

# Mercy still rules Catholic pools

The Farmington Hills Mercy swimming team turned in a strong performance Sunday, winning another Catholic League championship at the Oakland University pool.

The Marlins, who were 5-0 in Catholic League dual meets and 7-3 overall, gained first place with 408 points. Birmingham Marian was second (352), followed by Livonia Ladywood (234), Harper Woods Regis (124) and Madison Heights Bishop Foley (76).

The Marlins won six events and were led by Andrea Hoefflein, a double winner.

"We swam very well," Mercy coach Jody Cooper said. "We had personal bests on 95 percent of the team. The kids who had state cuts going in to the meet were not fully tapered but their times were very good considering that."

"We had outstanding swimmers from our support swimmers and that's the reason we won. I'm very pleased with the girls' overall spirit. They have been great to work with this year."

Hoefflein won the 200-yard freestyle relay in 2 minutes, 1.20 seconds and she also took first place in the 100 freestyle (5:35). Michelle Welch gained first place with a personal best in the 200 Intermediate Medley (2:15.39) and

## State meet set

The Class A girls swimming and diving state meet will be Friday and Saturday at Eastern Michigan University's James Natatorium.

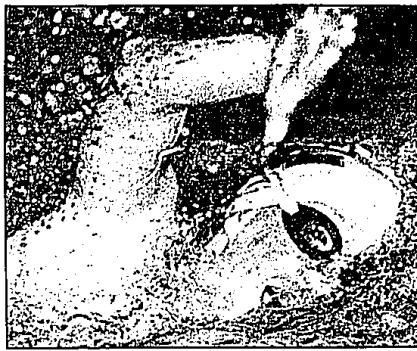
Swimming preliminaries begin at 2 p.m. Friday, with diving to commence no earlier than 5:30 p.m. The finals begin at 2 p.m. Saturday. There is a \$3 admission charge for preliminaries, \$4 for the finals.

The Class B-C-D swimming and diving meet will be Friday and Saturday at Michigan State University's Charles McCaffree Pool.

she took second in the 100 butterfly (1:03.60).

Bethanie Buddo won the 100 breaststroke (1:09.6), establishing a new league record in the preliminary rounds (1:09.31). She also took fourth in the 200 IM (2:19.88) after recording a personal best in the preliminary rounds (2:18.95).

Freshman Kristie Cordts had a state qualifying time by winning the 500 freestyle (5:25.77) and she also posted second place in the



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**Freshman power: Ninth-grader Kristie Cordts helped Mercy win the Catholic League swim meet by winning the 500 freestyle in a state-qualifying time of 5:25.77. She placed second in the 200 free.**

200 freestyle (2:03.75). Cordts earned a personal best in the preliminary rounds (2:02.95).

The Marlins' 200 freestyle relay of Hope Harrison, Caroline Konna, Katy Ronyan and Katie Scallen also recorded a season best time in winning their heat (1:45.79).

The 200 medley relay team of Harrison, Buddo, Welch and Hoefflein was second (1:56.20) and the 400 freestyle relay of Welch, Harrison, Scallen and Hoefflein also

took second (3:46.23).

Meg Wegmueller established a state-qualifying time with a third-place effort in the 100 breast (1:11.49).

In a "last chance" meet held Monday at Grosse Pointe North, Mercy recorded two more state-qualifying times. Welch qualified for the 500 freestyle with a personal best time (5:15.42) and Katie Scallen qualified for the same event (5:24.82).

# Salem's James Head selects Iowa, Big Ten

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The parents of Plymouth Salem senior James Head can look forward to making more cross-country trips in the future.

Head became the second member of his family to earn a basketball scholarship out of state when he signed a letter of intent on Tuesday to attend the University of Iowa. Head's sister, Dena, played on two national championship teams at the University of Tennessee and was national Player of the Year as a senior in 1991-92.

Jim Head said he doesn't mind logging several more thousand miles on his five-year-old van.

"You always find transportation for that (watching a son or daughter play)," the elder Head said. "We felt he would have the opportunity to play somewhere, and — it being a Big Ten school — it's an honor and privilege for those participating at that level. The coaches at Salem and the entire school staff prepared James well for the next level."

Head, a first-team All-Observer choice last year after averaging 14 points and 10.4 rebounds per game, said he was glad to sign during the early signing period, which started Nov. 10 and ended Wednesday. The 6-foot-6, 210-pound forward said he has passed

his ACT test and will be eligible to play as a freshman.

Head said he chose Iowa over several Big Ten schools.

"Iowa is the best place for me," he said. "I fit in real well for them, and I was real impressed with the staff, the way they handled themselves. Everything was first class. They recruited me as a student-athlete first."

Head made an official visit last month and became friends with Iowa sophomore Kenyon Murray, the former Mr. Basketball from Battle Creek. Head has never seen an Iowa game in person but was on hand for an intra-squad scrimmage at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"I was amazed by their fan support," Head said. "It was a practice game, and they had several thousand fans there."

Salem coach Bob Brodie said Iowa coach Tom Davis and assistant Rich Walker, who is from the Detroit area, started recruiting Head seriously last year. Head's stock improved over the summer when he played well at the ABCD camp at Eastern Michigan University, where Detroit Pershing's All-America candidate Willie Mitchell also played.

Head is the third Salem player Brodie has had who signed with a Division I school out of high school.

## OUTDOORS

### DATES AND EVENTS

#### ARCHERY

The Terminator 3-D course, featuring two challenging 30-target courses including one that is handicapped accessible, is open for practice 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays. Call (617) 529-8777 weekdays or 475-2830 weekdays.

Royal Oak Archers will hold a 3-D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 19, on its walk-through range in Lake Orion, 693-9997 or 693-1369.

#### FISHING CLUB MEETINGS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Maplewood Center in Garden City, 477-3816.

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School, 420-2233.

#### SEASONS

A special Canada goose season will be held Nov. 26-28 in the southern zone.

Firearm deer season ends Nov. 30.

A special pheasant season, with a one-bird per day limit, will be held Dec. 1-5 in an area west of US-23, east of US-131, south of M-57 and north of the Ohio/Indiana/Michigan border.

December elk season will be held Dec. 7-14.

#### SHOOTING RANGES

The gun range at the Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday, 666-1020.

The gun range at the Bald Mountain Recreation Area is open 3 p.m. to sunset Monday and Tuesday; 10 a.m. to sunset Wednesday; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 693-6787.

## OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS

#### HEY BEAR

Junior naturalists ages 9-13 will learn about Michigan's black bear through crafts, games, pictures and skins in this nature program, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday at Independence Oaks.

#### BIRD FEEDER

Build a bird feeder and learn what food birds like in this program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sat-

urday, Dec. 4, at Independence Oaks.

#### COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all Oakland County Parks programs, 625-6473.

## METROPARKS

#### ROAD TRAVEL

**ACROSS MID-ALASKA**  
A slide-illustrated trip through some of the most beautiful natural areas in the U.S. begins at 7 p.m. Friday at Stony Creek.

#### SNACK WITH SANTA

A snack and a hay ride or sleigh ride (depending on the weather) with Santa will be held at various times Saturday and Sunday at the Kensington Farm Center.

#### SNOWSHOE WORKSHOP

Buy a snowshoe kit and make your own snowshoes during this five-hour workshop, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday at Stony Creek Metropark. There is a \$6 registration fee. Advance registration is required.

#### COMMON SENSES

A family walk using all five senses to explore nature in new ways begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Kensington.

#### TURKEYS AND TOMAHAWKS

A program for children 8 and older in which participants will learn about some of the early foods Native Americans hunted and the methods in which they hunted them, begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at Stony Creek.

#### GRAPEVINE WREATHS

Learn to create a grapevine wreath in this nature program, which begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Indian Springs.

#### THANKSGIVING SAMPLER

A workshop for children 6-8 in which participants will explore the roots of our modern harvest festival by preparing and testing holiday recipes and making a harvest decoration begins at 1 p.m. Sunday at Stony Creek.

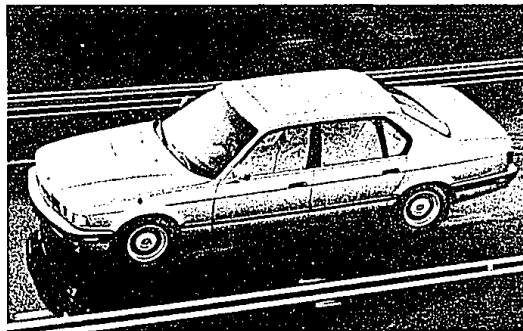
#### WINTER WILDFLOWERS

A lecture will talk about the natural history and folklore of local wildflowers begins at 2 p.m. Sunday at Kensington.

#### METROPARK REQUIREMENTS

Most Metropark programs are free, while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required, 1-800-47-PARKS.

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