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Mercy tourney run ends in regional final

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The 2009 Livonia Franklin girls [basketball team](#) is going where no other has gone before — the state Class A quarterfinals.

The Patriots captured their first regional championship in [school](#) history with a convincing, 49-31 triumph Thursday over Farmington Hills Mercy in the final at Milford.

Franklin (23-3) advances to the Elite Eight round 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the [University](#) of Detroit Mercy's Calihan Hall. The opponent will be unbeaten Temperance Bedford, which advanced with a 53-34 regional win over Romulus.

"I'm in disbelief; we're one of the top eight in the state. How do you absorb that?" second-year Franklin coach Dave McCall asked. "It really hasn't sunk in."

Mercy (16-9) came in on a hot streak, winning eight of its last nine. But the Marlins' full-court press, effective during its tournament run, was shredded by the Patriots in the first half.

Franklin, shooting 13-of-27 from the floor, led 16-5 after one quarter and 31-11 at halftime.

"Coach (McCall) showed us how to break it and had us ready," said Franklin senior guard Briauna Taylor, who had 12 of her game-high 15 points during the first half.

"After the first surge, I think (the Marlins) were second-guessing their passes. They were wondering whether to dribble or drive. Defensively, we knew we had to pressure and pressure them, and we got turnovers."

Mercy had difficulty solving Franklin's 2-3 zone defense, shooting only 3-of-21 in the first half while committing 14 turnovers.

"The top people in our zone anticipated well," said Franklin senior forward Brittany Taylor, who added 12 points. "Chelsea Williams got some deflections, and we were able to break their offense down."

Williams, a sophomore guard, contributed 11 points and helped disrupt the Marlins' three-point shooting attack along with 5-foot-1 sophomore guard Nicole Emery.

"One of the things that impressed me about them was that their transition game beat us down the floor for easy baskets," Mercy coach Gary Morris said. "We did not score early and they did a good job of handling our pressure. They are the best team to do that throughout the tournament."

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