



LAPPIN' IT UP - Lansing's varsity Mer-Cats are having another great season.

## Hoopsters Lose In Groton; Beat Marathon

By Ray Reynolds

In a mixed week for boys basketball, Lansing lost its Tuesday road games in Groton but pleased the home stand fans with Friday's twin wins against Marathon.

### Lansing JV vs. Groton

Lansing's JV entered the game hoping to offset its Christmas tourney loss, but the initial minutes seemed a repeat of their last outing as Lansing converting only 6 points in the 1st quarter. A strong effort had Lansing trailing by only 2 at halftime, 18-20.

In the 3rd quarter, a strong JV offense and tough defense pulled ahead at the buzzer, 31-30. The first half of the fourth quarter was a seesaw battle, but in the stretch Groton couldn't miss while Lansing couldn't convert giving Lansing a 35-46 defeat.

Ben Remski led Lansing with 14 points followed by Stephen Daniels with 10, Jon Smith with 7 and Jason Wood had 4.

### Varsity vs. Groton

The game started at a good pace with Lansing staying in reach 12-17 at the end of the 1st quarter. Lansing continued to nip Groton's heels throughout the 2nd quarter to close the halftime gap to 21-24. Up and back they went, but the 3rd quarter gap stayed steady at 34-37.

Lansing mounted a strong final offense and it was a close game 'til the last moments of play when Lansing ceased to convert and Groton pulled ahead to a 9 point lead we couldn't close. The 47-56 loss was a very disappointing loss for the boys.

### Homecourt JV vs. Marathon

With high hopes and a strong defense, Lansing restrained an aggressive Marathon

attack to stay one point behind, 12-13, at the quarter buzzer. Well-timed subbing and a good defense turned the tables to a 26-24 halftime lead. Both teams played excellent ball in the 3rd quarter to close out at a 36-point draw.

The final quarter started with a JV Bobcat hot streak that built to a 14 point lead that even the Olympians' last minute charge couldn't overcome as Lansing held on to a swee-ee-eeet 50-40 victory. "It was a complete team effort," said Coach Steve Sluty.

### Varsity Overcomes Olympians

Despite a stiff Olympian challenge in the final quarter, Bobcat hoopsters got a big morale booster with a 40-33 homecourt victory Friday night.

The cats' strong defense checked Marathon's drives and closed out the half 18-10. The onslaught continued in the 3rd quarter with Lansing exploding to a 13-point margin, 35-22.

Lansing suffered some costly turnovers in the final quarter with rebounders Tee and Drew in foul trouble and on the bench as marathon excelled at the foul line. Fortunately, Lansing's defense held and Eric Tee's return and two key foul shots held the line for a 40-33 victory.

Eric Tee led the scoring with 15 points. Brian Bowman had 8 points, Kyle Putnam had 6, Jacob Linderberry and Lucas Hibbard had 4 each and Willy Woods sank three. Brian Bowman converted on two Lansing 3-pointers.



HI-STEPPIN' BOBCATS put in a lot of practice time Saturday morning in the high school cafeteria preparing for the IAC Cheerleading competition under the direction of Coaches Linda Caliel and Michele Mason.

# Middle School Report Card (Cont'd)

All tables prepared by the Lansing Community News from data downloaded from the NYSED Internet web site <http://www.nysed.gov>

## Grade 6 Reading

The grade 6 reading test measured students' reading effectiveness and classified their competence at one of four levels from "minimum standard" to "mastery."

Questions have been raised about the standards used for measuring "mastery." According to the State Education Department standards, a sixth grader achieves mastery at his/her level by being able to comprehend Herman Melville's *Moby Dick*. Educators to whom the Lansing Community News spoke at several Tompkins County Middle Schools expressed bemusement that

this novel, often taught in college courses, is the official state standard for 6th grade reading mastery.

Lansing's performance in keeping its students at or above state minimum standards was about 10% better than the state average but lower than most of our neighboring schools.

Though Lansing had 40% more students at the "mastery" level than the state public school average, all neighboring schools were at a higher level.

Comparative performance tables for

GRADE 6 READING				
	% Above State Minimum Levels			% Above Mastery Level
	'93-'94	'94-'95	'95-'96	'95-'96
All NYS Pub. Schools	83%	84%	82%	40%
LANSING	97%	96%	93%	56%
DRYDEN	94%	93%	95%	60%
GROTON	94%	97%	99%	59%
SO. CAYUGA	94%	90%	92%	67%
BOYNTON	96%	96%	95%	74%
DEWITT	92%	98%	95%	74%

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Middle School testing levels in grade 6 math and social studies and grade 8 social studies will appear next week.

Comparative high school data for Lansing's performance on Regents examinations will follow.

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(All Meals Include Fruit, Vegetables, Juice & Milk)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 13-17	Spaghetti w/ mt.sauce Vegetarian Spaghetti Hamburger on a Bun (M) Hot Dog on a Bun (E)	Chicken Fajita w/ seasoned rice Hamburger on a bun (E) Steak-um on a bun (M)	Vegetarian Lasagna Chicken Patty on Bun	Cheese Pizza Can. Bacon Pizza	Fish Patty on Bun Cheeseburger on Bun
January 20-24	 <b>MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY</b>	Chicken Nuggets w/ rice & gravy	Taco Salad Hamburger on bun	French Bread Pizza	Super Bowl Lunch Hero Sub Cheese Bagel

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