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Mercy whips Blazers

Amy Edward pitched a complete-game victory and drove in four runs Tuesday as Farmington Mercy clobbered Livonia Ladywood 12-3 in Catholic League softball.

Edward, who has all of the decisions for the 6-3 Marlins, walked four and struck out three. The sophomore hurler scattered nine hits.

Edward was two-for-three at bat and had an RBI single, a two-run double and a bases-loaded walk.

Molly McWood stole six bases, scored three runs and had one RBI. Linda Raymond and Kristin Orlandoni had one hit and two RBIs apiece. Raymond's RBIs came on a single and a walk, Orlandoni's on a base hit and a fielder's choice.

Mercy pitched a 1-1 tie with three runs in the bottom of the second inning and put the victory on ice with a six-run fourth.

In tournament play Saturday in Bay City, the Marlins defeated Saginaw High 13-8, but lost to Saginaw Swan Valley 7-2 and Clio 7-5.

Mercy, 2-1 in the league, played at Allen Park Cabrini Wednesday and has a double-header at Bishop Gallagher today.

SALEM 7. JOHN GLENN 4 Westland John Glenn outbit Plymouth Salem, but that didn't stop the unbeaten Rocks from claiming their sixth consecutive victory Monday.

Salem made its four hits count and also capitalized on seven walks to defeat the Rockets 5-1.

Kim Berrie, who struck out three and walked three, won the distance for the Rocks, who improved to 4-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.



Mercy's Amy Edward hurls the softball to a 12-3 rout of Livonia Ladywood. Edward toward home plate while pitching the Marlins has taken all of the decisions for Mercy, 6-3.

"I think we've got a pretty good team," said Salem coach Rob Willette, whose ballclub is ranked No. 9 in Class A. "If we were anything less than (6-0), I think I'd be disappointed, and I'm sure the girls would be, too."

The Rocks were never behind after pushing across their first run in the opening inning. Denise Tackett's base hit singled Jessica Handley, who had singled and moved up

on Marcelo Walker's sacrifice bunt. Salem added two more in both the third and fifth innings before John Glenn got its lone run on Lollita Burgess' RBI single in the sixth.

The Rocks took advantage of a bases-loaded situation in the third when Tackett and Sandy Oberliesen had back-to-back RBI sacrifice flies. Oberliesen had another sacrifice fly in the fifth and Walker an RBI single.

John Glenn's Dawn Williamson worked five innings and took the loss. She struck out four.

Burgess had two of the Rockets' four hits. In the John Glenn sixth, Christina Hoffman reached base with a two-out double, advanced on Jennifer Okon's single and scored on the base hit by Burgess.

The Rockets are 2-2 in the Lakes Division and 3-3 overall.

RANDY BORGST/Staff photographer

Potential is what rates with pros

THE EQUATION of life in America: Hard work equals success and financial reward.

Or so I'd been told. Silly me, I believed it.

It became evident in Tuesday's pro football draft of collegiate players that such a belief isn't true at all. Three Birmingham Brother Rice graduates proved it.

Paul Jokisch, Dave Yarema, John Henry; University of Michigan, Michigan State, University of Richmond. Who had the best collegiate career?

Jokisch, a wide receiver, caught 11 passes his senior season for 229 yards, a 20.8 average, two touchdowns. He had 58 catches for 1,083 yards (18.8 average) and eight TDs for his career.

Yarema was the most productive quarterback in MSU history. He hit 200 of 297 attempts as a senior for 2,381 yards, a 67.3 completion rate. All are team records. His 150.7 pass-efficiency mark was third highest in the nation.

Henry finished his career at Richmond (a Division IAA school) with team records for receptions (122) and yards receiving (1,422) for a tight end. He was a second-team All-American at his level as a senior, hauling in 50 passes for 609 yards.

Who's best? Which made the biggest contribution to their team?

IN THE TOPSY-TURVY world of pro sports, it should hardly be surprising that the only one drafted was Jokisch. He was selected in the fifth round by the San Francisco 49ers. Yarema and Henry were pondering free agent tryouts.

Does that make any sense? Not according to the rules taught us at an early age. Production counts, we were told.

Does it? Yarema produced. Henry produced. Jokisch, injured as a senior, didn't; yet he was drafted.

Does that make any sense? It didn't to Yarema. "I knew this would happen," he said. "I'm not surprised. I thought I'd go in the late rounds, if at all."

Yarema was pleased with his former teammate's fate. But Jokisch's selection hardly aided him in evaluating his own predicament.



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"I don't know why I didn't get a lot of looks (from pro scouts)," Yarema said. "I don't know. You got to wonder... The whole thing is puzzling to me."

HENRY TREATED the draft with an equal mix of puzzlement and disdain. While others like him faced the same anxious situation by never straying further than arm's length from the telephone, Henry spent Tuesday evening studying for a final exam with friends.

"I didn't really think I'd get drafted," the 6-foot-5, 225-pounder said. "You can tell by what the scouts say when they come by to test you. They talked about free agency to me."

Henry did get a call — Wednesday morning from the Denver Broncos. They offered him a free-agent contract.

Both Yarema and Henry will take their shots with the pros. Both realize their chances of making it are slim. "I've interviewed for some sales jobs. If football doesn't work out," Henry said.

JOKISCH HAD reason to be jubilant. At least more than his Brother Rice comrades. And why?

"I was a little disappointed," he admitted. "I thought I would go between the second and fourth rounds."

It's been a strange road that Jokisch has traveled. He went to U-M to play basketball, then switched sports after two years. He played three years of football and as a junior caught 37 passes, but a pulled hamstring hobbled him as a senior.

Jokisch has worked hard to make the transformation, to be sure. It certainly wasn't easy, particularly at a school like U-M. Yet his confidence never wavered.

"I always thought I'd be in that position, that I had that ability (to play

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Heavy stuff

Livonia host for 2-day weightlifting meet

By Brad Emons staff writer

The president of the U.S. Weightlifting Federation, Murray Levin, says his sport is making a comeback in this country.

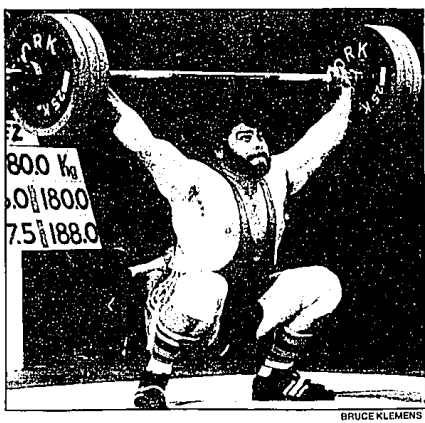
But whether the United States can compete internationally remains to be seen. Weightlifting followers may get a better indication this weekend when the 1987 National Championships and Pan American Games Trials will be held Saturday and Sunday at Eddie Edgar Sports Arena in Livonia. (See accompanying box).

Four Olympians and seven 1986 national champions will compete for spots on the 10-member U.S. team, which will compete Aug. 7-23 in Indianapolis, Ind., at the Pan Am Games.

"We went through a period of about 10 years where we went down," said Levin, who has been head of the federation for 13 years. "I lay the blame partially on drugs (namely steroids), but I think we learned that it takes more than a funny pill to lift 500 pounds. I think we've done everything in our power to wipe out drugs. Now we're getting rid of it."

ALTHOUGH THE United States captured two medals at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles, Americans have not fared well internationally during the past two decades.

In 1983, a promising lifter from Chicago, Jeff Richards (holder of four U.S. records), was suspended



Mario Martinez is a super-heavyweight who won a silver medal at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. He is one of the top weightlifters in the U.S.

prior Pan Am Games for using banned substances. He later charged that the testing was not valid, but lost his fight and was subsequently kept out of the Olympics.

"I think we're on the way up because we've cleaned up the steroid problems," Levin said.

"We were the first to sign up with the U.S. Olympic Committee's drug testing program. We've also had

stiffer penalties than any other sport."

Levin concedes that drug testing may not be foolproof.

"You hear that some of the other countries have found ways to mask certain substances, and I may be wrong about it (valid testing). But I believe we're testing correctly with the devices the U.S. Olympic Committee has developed."

DRUGS ALIVE, Levin believes the U.S. Weightlifting Federation, in conjunction with the U.S. Olympic Committee, has taken the necessary steps in training practices to enable our lifters to be more competitive on an international scale.

"I think that we have a great junior program right now. But I think it takes more than that.

"We have to change the attitude of the coaches, as well as the guys lifting. In Europe, places like Bulgaria, the athletes are hungry."

The U.S. Olympic Committee subsidized and housed promising lifters for nearly 1 1/2 years in Colorado Springs, Colo., Levin said, but the results were not encouraging.

"We weren't making the progress we had hoped for. We learned that it takes more than food and lodging."

Levin predicts a couple of American records will fall this weekend. He is confident Roberto "Tony" Urrutia, a three-time world champion from Cuba who defected to the United States seven years ago, could break two marks in the 75-kilogram class (175 pounds).

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Here's helpful hints for spectators

WHAT TO WATCH FOR AT THE PAN AMERICAN WEIGHTLIFTING TRIALS

Two lifts are contested in weightlifting, the snatch, and clean and jerk. Medals are normally given to the top three lifters in each individual lift category and for overall total, but in Olympic and national championships, competition medals are awarded for the overall total.

The snatch is the more technical and more explosive of the two lifts. It is performed in one continuous movement: The bar is brought from the floor to a position overhead using one hand motion. The lifter puts the bar to about chest height and then, in the moment before the bar starts to descend, puts his body into a squat position under the bar, securing it

overhead — arms held straight. The lifter must then stand and wait for the referee's signal, called a "down" signal, to lower the bar. The down signal is indicated by the sounding of a horn.

More weight is lifted in the clean and jerk than in the snatch, and the two separate efforts are opposed to one. For the clean, the lifter must pull the weight from the floor to his shoulders in one motion. The bar is pulled to about waist level, keeping it close to the body, close enough for the bar to brush the thighs. Then, before the bar starts to descend, the lifter puts his body beneath the bar, secures the bar on his shoulders or chest, and then stands erect. The jerk then follows in which the lifter thrusts the bar from his shoulders to a position overhead, again in one motion, and holds his legs foot and back. The lifter then brings his feet together and awaits the signal from the referee to lower the bar.

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