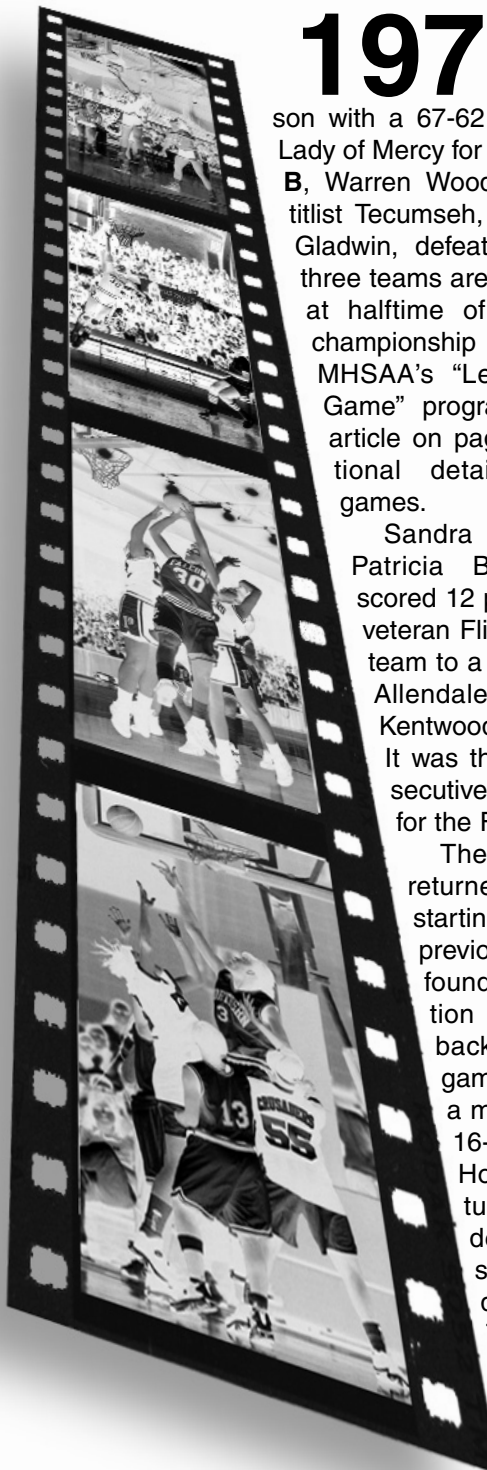


# Finals Flashbacks



## 1975

Detroit Northeastern closed out a perfect 21-0 season with a 67-62 win over Farmington Our Lady of Mercy for the **Class A** title. In **Class B**, Warren Woods slipped past defending titlist Tecumseh, 46-43, while in **Class C**, Gladwin, defeated Hopkins, 48-33. The three teams are being honored at halftime of the Class C championship as part of the MHSAA's "Legends of the Game" program. See the article on page 30 for additional details on these games.

Sandra Histed and Patricia Bentoski each scored 12 points to lead a veteran Flint Holy Rosary team to a 45-32 win over Allendale at East Kentwood High School. It was the second consecutive **Class D** crown for the Flint squad.

The Wolverines returned their entire starting five from the previous season and found little opposition to the march back to the title game. Leading by a mere two points, 16-14, at the half, Holy Rosary turned up the defensive pressure in the third quarter. Holy Rosary joined Tecumseh as recipients of the "Legends of the Game" honor in 2004.

## 1985

Western Michigan University's Read Fieldhouse played host to the tournament. In **Class A** action, Detroit Martin Luther King focused its attention on shutting down Flint Northwestern star Tonya Edwards. The approach worked as the Coach William Winfield's Crusaders posted a 45-36 win over the two-time defending champs. Edwards, who finished as the state's all-time career scoring leader with 2,307 points (since topped), was held to five of 22 shooting from the field, and 14 points overall in the contest. Senior LaTonya Thomas tallied 15 points and grabbed eight rebounds for King. Sophomore Denise Kirby added 14, including a key putback late in the game to give the Crusaders a five-point lead. It was only the second Class A crown for a Detroit Public School League. The first was Detroit Northeastern in 1975.

Making its third consecutive appearance in the **Class B** Final, Livonia Ladywood captured its second title in that span with a 45-41 win over Dearborn Divine Child. Sue Laliberte scored 12 points and grabbed 10 boards to lead Ladywood, but it was Jenny Nadeau's four free throws in the

**Debbie Waschewski of Warren Woods poured in 18 points in the 1975 Class B Final victory over Tecumseh.**



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final minute that sealed the win. She finished with 11 points. Dearborn center Sue Nissen led all scored with 18, including 10 in the third quarter.

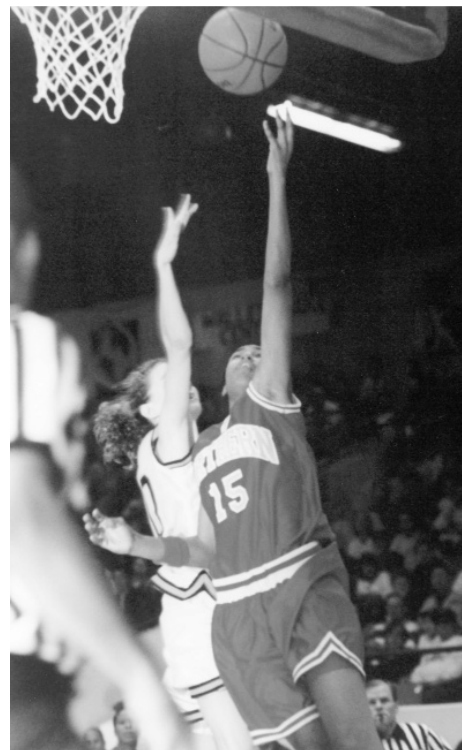
Newaygo successfully defended a late fourth quarter rally and its **Class C** crown, with a 46-43 victory over Detroit St. Martin dePorres. The Lady Lions watched a 10-point third quarter lead nearly evaporate as dePorres made its move. Four quick baskets by Daedra Charles and five points by Kazara Goins, including a bucket with 50 seconds remaining pulled the Eagles within four, 44-40. After a missed free throw by Newaygo, Dawn Douglas converted on a three-point play to draw dePorres within a point with 12 seconds to play. On Newaygo's inbounds pass, sophomore Erica Thomas was fouled. Although she missed the free throw, she stole the dePorres outlet pass and again was fouled. This time, with seven seconds remaining, she nailed a pair of shots from the charity strip to seal the victory. She finished with 13 points while her sister Keri Thomas, a senior, led the victors with 21 points. Charles scored 19 points for dePorres.

Newaygo was honored with "Legends of the Game" tribute in 2000. Potterville's Georgina Fry nailed a jumper with six seconds left in regulation to boost the Vikings to a 43-41 win over Ewen-Trout Creek in **Class D**. Trailing by as many as 14 points, Potterville shutdown Ewen-Trout Creek on their final six possessions en route to victory. Shelli Nemeth led the victors with 18 points, including 10 in the third quarter. The Vikings, led by veteran coach Sheryl Mox, ended the year with a flawless 28-0 record.

# 1995

At Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Deanna Nolan notched 16 points, while teammates Sheree Bates added 13 and Tawana McDonald scored 10 to lead Flint Northern, the **Class A** defending champs, to a 59-40 win over Walled Lake Central. It was the sixth crown overall for the unbeaten Vikings and second Class A title in

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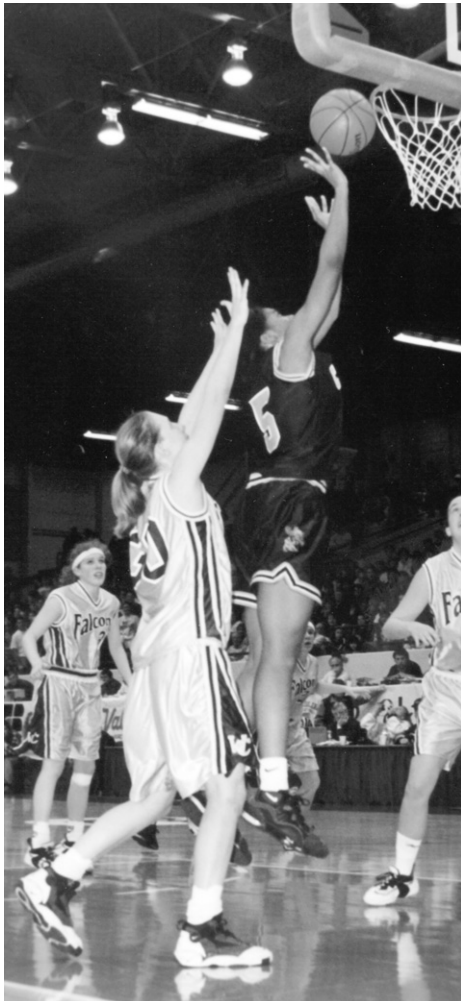
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*Flint Northern's Deanna Nolan helped lead the Vikings to the 1995 Class A title with 16 points vs. Walled Lake Central.*



*Newaygo's Kristin Long (22), Keri Thomas, Erica Thomas and Coach Stan Thomas enjoy were instrumental in back-to-back MHSAA Class C titles in 1984 and 1985.*

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*Jennifer Thomas made an impact as a freshman in Detroit Country Day's 1995 Class B title run.*

a row. Nolan, now a member of the Detroit Shock of the WNBA, displayed her overall skills, ending the day with 10 rebounds and six steals. Becky Cummings led Central with 15 points and 10 caroms.

Detroit Country Day earned its first **Class B** title, and second MHSAA girls basketball crown overall with a 44-32 win over Grand Rapids West Catholic. The Yellowjackets opened up a 21-13 lead at the half, as Kerry Duggan's pumped in seven of her game total nine points. Freshman center Jennifer Thomas finished with 21 points for Country Day, eight of which came during a 9-2 fourth quarter run. Carrie Roys paced West Catholic with 13 markers.



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*Lansing Catholic Central's Christel Rocha had a solid floor game in the Cougars' 1995 Class C victory.*

Star guard Maxann Reese was held to nine points, including one for 10 shooting from beyond the three-point line, as Lansing Catholic Central downed the two-time defending champs from Redford Bishop Borgess, 51-46 in **Class C** play. Havilah Cunningham tallied 23 points for the winners, including a pair of free throws with 1:03 to play, to give the Cougars a 47-46 lead. LaZandra White topped Borgess with 16 points.

Defending champion Portland St. Patrick took advantage of a distinct height advantage and downed a tenacious squad from Crystal Fall Forest Park, 49-39, in **Class D** play. With a frontline that averaged 5-10, the



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*Trisha Fedewa helped Portland St. Patrick to the 1995 Class D crown, the school's second in a row.*

Shamrocks dominated the boards, out-rebounded the visitors from the north, 42-27. Forest Park, which defeated three top 10 teams during its run to the title game, countered with a three-point attack. The Trojans established a new finals game record with 10-of-28 treys attempts, however, it was not enough to offset the balanced scoring of St. Patrick's. Sophomore Cindy Smith and junior Trisha Fedewa, finished with 12 points apiece, while senior Christie Smith, added 10. Forest Park sophomore Julie Hautala ended with 13 points, including four three-pointers.

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