

# Mercy nets 5th place at state meet

The Farmington Hills Mercy tennis team proved once and for all that it belonged among the state's elite teams, finishing in tie for fifth with Ann Arbor Pioneer at the state Class A tournament Saturday in Midland.

This did not come as a major revelation to Mercy coach Jim Kerwin. He had maintained all season that his team could play with the best.

The state polls, however, didn't believe him until the final few weeks of the season.

"We did as well as we could," Kerwin said. "Everybody earned points. I expected, well, I hoped for them to each get one point. Only one

person got to the semifinals and we still did well. If you get this kind of balance you'll do well. The team effort showed. You can't just have one or two outstanding players and expect to win the state."

Grosse Pointe South (25 points) edged Bloomfield Hills Lahser (24) for its 10th consecutive Class A crown. Ann Arbor Huron (10) and East Lansing (16) placed third and fourth. Mercy and Pioneer amassed 15 points each.

BECKY TASICH fought her way into the semis at No. 3 singles. She lost a grueling two-setter to Huron's Kelly Robinson, 7-6, 7-6. Tasich lost

the first tie-breaker 7-5, the second 12-10. Tasich was seeded No. 2 in the tournament, Robinson No. 3.

Mercy's No. 1 singles player, Nicole Transou, lost in straight sets to Huron's Wendy Stross in the quarter-final round. Transou was seeded No. 7, Stross No. 3.

Kathy Heimbach, seeded No. 5 at No. 2 singles, lost to No. 2 seed Kristin Orlowski in the quarters.

No. 4 player Carole Williams was ousted in the quarters by No. 1 seed Kristi Miner of Huron.

Mercy got an unexpected boost from its unseeded No. 1 doubles team. Kristin Orlowski and Cindy

## tennis

Vinall knocked off the No. 6 seeded Huron team in the second round before falling in the quarters to No. 1-ranked East Lansing.

Mercy's No. 2 team of Sue Kang and Shannon Fitzpatrick fell in the quarters to the No. 2 seeded Grosse Pointe North. Kim Walker and Kitty Pheny fell in the second round at No. 3 doubles.

The Marlins finished the dual

meet season with a 6-2 record and a share of the Catholic League title.

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Saturday at Midland  
Team results: 1. Grosse Pointe South, 25 points; 2. Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 24; 3. Ann Arbor Huron, 10; 4. East Lansing, 16; 5. (tie) Farmington Hills Mercy and Ann Arbor Pioneer, 15; 7. (tie) Birmingham Madison and Portage Northern, 14; 8. Midland Dow, 11; 10. (tie) Birmingham Seaholm and Grosse Pointe North, 9; 12. (tie) Grand Blanc and Grand Haven, 8; 14. Holland, 7; 15. Troy Athens, 6; 16. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 5; 17. (tie) Flint Powers, Plymouth Canton, Traverse City, 4; 20. Livonia Churchill, 3; 21. Dearborn Edsel Ford, 2; 22. Plymouth Salem, 1.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS

No. 1 singles: Meredith McGrath (Dow) def. Elizabeth Nau (Lahser), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.  
No. 2: Kasey Deaton (E. Lansing) def. Kristi Ashare (Lahser), 6-3, 6-2.  
No. 3: Nicole Ashare (Lahser) def. Kelly Robinson (Huron), 6-4, 6-2.  
No. 4: Beth Rault (Lahser) def. Sarah Mayes (G.P. South), 6-7, 6-0, 6-2.  
No. 1 doubles: Ann Nicholson-Kathy Raul (G.P. South) def. Jane Ward-Kim Oleson (E. Lansing), 6-2, 6-1.  
No. 2: Karen Twin-Amy Van Appeldoorn (Pioneer) def. Andrea Thomas-Lynda Raynes (J.P. North), 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.  
No. 3: Carolyn Chung-Hilary Cory (Portage Northern) def. Lisa Desser-Michèle Nauts (E. Lansing), 6-3, 6-2.

# Canton puts Falcon cagers to rout



RANDY BORST/Staff photographer

Canton's Tory Barger drives to the basket against Farmington's Carrie Hale Tuesday.

Plymouth Canton moved back into first place in the Western Lakes Western Division, knocking off Farmington 51-38 Tuesday night.

The Chiefs' win ties them with Livonia Churchill, which lost 58-52 to Walled Lake Central, atop the Western Division with 7-4 records.

Karen Boluch had the hot hand for Canton. She scored 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds. Penny Piggett added nine points and Michelle Fortier eight.

"Our girls did a nice job of moving the ball and getting it in the hands of the right people at the right time," Canton coach Rob Neu said. "Defensively, we did a pretty good job of challenging them and forcing them into doing things they really didn't want to do."

Farmington, which is without leading scorer Becky Philip (out for the season with a stress fracture in her leg), got 11 points and eight rebounds from Stacy Swanderski and 10 points from Carrie Hale.

The Falcons are 1-10 in the league, 1-12 overall. Canton is 8-6 on the season.

**NORTH FARMINGTON 43, FRANKLIN 41:** North's fourth straight Western Lakes victory was a barn-burner Tuesday night.

The Raiders trailed 41-39 with less than 30 seconds to play. Renee Fishell scored to tie the game with 20 seconds left. Sandy Spahn rebounded a missed Franklin shot and North worked the ball to Rory

Talamini. With two seconds left, Talamini sank a short jumper from inside the free throw line to win it for North.

Spahn led North with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Jenny Basford added eight.

For Livonia Franklin (4-9 overall, 4-7 in the league), Gayle Chiodo scored 13. Linda McCall and Rose O'Beys scored 11 each.

North, which plays John Glenn, Salem and Walled Lake Central in its next three games, is 6-5 in the league and 7-9 overall.

**MERCY 62, BISHOP BORGESS 28:** Jan Herberholz (16) and Yvette Malson (15) combined for 31 points to lead Farmington Hills Mercy Tuesday in a Catholic League Central Division clash.

Mercy (5-2 in the league, 9-4 overall) outscored Borgess 24-7 in the final quarter.

Borgess is winless in the league and 2-10 overall.

**STEVENSON 68, HARRISON 39:** Farmington Harrison didn't snap its losing streak, but it did muster more points than it has in more than two years.

Lesley Devine scored 17 and Tracey Radke added 15 for the improving Hawks.

Kristen Cislis scored 11 and Kristin Hellman 10 for Stevenson (3-8 in the Western Lakes, 4-10 overall). The Spartans outscored Harrison 22-7 from the line.

## Area skaters take ice

The Bloomfield Hills-based Detroit Skating Club will send 52 ice skaters to the U.S. Regional competition Saturday, Nov. 1, at the Academy Figure Skating Club-Ice Box II located in Brownstown.

The Detroit Skating Club will showcase its skaters in a special 4 p.m. exhibition Saturday at the club, 685 Denison Court, Bloomfield Hills. The show, "Pops on Ice," will feature the Detroit skaters in pre-junior to senior ladies, novice pairs, junior pairs, senior pairs and dancers at both the junior and senior level.

A \$2 donation will be asked at the door.

Many of the skaters reside in the Observer & Eccentric coverage area. Jodi Balogh of Livonia and partner Jerald Swallow of Northville, national finalists last year, are among the local contingent. They will compete at the senior pairs level.

Jennifer Bayer, a junior at North Farmington, has been paired with Jeb Rand of Atlanta and will compete at the junior pairs level. The team was formed just six weeks ago, but coach Johnny Johns is optimistic.

"THEY CAME together unusually late, but they should do pretty well," the highly acclaimed coach said. "There will be only two pairs competing at the regional so they'll make it to the sectionals. There will be eight or nine pairs there, so I'd say they have a very good shot to make it to nationals."

The top four finishers in each category at the regionals qualify for the sectionals Dec. 2-8 in Illinois.

For more information, call the Detroit Skating Club, 332-7133.

## sports roundup

**SOCCER:** North Farmington earned its first share of the Farmington city soccer championship Monday, but not exactly in the manner it would have preferred.

North and Farmington Harrison battled to a 0-0 tie. Both, thus, share the mythical crown.

North outshot the Hawks 18-15 and had a couple shots hang off the crossbar.

Goalies Gary Wegner of Harrison and Craig Nome of North were the game's standouts.

North finishes the season with its best record, 11-5-3.

Harrison was knocked out of the Class B state tournament last week, losing 7-3 to Dearborn in the district championship.

**GIRLS SWIM:** Farmington raised its record to 4-2 with a convincing 107-48 non-league win against Royal Oak Dendero.

Lori Kiel, Lauren Weary and Julie Kendall won two events each. Kiel took both the 200-yard individual medley (2:33.1) and the 100 breaststroke (1:18.2). Weary won the 100 butterfly (1:03.5) and the 100 backstroke (1:09.0). Kendall took the 200 freestyle (2:15.4) and 500 free (6:02.4).

Stacy Schalm won the 100 free (1:01.5) and Laura Hryczek won the 50 free (27.8).

Katie Hehl, Weary, Schalm and Kiel won the 200 medley relay (2:07.7) while Julie Kendall, Missy Kendall, Hryczek and Schalm won the 400 freestyle relay (4:15.6).

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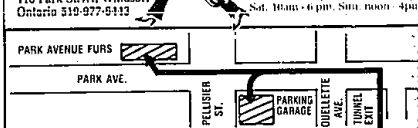
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