kills with Katie Dinsmore on the serving line to give the Marlins a 12-3 lead. Blunden later served the final three points.

While the Marlins were setting up their attack in the first game, they resorted to a softer approach in the second, scoring many of their points on tip kills.

"(The Saddletons) put their defensive players in the right spots and left the tip open," Brankiewicz said. "It might not be the prettiest kill but, if the tip is there, we'll definitely take it."

"We moved the ball around well. We got kills from everyone, so that's always a good thing."

After taking a quick, 3-0 lead and holding the momentum throughout the second game, Merry purposely acled back its offense, according to Mosler.

"We figured 'Why show them everything?' Let's hold some stuff back.' We have a lot more plays than that," he said.

"Our offense was OK tonight; Saturday it was unbelievable. This is Amy's third year on the varsity, so she knows how to deliver the ball."

Liz Cash also had four kills Monday; Jones had five stiff blocks and Ramsey three. Dinsmore starred on defense, too, with six digs.

In pool play Saturday at UM-Dearborn, Merry defeated Warren Immaculate Conception (2-2), Center Line St. Clement (12-11), Dearborn Heights Robichaud (7-5) and Belleville (5-12).

In the quarterfinal contest, Merry had a strong challenge from Madison Heights but prevailed in the first game, 18-16, and dominated the second, 15-11.

Merry defeated Bishop Foley in the semifinals (10-12) and Riverview Gabriel Richard in the final (10-8).

In 14 tournament games, Brankiewicz had 73 kills out of 152 attempts, Cash 40 (67), Blunden 26 (75), Ramsey 22 (50) and Jones 16 (56). Miller had 151 kill assists out of 343 sets.

Meghan O'Connor was perfect serving (16-of-16); Miller, with more opportunities was just shy of 97 percent. Brankiewicz served a team-high 12 aces and Miller seven.

Defensively, Jones led the Marlins with 25% blocks; Cash had 14%, Miller 13, Ramsey 9% and Brankiewicz 7%.

Brankiewicz also had 54 digs, Blunden 48, Cash 31, Jones 22, Miller 21 and Lara Polteraitis 16.

The Marlins compete in the Macomb Community College Invitational on Saturday and travel to Birmingham Marian on Tuesday.

# Basketball from page C1

COUNTRY DAY 69, W.L. WESTERN 58: A couple of schools that recently celebrated state football championships met on the basketball court Monday.

Detroit Country Day hosted Walled Lake Western in what proved to be an

entertaining non-league contest. The Janero Dewood-led Warriors enjoyed a 48-46 lead after three quarters, but DCD exploded for 23 fourth-quarter points en route to a 69-58 triumph.

By winning, the Yellow Jackets

improved to 7-2 overall and extended Western's current losing streak to three games.

"It was a real battle that went back-and-forth," Country Day coach Kurt Keener said. "Once you get the lead in the fourth quarter Western began to foul and we made 14 of 36 free throws, so the score was much closer than it looks."

Ashton Aikens provided some fourth-quarter heroics for Country Day, which is idle until Jan. 21 when it hosts Detroit DePores. Aikens (10 rebounds, five assists) scored six of his seven points and recorded four of his eight blocks during the final quarter.

DOD finished 25-of-35 at the line compared to 9-of-17 for the Warriors. Sophomore Andre Hoster scored nine of his team-high 21 points at the free-throw line, and Ray Guthrie netted seven of his 14 points at the charity stripe. Junior Eric Brown also scored in double figures for the Yellow Jackets with 13 points.

Dewood hit six triples and poured in a game-high 26 points, but in the pivotal fourth quarter he was held scoreless. Johnny Eagle contributed 17 points for Western (4-3).

A.A. HURON '70, REDFORD CC 86: Ann Arbor Huron won a non-league game on Tuesday at Redford Catholic Central, 79-60, by outscoring the Shamrocks in the fourth quarter, 30-18.

Rodney Williams had a game-high 34 points to lead Huron (5-2). Imani Wilson added 25.

Senior Rob Sparks had 14 points to lead four Shamrocks in double figures. Senior Matt Lorida added 12 and juniors Mark Willoughby and Ryan Celestwy had 11 apiece.

Huron led 20-15 after one quarter before the Shamrocks (3-9) gained a 32-31 halftime lead, outscoring the River Rats 17-11 in the second quarter.

Huron had a 49-48 lead through three quarters. Huron was 14-for-24 at the free throw line, while CC was 10-of-13.

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relay (Chris Clayson, Sormet Alver, Zaid, Pasko) at 1:38.35 and the 400 freestyle relay (Digia, Alver, Farber, Gabriel) at 3:35.82.

North had third places from Gabriel in the 200 freestyle (1:57.45), Clayson, 50 freestyle (24.41); Alver, 100 freestyle (53.24); and Loughlan Rycroft, 500 freestyle (6:28.70).

Kern, Chris Clayson, Brian Clayson and Dan Goshorn were third in the medley relay (1:53.04), and Brian Clayson, Goshorn, Mohamed Bachrouche and Rycroft finished third in the 200 freestyle relay (1:44.09).

"I thought we put together a good team effort and had some pretty good swimmers tonight," Duthie said. "We had real good competition from Northville. We needed it to find out where we're at and to motivate ourselves to work hard."

- Heat 1: Craig Pasko, second, 2:10.99; Heat 2: John Kern, first, 2:19.88; Heat 3: Brian Clayson, first, 2:19.62; Heat 4: Mohamed Bachrouche, first, 2:22.30.
- 500 FREESTYLE Heat 1: Brandon Digia, first, 23:23; Heat 2: Jon Zaid, first, 24:33; Heat 3: Chris Clayson, first, 24:55; Heat 4: Dan Goshorn, first, 25:50.
- DIVING Heat 2: Jon Vincent, fifth, 183.05.
- 100 BUTTERFLY Heat 3: Adam Farber, first, 57.58; Heat 2: Lucas Digia, fifth, 1:11.43; Heat 3: Eric Weiss, sixth, 1:19.57; Heat 4: no entry for North.
- 100 FREESTYLE Heat 1: Brandon Digia, first, 1:45.45; Heat 2: Sormet Alver, second, 53.73; Heat 3: Dan Goshorn, second, 58.81; Heat 4: Steve Pearce, fifth, 1:03.03.
- 500 FREESTYLE Heat 3: Craig Pasko, third, 6:28.86; Heat 2: Loughlan Rycroft, second, 6:34.72; Heat 1: Mohamed Bachrouche, second, 5:51.05; Heat 4: Jeff Matys, third, 6:31.99.
- 200 FREESTYLE RELAY Heat 1: first place (Chris Clayson, Sormet Alver, Jon Zaid, Craig Pasko), 1:37.71; Heat 2: first place (Brian Clayson, Dan Goshorn, Mohamed Bachrouche, Loughlan Rycroft), 1:43.41; Heat 3: third place (Lucas Digia, Eric Weiss, Jeff Matys, Steve Pearce), 1:54.89.
- 500 BACKSTROKE Heat 1: Jim Gabriel, first, 58.64; Heat 2: John Kern, first, 1:00.45; Heat 3: Glenn Legacki, fourth, 1:12.02; Heat 4: Eric Weiss, fifth, 1:22.45.
- 100 BREASTSTROKE Heat 3: Adam Farber, first, 1:02.43 (state cut); Heat 2: Jon Zaid, first, 1:10.28; Heat 3: Chris Clayson, first, 1:10.81; Heat 4: Brian Clayson, first, 1:12.29.
- 400 FREESTYLE RELAY Heat 1: first place (Brandon Digia, Sormet Alver, Adam Farber, Jim Gabriel), 3:31.39; Heat 2: first place (Mohamed Bachrouche, John Kern, Loughlan Rycroft, Craig Pasko), 3:43.25; Heat 3: third place (Glenn Legacki, Steve Pearce, Lucas Digia, Jeff Matys), 4:11.00.

**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS**  
**NOTICE**  
**LAST DAY TO REGISTER**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000**  
**FOR**  
**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2000**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
PRECINCTS 1 - 27

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I WILL BE AT MY OFFICE  
31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MICHIGAN  
MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000 - LAST DAY  
8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

For the purpose of RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION of the qualified electors in said city, BY LAW, Electors who wish to vote in the Presidential Primary Election must be registered to vote no later than Monday, January 24, 2000. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the county clerk's office or local clerk's office, or register by mail by calling the city clerk's office at 248/473-9584. Persons who are currently registered need not re-register.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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C-21B	Kevin C. Chamberlain	Household Goods
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D-35B	Christopher Brooks	Misc. Computer Parts

The terms of the sale will be cash only. Storage USA reserves the right to refuse any and all bids. The sale will be held at the following location, 38375 Grand River, Farmington Hills, MI 48335 and will begin at 1:00 P.M. and continue until all units are sold.

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**TEAM SCORES**  
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Heat 1: first place (Jim Gabriel, Jon Zaid, Adam Farber, Brandon Digia), 1:43.60; Heat 2: first place (Jon Zaid, Brian Clayson, Chris Clayson, Dan Goshorn), 1:53.78; Heat 3: sixth place (Eric Weiss, Glenn Legacki, Lucas Digia, Steve Pearce), 2:13.71.

**200 FREESTYLE**  
Heat 1: Jim Gabriel, first, 1:56.34; Heat 2: Sormet Alver, second, 2:02.14; Heat 3: Loughlan Rycroft, first, 2:00.70; Heat 4: Glenn Legacki, first, 2:13.95.

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Notice is hereby given that Monday, January 24, 2000 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

**In Person:**

- At your city or township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.
- At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.
- At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Job Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.
- At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

**By Mail:**

- By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

**CITY CLERK'S OFFICE**  
(248) 474-5500 EXT. 218 OR 225  
33000 LIBERTY EXTREME  
FARMINGTON, MI 48335

Notes:  
A person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the city/township where they live or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

**PATSY K. CANTRELL**  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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