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Trojans advance to Metro tourney final

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The goal is to hang a boys basketball banner on the wall.
Lyonia Clarenceville took step closer to achieving coach Kevin Murphy's dream with a 59-52 Metro Conference semifinal playoff victory Tuesday over Lutheran High Westland.
Clarenceville, 18-5 overall, tied the school record for wins and put itself into tonight's championship 7 p.m. game against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, which ousted top seed Harper Woods in the other semifinal on Tuesday, 68-61. Murphy hopes that Clarenceville's four-year run of football success translates into a basketball title.
"We have seven seniors, they know how to win championships," Murphy said. "I told them it comes down to 'How

had do you kids want it?"
"We've got to stay out of foul trouble and we have to play defense."
Clarenceville, behind 6-foot-7 senior forward Glenn Garrant, led 15 first-quarter points, jumped out to a 19-7 lead against the upstart Warriors, who were coming off an upset win in the opening round of the Metro tourney last Friday against Macomb Lutheran North.
Garrant made seven of his first eight field goal attempts en route to a game-high 21 points.
"The kid (Garrant) was on fire at the start," Lutheran Westland coach Dan Hamnithan said. "We knew we had trouble matching up against them in the man-to-man (defense), so we tried zone. But he's pretty mobile and he's tough to defend."
"The press kind of bothered us, too. It put us in a hole. It

was a matter of execution and we did a better job after the first quarter."
The Trojans led by 14 at intermission, 31-17, but Lutheran Westland would not fold, cutting the deficit to eight, 38-30, with 2:04 remaining in the third quarter on Ian McLaughlin's three-point shot.
But Clarenceville sophomore guard Brian Shkrelli answered with six straight points to finish the period, including a 35-foot desperation banker at the buzzer to put the Trojans back on top, 44-30.
Shkrelli, coming off a career-high 20-point effort the previous playoff game against Hamtramck, contributed 15 points.
"Bruno is really starting to come around," Murphy said. "He's really becoming a ballplayer."
The Warriors whittled the

deficit back down to seven twice, 52-45 and 54-47, during the final 2:14, but couldn't get any closer.
A rebound basket by Clarenceville senior forward Pete Shaw with just 27.4 seconds to go put the Trojans up nine, 59-50, and put the Warriors away.
Meanwhile, just four Warriors scored, led by McLaughlin and Doug Haller with 18 points apiece. Joel Wolfram added 11, while Ryan West had five.
"Our goal was to attack the basket and draw some fouls," said Hamnithan, whose team fell to 4-14 overall. "We got some pretty good looks early, but couldn't score.
"At least we didn't quit. I was proud of our guys because they kept working."
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HOOPS

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now following host Farmington's 54-32 victory over Hazel Park Tuesday.
The Falcons, who have won 11 of their last 12 games, will play at Madison for the OAA Division IV championship Friday.
"Our goal all season was to win the conference championship," Farmington coach Steve Norgrove said. "We've spent 13 games to put ourselves in that position.
It's down to 32 minutes. It's a great opportunity for us. We've made a lot of strides this year, but we're still 32 minutes away from reaching one of our goals."
"The kids believed in the

team concept enough back when we were 1-6 to go on an 11-1 run. They should be commended for that, but we're not finished yet."
Farmington, 11-2 in the division and 12-7 overall, trailed by a point after one quarter Tuesday but outscored Hazel Park in the second, 10-2.
That put the Falcons on top at half time, 18-11, and they extended their lead to 34-19 after three quarters.
"We've been getting it done with defense all year, and today was no different," Norgrove said. "Tonight it was more of a unified team effort.
We started our five seniors, because they worked hard and deserved it. I really thought we showed as a team tonight, and it gelled with the final score."
Dany Preston scored 12

points, Tim DePaulis 10, Mntt Okopyk nine and Marcus Holman eight for the Falcons, who made six of 15 free throws.
Andrew Stefanski was the only player to double figures for the Vikings (5-8, 5-14) with 11 points. Hazel Park was 10-of-14 at the line.
Lahser downs Harrison
Farmington Harrison only trailed visiting Bloomfield Hills Lahser by two points entering the fourth quarter Tuesday but ended up losing, 71-62.
It was 19-19 after one period, and the Knights took a 39-33 lead at halftime.
The Hawks closed the gap to 52-50 following the third quarter but were outscored in the fourth, 19-12.
Junior Brandon Giles scored a game-high 26 points - two

shy of his career best - to lead Harrison. He was 8-of-14 from the floor; he also had four rebounds and five assists.
Junior Dan Williams added eight points, freshman Stefan Burbridge and senior Andy Wingert seven apiece.
Senior Marques Thomas added five points and four assists; Burbridge also had four rebounds. The Hawks were 10-of-14 at the line.
Rocky Guest and Nick Fritz netted 16 points apiece for Lahser; Antoine Terrell and Mark Kipp added 11 each and Steve Hill 10. The Knights made 17 of 20 free throws.
Lahser is 6-7 in the OAA's Division III and 12-7 overall. Harrison is 1-12 and 2-17.
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different set of circumstances with the large courses and being up in the mountains.
We almost got it. It was a real close battle between Meryc and Marian, and we got edged out a bit."
In the slalom team scoring, Meryc junior Liz Kujala was first (1:23.42), senior Nicole Zaleski 17th (1:29.01), senior Margot Spera 36th (1:38.10), senior Nicole Cwirka 42nd (1:43.58) and sophomore Bridget Hunt 43rd (1:16.01). Sophomore Rachelle Beazley was DQed.
Kujala placed 13th in the giant slalom (1:03.61), Zaleski 18th (1:04.78), Beazley 30th (1:07.05), Spera 41st (1:10.14), senior Kelly Martin 47th

(1:16.56) and Cwirka 49th (1:20.54).
Overall, with individual qualifiers included, Kujala was sixth in the slalom and 17th in the giant slalom.
"The snow conditions were excellent - hard and fast," Gable said. "The longer courses gave the kids more speed, in the low to mid 40 mph. At that temperature (high of 5 degrees) and speed, it was a real cold eye-opener on the face."
"Of the many of teams I've had in Marquette, I thought this team adjusted well and overcame the nervousness that often comes with down-state teams going up there.
This team handled it well and it was a nice mix of upper-classmen and up-and-coming kids; so the experience is everything."
Grand Rapids Forest Hills

North's Stephanie Gage won the girls slalom (1:19.49) and giant slalom (1:00.56) championships.
CC's Repasky 18th in GS
Redford-Detroit Catholic Central senior Pat Repasky placed 18th in the boys giant slalom (1:03.84) and 40th in the slalom (1:22.15).
"This opening runs were excellent, he was right in there," Gable said. "After the first run, he was tied for 12th (in giant slalom).
On his second run, he took one turn a little wider than he should have. It was extremely competitive, and the talent level was very high. He couldn't afford any little slip.
That was skiing very well. He shouldn't have any regrets about the way he skied."
A mere .72 seconds was the

difference between ninth place and 18th in the giant slalom.
Repasky fell on both slalom runs but quickly got back to his feet and finished each time.
That little slip like that costs you too much time," Gable said. "He went down to the snow and popped up. Obviously, he had a very respectable time for doing those kind of errors."
CC senior Che Martinez competed in the slalom. He didn't finish his second run and didn't have a final time.
In ski racing, sometimes luck has to be with you," Gable said. "Not only is it talent and technique but a little bit of a break doesn't hurt.
Neither fell picked up a break in this one. But they had a great season. They're walking away with the fact they qualified for state and gave it their best shot."

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