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Mercy going after 22nd league title

By Steve Kowalski staff writer

If last Saturday's 10th Annual Griffin Memorial Swimming and Diving Relays was any indication, 1988 should be another successful campaign for Farmington Hills Mer-

cy.
So what's new? The Marlins have claimed 21 consecutive Catholic

claimed 21 consecutive Catholic League titlets. Mercy won the 11-team relays at Brighton High School, earning 84 points and outlistancing second-place Milan (76). West Bloomfiels secured third place with 70 points. Mercy has a new coach, Chuck McClune, but he is no stranger to the Mercy program. McClune, who previously coached the Farmington Harrison girls team, also coaches Redford Catholic Central's boys team, which trains at the Mercy pool. McClune replaces Paul Schroeder.

"We have a number of girls just on

Schroeder.

"We have a number of girls just on
the verge of some major achievements," he said. "And with some extra hard work we'll have a strong
group of state championship qualifiers."

swimming

team of Katle Westhoff, Katle Knipper, Liz DeMaitla and Mary Quinn placed first at the Griffin Memorial in 421.59. Also placing first was the 400 Individual medley relay squad of Westhoff, Knipper, Anne Lang and DeMaitla, clothing 435.94.

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meets," McClune said.

Mercy's future looks bright with
the expected improvement this fail
from the sophomores. Leading the
class are Michelle McCaffrey, Polly
Tenuta and Joan Huelimantel.
Knipper, a freshman, is perhaps the
most promising youngster.

"Our sophomores should be even
better with an extra year's experience," said McClune. "Our goal this
year is to have each swimmer perform up to her full potential. Indeed,
given the impressive Mercy High
School swimming legacy, look for
another successful season from the
Marlins."

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New coach Dean Kendall expects
leadership from the two Murany sisters, Kelly, a senior, and Jill, a sophomore.
The 20-year-old Kendall graduatof from Livonia Franklin in 1986
and currently attends Schooleraff Community College. Last fail, be
was an assistant coach for the boys
team at Northville.
"It's going to take a while for us
all to adjust," said Kendall. "We'll be
a pretty good team. I hope to get a
relay team and one of our seniors to
the state meet."

Falcons impress coach with solid performance

Farmington's participation in the West Bloomfield Invitational was a learning experience Saturday for boys cross country coach Jerry Young.

He learned he might have underestimated his 1988 team after the Faicons finished third in the Division II race for smaller Class A schools.

Young has only two seniors back from the team that won the Western Lakes Activities Association crown a year ago, but it appears Farmington has come up with another quality outili.

"I thought this group was a year away, but we just might be a little better," Young said. "We've got air or seven kids who are close together, and we might do a little better," Young said. "We've got air or seven kids who are close together, and we might do a little better," Young said. "Beloom with a ninth-place finish and 17:08 time. Sophomore Ben Goba, running only this second race, had the same time but was accorded 10th place.

THE EVE-OPENIER was the fact that a mere 45 seconds stood between Farmington's top live runners in usuch a big early-season meet.

Paul Brandt, the other senior and co-capitaln along with Moore, run a 17:38 time that pleased Young and Iniahed 27th. Greg Endres was 32nd at 17:46 and Mark Mitchell 36th at 17:33.

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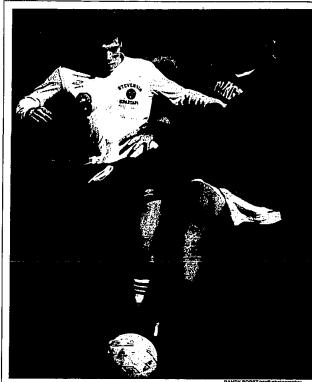
Young noted the Falcons were one minute, 27 seconds better among their top five runners than they were a year ago in the same meet.

"That's about 20 seconds a man," Young said. "That's not a bad deal; I'll take it.

"It was definitely a real good early-season performance. We were hoping to be among the top six or seven (teams) and we got third. And we beat some pretty good teams."

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Holly won the division that included Farmington with 87 points, runner-up Swartz Creek had 109 and the Fal-cous 114. Mouroe won the bigger-school race with 21 points, and Redford Catholic Central was second with

"MONROE AND Catholic Central would have beaten us, but none of the others in the other division would have," Young said. "There were 40 teams there, and being the fifth best was a real nice performance."



Pat Pucher of Stevenson and Pete Elmagrabi of Farmington (right) battle for possession of the half in Monday's soccer game. The Falcons suffered their first deteat after three victories.

Farmington suffers loss

when offered something for free, it's usually wise to take advantage of the opportunity.

Kurt Will applied that theory to the soccer field applied that theory to the soccer field applied that theory to the soccer field windows gight, version in the Spartan's 5-2 win over visiting Farmington. One of Will's goals came on a free kick to open the scoring, and the other came minutes later when he beat Mike Sheehy on a penalty kick.

"We work on the free kick a lot in practice, and it's worked there and today, too," said Will, who scored 13 goals a year ago. "We

soccer

just pass it around the wall to me and I shoot it."
Also collecting goals for Stevenson were Auron Brown, Eric Schwedt and Doug Morrell. Picking up assists were Schwedt, Derek Williford, Pete Galea and goal-keeper-Jerry Smoleski.
Joe Crow scored both goals for Farmington, which fell behind 4-0 at haltume.
THE WIN improved the Spartans' record to 2-0. It was their

Lakes Division opener. Farmington fell to 3-1, 1-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activites As-

of the Western Lakes Activites Association.
Stevenson carried the play early and was the beneficiary of two yellow penalty cards assessed against Farmington deep in the Faicons' zone. Both cards against Farmington resulted in Will's socres. Stevenson also was given a yellow card in the first half, but Farmington falled to capitalize.
Farmington coach Cathy Cole claimed at least one of the yellow cards wann't deserved and they killed any momentum the Faicons were trying to build.

Marlins seek initial win against tough opposition

By Dan O'Mears staff writer

Farmington Mercy's basketball team will be seeking a solution to its shooting wose tonight in the Eighth Annual Mercy Hoops Classic.

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Mercy, which fell to 9-2 with a 45-35 loss at St. Joseph last Saturday. They were a worthy opponent, askes on No. 9-rated Plymouth Caston in the second half of a double to in the second half of a double for the second half of a double

year, returns 6-foot-1 center Wendy Merriman, scored 18 points and sparked a fourth-quarter rally in the title game. She was subsequently named the tournament's most valu-

title game. She was subsequently ammed the tournament's most valuable player. Merriman, a second-team all-stater as a junior, averaged 16 points and eight rebounds for the Trojans, who finished 1987 with a 22-3 record. Five-foot-3 senior Liss Anderson, a defensive specialist, and 5-3 senior Nikhi Kulik, oos of the best jump shooters to play basketball at Travestee to jump and the senior Liss players be that year, are even to yellow the State She averaged 11 points last season. Senior Liss of an 18-KETTERING. COMMING off an 18-KETTERING. COMMING off an 18-

points last season.

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Bryce. Leigh averaged 8th rebounds,
Bryce II-plus points.

While players such as Albrecht,
Stephens and Edward do the social junior Jenny Ciniton keys the Mercy
offense from her point guard position.

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scholarships—the latest being Adrieans Clark, of Mercy, now at Drahe
University with former teammate
Yvette Malean—since the tournement began in 1981.
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