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Farmington High's Cindi Melli splashes along in the 100-yard breaststroke event at the Oakland County swimming and diving championships Saturday in Oakland University's pool. Farmington

and Berkley tied for 10th place with 20 points. A story about the meet may be found on Page 2 of the sports section.

DAVID FRANK/staff photographer

Runners prepare for Class A finals

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy's cross country team has qualified for the Class A girls' state finals thanks to a strong showing at the Class A regional last Saturday.

Mercy, coached by Michelle Collins, scored 109 points to gain the third — and final — state qualifying place in regional competition at Cass Benton Park near Northville. Livonia Churchill and Redford Union, the top two teams, also qualified for state.

The girls' Class A state meet will begin at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, at the IMA Boswell Golf Course near Flint.

Mercy's top regional finisher was Ellen McCarthy, who placed fourth with a time of 19:40.9 over the 5,000-meter course. The next-best Mercy runner was Mamie Healey, who finished 21st with a time of 21:09.

Other Mercy runners: Barb Dayzewski (22nd, 21:18), Kelly Humphry (30th, 22:11), Helen Schneider (32nd, 22:16), Joan Davidson (40th, 23:09) and Laurie Huston (44th, 23:53).

Mercy won all three of its dual meets and finished third in the recent Catholic League tournament.

FOUR MORE Farmington-area girls — North Farmington's Beth Emery and Emil Yoshida, Farmington Harrison's Laurie Runk and Farmington's Annette Sulick — also qualified for the state finals.

They'll run in a special race for schools whose teams didn't qualify.

Runk placed 10th with a time of 20:25 in the girls' Cass Benton regional. Emery landed 13th (20:35), Sulick took

17th (20:59) and Yoshida came in 25th (21:41).

Two North Farmington boys, Brian Hobart and Chris Walker, qualified for the Class A state boys' meet, to be held Saturday morning at the same site. Hobart finished fourth overall in the Cass Benton boys' regional with a 16:16 clocking. Walker placed eighth in 16:31.

NORTH FARMINGTON'S boys won the traditional city meet Tuesday, scoring 19 points to beat Farmington (41) and Harrison (72) at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

Hobart won the 5,000-meter race with a time of 16:21, and teammate Walker was second in 16:37. Rest of the field: Farmington's Lenny Pitel (17:15), North's Kirk Armstrong (17:50), North's Eric Bennett (17:32), Farmington's Bryan Lawton (17:35), North's Ken Weine (17:41), Harrison's Mike Eker (17:44), Farmington's Bruce Kerr (17:49) and North's Tom Walker (17:53).

North's boys finished the dual-meet season with a 7-3 record.

In the girls' meet, held concurrently with the boys', Harrison beat North, 37-38.

Farmington didn't have five runners and thus no team score, but it did have the No. 1 finisher in Sulick, who turned in a time of 20:10. Farmington's Emery was second (20:45), and Harrison's Runk third (21:28). North's Yoshida and Farmington's Annette Benard landed fourth and fifth with respective times of 22:28 and 22:34.

North, Mercy cagers triumph

Amy Austin scored 14 points and Margie Lee added 12 as North Farmington defeated Westland John Glenn, 44-25, in a Northwest Suburban League girls' basketball game Tuesday.

North, now 7-1 in the conference and 13-3 overall, led by eight points (20-12) at halftime. Sophie Castiglioni led Glenn with 11 points.

Glenn, which has a 4-4 league record, hosts Garden City in a crucial NSL con-

test on Thursday night.

LADY OF MERCY froze the basketball for the last five minutes of play and beat Harper Woods Regis, 31-29, in a Catholic League Central Division game. Mercy is 16-0 on the season.

Sarah Stanford led Mercy with 10 points, and teammate Annette Ruggerio made two free throws late in the game to put Mercy up by three.



Tennis stars know the way to prep glory

By Tom Baer
staff writer

Megan Foster, Chris Nagel, Amy Schmidt, Tracy Balagna, Julie Canner and Leslie Lewiston should know the way to the Birmingham office of the Observer & Eccentric newspapers by now.

Last week, they were named to the O&E's All-Area Tennis Team for the third year in a row and had to make the annual trek to the office to have the customary photographs taken.

Erin Ashare, Kelly Davidson and Jeanne Gibbons are two-timers, having been picked for a second O&E All-Area appearance.

Those nine regulars were joined by newcomers Caroline Sobota, Jennifer Reason, Beth Bullota, Susan Pierce and Karin Olson on the elite group picked recently by a panel of area coaches.

As it has in the past, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, the perennial state Class B champion, dominated the dream team with five selections — singles players Foster, Sobota and Canner, and the doubles team of Lewiston and Gibbons.

Birmingham Marian, always a strong Class A contender, had two named, Schmidt and Reason.

Coach of the Year honors were shared by Kingswood's Nancy Rayn and Birmingham Seaholm's Lew Parry.

KINGSWOOD'S FOSTER recently completed her fourth year of varsity tennis by winning the Class B singles championship with a three-set, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3, win over Okemos' Kathleen Monczka.

Foster's 22-3 match record included victories over "name" players like Nagel, Schmidt and Balagna. She lost to Monczka in a dual meet, Ashare, and Grosse Pointe South's Meaghan McMahon.

"Megan possesses an intense competitive spirit of determination and persistence to win," Ryan said. "As our team captain, Megan exemplifies the very best of sportsmanship and leadership qualities."

SOBOTA, A SENIOR, was runner-up in the No. 2 singles flight at the Class B state meet, losing to Saginaw MacArthur's Amy Lichen, 6-2, 6-3, in the finals. Sobota, who spent her freshman and sophomore years at Kalamazoo Hackett High's No. 1 singles player, compiled a 19-3 match record this past season and won a regional championship at No. 2 singles.

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