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## District soccer

Cheryl Waller of North Farmington heads the ball away from the Raiders' goals during first-round district soccer action Monday at North. Waller and her teammates held Mercy

to a 1-1 halftime score but succumbed in the second half, 5-1. See Page 4D for district results.

# Regional recount gives Mercy title

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Farmington Mercy and Southfield were locked in a heated struggle for first place all during the girls track and field regional at Bloomfield Hills Lahser Saturday.

And the question of which team would win the battle continued on after the meet had officially ended.

Southfield was announced as the winner, but there was some discussion about the scoring. Meet officials gathered for a recount, and it was determined the Marlins had actually accumulated the most points.

Consequently, the Mercy athletes took the traditional victory lap in front of an empty stadium since the crowd of spectators had departed before the real winner was declared.

**BUT THAT DIDN'T** bother the Marlins or coach Gary Servais, who also coached Mercy to the Catholic League girls cross country title last fall.

"We still won it," he said. "I thought (the meet) was very close, and I kept telling the kids all along every event was important."

"Then, afterward, a guy said to me 'Unofficially, we think you won,' and everybody (on the Mercy team) was going crazy."

"I said, 'Let's wait until we have something definite.'"

It was, after meet officials included results of the discus in the final tally.

At first it was thought the Blue Jays had won by six points, but the inclusion of Jeannette Turner's second-place finish in the discus gave Mercy an extra eight points and pushed them over the top, 84-78.

The Marlins captured their second regional championship and first since 1978. It was the first for Servais, who coached at Harper Woods Regina for four years and the Berk-

## girls track

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contest in 11:56.0.

**THE MARLINS HAD** four winning performances, including Chase Sanders' victory in the shot put with a throw of 34 feet, 6 inches.

In addition to Turner, who threw the discus 96-6, Mercy qualified its 400 relay team for state, too. Adana Amanze, Benita Brown, Michelle Smith and Kim Cook were second with a 51.8 time.

The top two finishers in each event and any other athlete or relay team meeting qualifying standards advance to the state meet on Saturday, June 4, at Eastern Michigan University.

There were other key contributions in such a tight meet. Servais pointed to the sixth-place finishes of Bernadette Raymond in the long jump (14-11 1/4) and Amanze in the 200 dash (28.4).

Without those two points, the Marlins would have been tied with Southfield or worse if the Blue Jays had taken those positions.

**ALL OF MERCY'S** relays scored points. The 1,600 squad of Lauren Hood, Megan Lombardi, Mollie Tenbusch and Sue Mello was third (4:11.3), and the 800 combination of Amanze, Brown, Smith and Mello was fourth (1:51.2).

In addition, Brigitte Dery placed third in the 3,200 run at 12:17.0. Sullivan also was fourth in the 800 with a 2:32.7 time and Hood took fifth place in the 400 dash in 1:03.3.

"It's been a real good year," Servais said. "What's real nice is that we only lose five seniors."

"Hopefully, everybody will come back, we'll get some new freshmen and everybody will continue to develop."

The Marlins' upcoming graduation losses will be Smith, Brown, Barb Cheaney, Moira Kordel and Carolyn Semerjan.

# Raiders rebound to gain return trip to state meet

North Farmington made the most of an opportunity to redeem itself in the Class A boys tennis regional at Redford Catholic Central.

The Raiders, who finished an unexpected third in the Western Lakes meet, bounced back two days later to finish second in the regional Friday.

"I think (the North players) were really happy and proud after the regional," coach Marianne Ring said. "They were pretty disappointed after the conference tournament, but I think they should have been. They weren't too intense, and I told them so on Thursday."

**NORTH'S SOLID** showing in the regional means the Raiders will be going to the state meet for the second straight year. North qualified for the first time in school history a year ago.

"We did very well after the conference on Tuesday," Ring said. "We played so poorly (in the league meet) I didn't think we were going to qualify."

"In a way, it was good," she added. "It motivated them to play well Friday."

The Raiders had no regional

## tennis

champs, but they got two to the finals and used a balanced effort that saw North reach the semifinals at all seven flights.

Catholic Central was the Raiders' nemesis, however. The regional champion Shamrocks had all four singles winners and eliminated North in all three doubles semifinals.

**NORTH'S JAY** Graff won his first three matches by 6-0, 6-0 counts and advanced to the final where he was stopped in three sets by CC's Tony Mikulec.

At No. 4 singles, Joe Howitt drew a bye and won two matches, including a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Thorton Hill of Lathrup. But, again, it was a CC player, Paul Boxyk, who blocked the final step to a possible regional title.

Josh Hoffman lost to George Gerigk of Livonia Stevenson, the Western Lakes champion, in the semis, and Gerigk was felled by highly-

rated Steve Campbell of CC in the final, 6-1, 6-3.

Class A boys went three sets with second-seeded Scott Smith of Livonia Franklin before being eliminated. Wells was ahead in the last set and, according to Ring had played his best tennis of the season to that point, before Smith rallied to take the match with a 6-3 win in the final.

Alex Steinbock and Brian Seisman avenged a WLA loss to Walled Lake Western's No. 1 doubles team and won another match before facing CC's top duo.

**AT SECOND DOUBLES**, Matt Berman and Jason Greenberg tipped Detroit Cooley (6-1, 6-1), avenged a previous loss to Franklin in three sets and played well, Ring said, but lost to the Shamrocks.

Brian Lance and Tim McMillan coasted past Walled Lake Central (6-0, 6-0) and Southfield (6-1, 6-1) opponents at No. 3 doubles but dropped a three-setter in the final (6-3, 3-6, 3-6).

The Raiders, who were 14-0 in dual meets, slipped from No. 10 in the state rankings but are listed among the Class A honorable mentions this week.

# Harrison 2nd in regional

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook scored a perfect 28 and captured the Class B regional championship boys tennis tournament it hosted on Friday.

The Cranes won all seven flights and easily outdistanced Farmington Harrison which placed second with 19 points. Warren Fitzgerald placed third with 12 points, followed by Royal Oak Shrine (10), Redford Thurston (8), Clawson and Detroit Renaissance (7), Center Line, Oak Park and Madison Heights Lamphere (6), Livonia Clarenceville (1) and Ortonville-Brandon (0).

Cranbrook, the state's No. 1-ranked Class B team, won all seven flights in straight sets.

Chuck Foster took No. 1 singles with a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Fitzgerald's Jeff Herring. Greg Ariz captured No. 2 singles with just one loss in 13 games over Thurston's Dan Kanopsky.

Paul Wolf and Ravi Govila took the next two singles

flights with victories over opponents from Farmington Harrison. Wolf took Brad Small without dropping a game and Govila stopped Jamie Ryke by identical 6-1 scores.

Cranbrook's Eric Krupa and Jason Hechtman took No. 1 doubles with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Rick Brookhaus and Sean Haines of Harrison.

The other two doubles matches also involved Cranbrook wins over Harrison.

Bobby Kim and Dan Lyne defeated Todd Herremans and Chris Sarfield at No. 2 flight, 6-0, 6-1, while Leo Goosen and Ike Kim stopped Chris Riggio and Jason Rosenfield at No. 3 flight, 6-4, 6-1.

Cranbrook will attempt to defend its Class B state championship June 3-4 at Kalamazoo College. The Cranes have won seven of the past eight state titles, losing only to powerful Okemos in 1986.

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