

St. Mary's runs past Thurston in district final

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Top-ranked and undefeated Orchard Lake St. Mary's is head-to-head for the Class B boys basketball regional tournament.

The Eagles captured a district championship Friday night, trouncing Redford Thurston at home by a 76-42 score. OLSM built leads of 20-0 after one quarter and 65-19 by halftime on route to their 23rd straight win.

Up next for head coach George Pappitt's squad is a regional semifinal matchup with Mount Clemens (9-16). Tip-off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Warren Wiegman Tower High School.

Mount Clemens defeated Woods' Tower, 27-0, in a district final on Friday.

Senior guard Maurice Seairight scored a game-high 24 points in their win over Thurston, while senior forward Jermaine Gonzalez recorded a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

had eight points. Senior guard Jonate Jones, hobbled by an injured ankle he suffered during Monday's opening-round win over Bloomfield Hills Andover, did not play.

Jesse Dooley and Joe Wilson topped Thurston (11-11) with nine points each. Jared Kasmierak added eight.

"We had a first-hand look at why they're the best," said Thurston coach Brian Bates. "Personally, I think they were at the top of their game tonight. They hardly missed any shots. They must have shot 70 percent tonight. When they did miss, they got the rebounds."

"Our tallest player (Jesse Dooley) was shorter than their shortest player."

"We went right in against them and drove the lane and took our shots, but we didn't hit them early and kind of got down a little mentally. We were scrapping and we boxed out, but we were just underused."

The Eagles were coming off

BASKETBALL

Wednesday's 57-44 district semifinal win over Detroit Country Day.

Gonzales' sensational individual effort with just under four minutes left sparked an 8-3 run and lifted the Eagles to their 22nd straight victory. Country Day concluded the season with a 12-9 record.

"This was a tough game. Country Day slowed it down on us. Little bit, we got in foul trouble, we struggled. I don't think we executed very well," Porritt said. "The Yellow Jackets played well and they did what they had to do. I thought a couple guys played by a couple of our kids at the end and helped us get a victory."

The Eagles began the game with Jones on the bench. Jones entered with 2:10 remaining in the opening quarter, but his mobility was severely limited and he finished with seven points. Jones' absence also left OLSM's high-powered offense out of sync at times.

"That's what made (St. Mary's) ripe for an upset, but we weren't up to the task," DCD head coach Kurt Keener said. "But give credit to them. They faced adversity tonight and they overcame it and that's what makes champions."

"It was a strange game in that coming into the game, having watched them play, we felt we needed to try to slow the tempo down," Keener added. "In retrospect with Jonate Jones being injured and really not being able to play -- and I give him a lot of credit in that he showed a lot of heart to even get out on the floor because he really didn't have a whole lot of mobility -- that strategy probably wasn't the best under the circumstances."

Country Day trailed by only six points, 42-36, after senior Jeremy Battler's layup with 5:18 to go. The Eagles, however, received pivotal baskets from Seairight and Gonzales shortly thereafter.

Seairight's driving layup with 4:36 left upset OLSM's lead to 42-36, and the play Battler picked up his fifth foul. Then, following a DCD missed shot, Gonzales dazzled the crowd by dribbling twice between his legs near midcourt, once behind his back at the free-throw line, and finally driving to the basket for an acrobatic layup with 3:41 remaining.

"I thought he was the best player on the floor, and offensively he asserted himself in the first half when they were trying to foul how to play without Jonate," Keener said of Gonzales. "He stepped up and made all the big baskets and that's what you

want out of your best player. Your best player should dominate the games at this point and he certainly did."

"I thought we still had a chance, but the big play to me in the fourth quarter was when Jeremy Battler (picked up his fifth foul)," Keener went on. "It could go either way, it could be a charge or it could be a block. If it's a charge then they don't get the points and maybe we get some momentum."

Gonzales led all scorers with 20 points, 14 in the first half as St. Mary's built a 27-21 lead. Seairight chipped in 11 points and Davis had nine points and 10 rebounds.

"They're a great team," Keener said of the Eagles. "They have kids who are accustomed to winning and find ways to win and that's what makes them a championship group, whether it's foot-

ball or basketball or whatever they do. So say hat goes off to them. When they needed to have different guys step up, whether it was Jermaine with the way he shot in the first half or the way Charles Davis rebounded in the second half, different people stepped up to make the plays that were necessary for them to win. When they got Jonate back at full strength, they should make a run for the championship."

Ray Guthrie paced Country Day with 18 points, Ashton Aiken and Andre Hester contributed eight points apiece. But DCD made only 11 of 24 free throws.

"The way we shot free throws tonight did us in," Keener said. "If you can't make 70 to 75 percent of your free throws, then you really you don't deserve to move on."

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The Board of Review will be in session as follows:
Monday, March 13, 2000
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 15, 2000
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Upon request of any person who is assessed on the Roll, of his/her agent, and upon sufficient cause being shown, the Board of Review can adjust the assessment on such property in such a manner as will in their judgment provide an equitable assessment. Such Assessment Roll reviewed by said Board of Review shall be the Assessment Roll of the City of Farmington for the year 2000.

Appointments for a hearing before the Board of Review can be made after March 1st by calling the Assessor's Office (474-5500 ext. 230) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. It is advisable that anyone planning an appeal of the 2000 assessment contact the City Assessor prior to the Board of Review meeting to discuss the matter.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer
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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: MARCH 23, 2000
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336
ITEM: Site Condominium Plan # 1, 1999

The following item has been requested to be on the Planning Commission meeting of Thursday, March 23, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. for Tentative Approval of Preliminary Plan, Section 27-38 of the Code of the City of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

PRELIMINARY PLAN

NAME: WHISPERING WOODS SUBDIVISION
NO. OF LOTS: 19
LOCATION: East side of Halsted Road, north of Twelve Mile Road. All of Sidwalls #32-06-331-008, 006, 007 and Part of #32-06-331-006.
ACREAGE: 23.11 Acres
ZONING DISTRICT: RA-1, Single-Family Residential District.
PROPOSER: Sam Bakl, Bakl's Unique Home Builders

Any person who is interested in reviewing the site condominium plan should contact the Planning Office of Farmington Hills at 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, between 9:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Site: Site Condominium Plan # 1, 1999
Phone: 360-678-0548
E-Mail: bakl@bakls.com
Publish: March 13, 2000

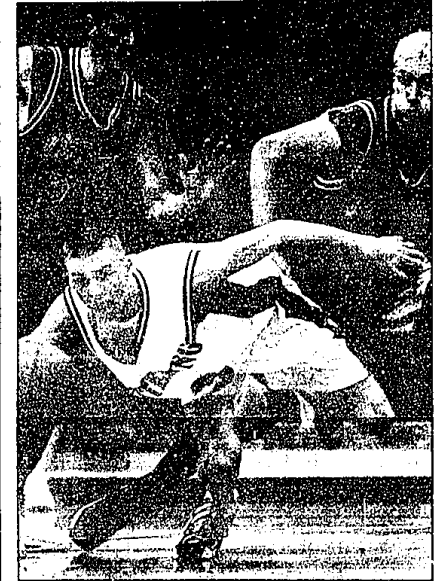
CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2000 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.
ABSENT: None.
OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Donohue, Director Goss, Director Dushman, City Manager Leuhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

The agenda was approved as submitted.
Minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of February 21, 2000 were approved as submitted.
Minutes of other Boards were received and filed.
The Downtown Development Authority Quarterly Report was presented by Executive Director Judy Downey.
Council recognized Eleanor Peterson for serving as an election worker for 30 years.
Michael Caspo, General Manager of Resource Recovery and Recycling Authority of Southwest Oakland County, presented the 1999 RRASOC Annual Report.
Council appointed Leslie Zanetti to the Farmington Area Arts Commission to fill a term expiring June 30, 2003.
Council granted permission to hold a Classic Car display in the municipal parking lot on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. June through September, and a special event to be held in conjunction with Miss Farmington-Oakland Scholarship Pageant on June 21, 2000.
Council awarded an asphalt contract for the 2000 Paving Project to low bidder, Lafarge Construction Company, in the amount of \$383,124.65.
Council approved a loan to fund Phase I and Phase II renovation of the Civic Theatre.
Council approved Standards of Conduct for Administering Federal Funds.
City Attorney Donohue presented a report on HR 2372.
James Stark, President, Farmington Area Founders Festival, Inc., updated Council on the Farmington Area Family Fest.
Public comments were heard.
Council comments and announcements were heard.
Council amended the meeting schedule with City boards, commissions and officials.
Council received and filed the Public Safety Department Annual Operations Report for December, 1999.
Council approved the Monthly Payments Report for February, 2000.
The meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer
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SHUT PHOTO BY TOM HOFFMEYER

Balancing act: Kettering's David Potrykus tries to regain control of a loose ball Friday against Western.

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— Rennie hit a long three from the top of the key with 12 seconds to go to bring the Captains within 61-59 — but Dawood calmly sank a pair of free throws with nine seconds remaining to seal the win.

"Western has been here before and we haven't," Kettering head coach Gerry Wood said. "Having that experience helps you learn how to win close games in this type of do-or-die situation. Our kids played pretty well, but Western made the plays late in the game and we didn't."

Western's depth surfaced in the third quarter. Four different Warriors picked up their third fouls in the stanza, but Kettering couldn't capitalize.

"We knew this was going to be a tough game," Dawood said. "But depth has been a big key for us all season. Every player on this team can play at any given time."

"I thought at the beginning of the year our No. 1 attribute was depth," Stanczak said. "And even though we lost a couple of our guys during the year, I was playing 12 guys from the start. So when we had three or four guys with three fouls tonight, we were still OK. Nine or 10 kids have been playing all season and they just had to step up and play."

Dawood paced Western with 20 points, 14 after intermission. Senior forward Chris Howler led the interior game with 12 points and seven rebounds and senior point guard Johnny Eagle had 11 points, Nine Warriors, in fact, reached the scoring column.

Kettering senior guard Chad Woodhull played an outstanding game and scored a team-high 20 points and Rennie finished with 18 points.

WESTERN 30, MILFORD 26: The Warriors held Milford to nine points over the final three quarters Wednesday.

Trailing 20-7 after the first quarter, Western slowly chipped away at Milford's lead and eventually tied the game 27-27 after three periods.

The fourth quarter saw the two teams combine for only five points amid a series of slow-down tactics and time-outs. Warriors senior guard Jeno Dawood sank two free throws with just under five minutes to go to lead the score at 29-26, and the score would stay that way until the final moments.

Johnny Eagle made the first two free throws with six seconds remaining to give Western the lead for good. Milford (16-5) took the game's final shot, but Joe Kofahl's desperation 35-foot toss came up short.

"It was an unbelievable game," Western head coach Rex Stanczak. "We did just turned in an just unbelievable defensive effort after the first quarter."

Dawood led Western with 11 points.

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