

## **Feb. 6 MCT Girls Basketball**

### **Steinert gets another shot at Lawrence, tough match-ups for West, Stars**

The Mercer County Tournament girls' basketball seedings were announced today and the highlight game among township teams will be No. 7 Steinert hosting No. 10 Lawrence when first-round games begin on Monday, Feb. 13.

The game offers the Spartans a chance to make up for a woeful performance in a 41-31 loss at Lawrence on Jan. 17. Steinert shot just 25 percent with 19 turnovers in that game, at which a four-game winning streak reached its pinnacle. The Spartans have been playing much better since and will look to turn around that effort next Monday.

The other two township teams earned daunting tasks in the first round.

Nottingham's Lauren Kelly seems to be getting every challenge in the world thrown at her during her first season, as the No. 15 Northstars travel to second-seeded Trenton Catholic, which is the defending MCT champ.

No. 14 Hamilton will travel to No. 3 Trenton, which defeated the Hornets 55-39 on Dec. 20. The Tornados were last year's MCT runners-up and the game will likely be played as a boy-girl doubleheader with the Hamilton boys also playing the Tornados.

The other first-round match-ups are:

No. 16 Princeton at No. 1 Hopewell

No. 8 West Windsor-Plainsboro North at No. 9 Notre Dame

No. 12 Princeton Day School at No. 5 West Windsor-Plainsboro South

No. 13 Hightstown at No. 4 Ewing

No. 11 Robbinsville at No. 6 Allentown.

Second round games are Wednesday, Feb. 15, the semifinals are Friday, Feb. 17; (3 and 6 p.m. at Mercer County Community College) and the championship game is Thursday, Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m. at MCCC.