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Kerry Doran earned a spot on the All-Observer team in the individual medley as a freshman last season. North Farmington will be counting heavily on Doran to lead the defending league champions this year.

Talent losses hurt Raiders

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Coach Pat Duthie had a veteran girls swimming team at North Farmington last year and knew what he could expect from it.

It's the other way around this year.

The Raiders had a memorable '87 season, winning the Western Lakes Activities Association championship, compiling a 10-1 record in dual meets and placing fourth in the Class A meet.

North lost eight seniors from that team, including longtime mainstays Cindy Cramer and Amy Menelliey.

"Last year we were a very mature team," said Duthie, the Observer's coach of the year last season. "This year we're a young team."

"It will be an interesting season, because we'll be finding something out every time we swim." Cramer, who is competing at Brown University, finished among the top six in the state in the individual medley and breaststroke for four years.

She was second in the state in the latter event as a senior and 17th in the nation, earning All-America recognition. Menelliey was a key freestyler throughout her career.

In addition, Mary Mulbarger, who would have been a junior, moved to Columbus, Ohio. She was sixth in the state in the breast and eighth in the IM.

"Plus, two would-be freshmen moved," Duthie said. "We've experienced some things that are unusual."

"They've put us in a situation we have to get everything out of the kids we do have and the newcomers."

The Raiders aren't exactly starting over, however. They return three fine swimmers in senior Laurie



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The top returnees on North's team are (left to right) Christie Duthie, Kerry Doran, Laurie Oswald and Kristen Celko. The Raiders lost a

number of key people from their '87 team but should be a contender once again.

Oswald, junior Christie Duthie and sophomore Kerry Doran, a member of the All-Observer team.

"I think we have the two fastest butterflyers we've ever had," said coach Duthie of Doran and his daughter.

In the Class A meet, Doran was runnerup in the IM and eighth in the butterfly, and she undoubtedly is a key to North's season, which begins Thursday, Sept. 15, at West Bloomfield.

Oswald placed seventh and eighth in the state, respectively, in the 500 and 200 freestyles. Duthie was 12th in the 50 freestyle and just missed placing in the butterfly.

Seniors Nancy Wetterholt and Josale Komar, who will serve along with Oswald as tri-captains, are other key returnees whose specialties are the

freestyle sprints. Wetterholt also is a capable butterflyer, Duthie added.

Junior Michelle Starrs and sophomores Kristen Celko, Julianne Markey, Amy Duthie and Jennifer Wagner have varsity experience, too. Starrs is a diver, Celko, Markey and Duthie are strong backstrokers and Wagner will help in the freestyle events.

Coach Duthie is anticipating help from newcomers Cady Carnko and Terri Wolf, both freshmen, and Kelly Kershaw, a sophomore.

North can put Oswald, Doran and Christie Duthie together in either relay. But the Raiders are looking for the fourth person and trying to determine if it should be a backstroker for the medley or a fourth freestyler.

"We're looking forward to the challenge," Duthie said. "We certainly will have difficulty doing what we did last year."

"But we're working every bit as hard, and I'm sure we'll see some of our swimmers come a ways. We still have enough good kids that people will know we're still around."

FARMINGTON

Lauren Weary heads the list of returning swimmers who hope to hold, if not improve, the Falcons' standing in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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Mercy ready to defend title

By Steve Kowalski
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The prospects for the upcoming season are just as good, if not more encouraging than a year ago, for defending Catholic League girls cross country champion Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Marlins, who were second in their region and 25th in Class A, return five of their top runners and have added some new talent, too.

"Believe it or not, I think we're better than last year," second-year coach Gary Servais said. "Judging by our workouts, we look a lot stronger."

Mercy lost a pair of All-Catholic runners to graduation, however. Moira Kordel and Barb Cheaney, the Nos. 1 and 2 runners, are competing for the University of Detroit and Michigan State University.

Including Elizabeth Galvin, three of the Marlins' top seven are gone.

But the holdovers are of such quality that Servais is confident Mercy will not only survive but remain a league contender.

Junior Brigitte Dery and Wendy Knight head the list of returnees. Dery, who also was All-Catholic, was third in the regional 3,200 run in track.

Senior Noelle Gates, who was on Mercy's league and regional championship 3,200 relay team, didn't letter in cross country, but Servais is impressed by her ability and expects her to be among the top five.

The Marlins also return junior Sande Taylor and senior Debbi Cool. An Improved Taylor should move up from No. 7 to possibly the No. 3 spot, Servais said.

Cecile Goebel, a junior with no background in the sport, is a promising newcomer whom Servais believes will help Mercy immensely.

"She has a lot of raw talent, but

girls cross country

never ran cross country," he said. "She has to learn about running."

Junior Katie Padillo and sophomore Kris August will contend with Cool for the Nos. 6 and 7 positions.

Depth is something Servais is concerned about, however.

"Last year we had 10; this year we're five or six deep," he said. "We have 18 (out for the team), but nine are new. Some are going to come a long ways."

"Without injury or illness, we have a good chance as long as we keep working hard. If nothing drastic happens, we should be right in there."

FARMINGTON

The Falcons have won two consecutive Western Lakes Activities Association titles and five runners return to defend such status.

Farmington, which also won the Lakes Division in 1987, was 8-9 in dual meets. Leading the list of returnees are juniors Jennifer Kiel, Margaret Martin and Amy Trunk, all two-year letter winners. Kiel, Trunk and Martin will run in the Nos. 1, 2 and 3 positions, respectively.

Trunk and Kiel have the best times of those returning, and "both have a shot at the school record," coach John Barrett said. Bonnie Slesker, who graduated, set the standard last year. Judy McKeever also is a key loss to graduation.

That hasn't dimmed Barrett's outlook for 1988.

"We hope to maintain our league standing, try to regain our confer-

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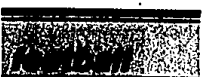
By Brad Emons
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Toledo Central Catholic was no match for Redford Catholic Central in the 1988 prep football opener for both teams.

Toledo CC managed only 99 yards total offense in a 34-0 loss to the state Class A runnerup from Michigan in a game played Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Running just 18 plays during the first two quarters, Toledo CC found itself down 17 points at halftime. The Irish were never able to recover.

"We didn't do a very good job on the line of scrimmage and we turned it over too much," said Toledo CC coach Greg Ballie, whose team qualified for the Ohio state playoffs last season. "When you



have that combination of errors, you can't expect to win."

Redford CC took the opening kickoff and marched 57 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown, capped by Lee Krueger's 1-yard plunge.

Krueger, a 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior and one of only four returning starters for Redford, scored again on a 3-yard TD run with 8:35 left in the second quarter. He finished the night with 70 yards in 20 carries, while senior halfback David Owens, making his varsity debut, led with 78 yards in 17 carries.

TOLEDO THEN handed Redford

CC three more points when Pele Elezovic booted a 21-yard field goal as the half ended after Irish had taken an ill-advised timeout with four seconds to play.

Toledo CC's only serious scoring chance came midway through the third quarter when fullback Art Bates broke loose on a 47-yard run. He was tripped up at the Redford CC 14 on a diving tackle by Chris Johnston. But Toledo's drive stalled when Kelly Parton's 31-yard field goal attempt missed wide right.

"That was a great tackle by Johnston because he had to run that guy (Bates) down," said Redford CC coach Tom Mach. "And he (Bates) has good speed. Johnston gained a lot of ground on that play."

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