

Mercy defeats rival Mustangs

Farmington Mercy ran by Birmingham Marian in a Catholic League cross country dual meet Monday at Cass Benton Woods, 23-34.

The Marlins, 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the Central Division, claimed the top three times. Marian fell to 3-1 and 2-1.

cross country

Invitational by placing third in the 12-team contest.

Edsel Ford and Milford, both state-ranked teams, finished first and second with 51 and 82 points, respectively. The Falcons edged Waterford Mott for third place by one point, 100-101.

Jennifer Kiel paced Farmington with a third-place finish and 20:33 time. Jenny Derwinski came in 14th at 21:47, Maureen O'Dell 19th at 22:00, Sherri Vitale 20th at 22:55 and Carrie Walter 35th at 23:37. The top five runners received medals.

The Falcons were minus Amy Trunk, who was out with an injury, and Margaret Martin, who was out of town.

"I think we could have beaten Milford if we had all of our top runners," Farmington coach John Barrett said. "We're trying to keep everybody in shape for big meets down the line."

FARMINGTON'S GIRLS made a fine showing in the Royal Oak Shrine

Farmington boys 6th in invitational

A depleted Farmington boys cross country team placed sixth Saturday in the 15-team Royal Oak Shrine Invitational.

Redford Catholic Central, No. 2-ranked in Class A, recorded 41 points to claim first place. Milford was second with 80, Birmingham Brother Rice third (94) and Pontiac Central fourth (123).

Dearborn Fordson was fifth with 155 points, and Farmington, competing without three of its top five runners — Ben Goba, Greg Eddres and Mark Mitchell — was sixth with 166.

CC's Mike Sheridan beat the rest of the field with a time of 16:27. Jeff Fedewa, also of CC, was fifth at 16:52.

"With three of our top runners out, we knew we would have problems," Farmington coach Jerry Young said. "CC certainly is the best team in the area without any question."

"This was not as important a meet as some we go to, but we would like to have done better."

Brad Moore had Farmington's best time, finishing 17th at 17:20, and Paul Brandt was 27th, crossing the line at 17:45. Matt Langdon was 33rd (17:54), Kevin VanOrd 43rd (18:31) and Dariusz Mohrman 46th (18:39).

North-Salem clash top game

By Brad Emons and Dan O'Meara staff writers

grid predictions

Emons likes Churchill at home. O'Meara predicts a Franklin revival.

Lv. Stevenson at Westland Glenn: Last year Stevenson caught Glenn napping, putting off the upset. Expect the host Rockets (4-0) to be wide awake and ready for war. The only problem is that Stevenson's troops are depleted, even if star tailback Rob Chanko returns. PICKS — Glenn makes its five str. light.

Northville at Pky. Canton: The poor Chiefs (0-4) have no where to go but up, while the Mustangs (2-2) appear to be better than a .500 club after toppling Churchill last week. PICKS — Canton can't control the Mustangs.

Farmington at Walled Lake Central: Both teams are 0-4, but Farmington has yet to score a point. The Falcons' rookie quarterback is giving rookie coach Rick Milner his first victory. PICKS — Farmington may have to wait another week, Emons takes Central.

Redford Union at Jackson Northwest: Ever been to Parma? It's home of the Panthers, too. Under Duane Kaiser, who is returning for his second stint as coach, Jackson Northwest is 3-1 using a balanced offensive attack led by quarterback Chad Logan. The secondary is also tough, which should make things interesting for the RU Panthers' potent passing duo of John Burdick and Joe Deligauze. RU's line, however, has been decimated by injuries. PICKS — RU goes to 3-2 because of the tougher schedule.

Dtn. Fordson at Wayne Memorial: When we last saw Wayne beat Fordson? The erratic Zebras (2-2) are certainly capable, but can they stop the Tigers' ground game? A Wolverine A

League title is now remote for Wayne, but the role of spoiler is still available. PICKS — Emons says Wayne breaks the ice. O'Meara says Fordson is too formidable.

Lutheran West at Clarencville: The Jekyll and Hyde Trojans (2-2) will be matched against a team that is young and inexperienced. The game pits two outstanding running backs, Andy Weight of Clarencville and Troy Simon of West. Simon gained 163 yards in 18 carries in last week's thumping of Hamtramck. PICKS — The coin please, it's Clarencville, according to Emons. But it came up heads for Lutheran West when O'Meara tried it.

Edsel Ford at Garden City: Edsel Ford (2-2) is coming off a big win over Redford Union, and the Cougars are 1-3 after losing 8-7 to first-place Woodhaven. It will be Senior Night at Garden City. PICKS — Even if their engines don't roar, the Thunderbirds come out a winner in this Northwest Suburban League game.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

(all 1 p.m. unless noted)

Pky. Salem at N. Farmington: It's gut-check time in the W.L.A.A. Each team has played a relatively cupcake schedule. North must stop Salem's dangerous wishbone. Salem must be able to stop Raider running back Joe Sturtz. PICKS — North stays unbeaten.

Walled Lake Western at Farm. Harrison: Turn out the lights, the party is over for Western's one-game winning streak. Unbeaten Harrison must have patience because the W.L.A.A. championship game is still three weeks off. PICKS — Emons will never pick against Harrison again, even if it's against Cincinnati Moeller.

Vestaburg at Lutheran Westland: Vestaburg is only 1-3, but last week the Wolverines upset state-ranked Bay City Al-Saints, 12-6, behind the passing of Chad Palmer, who threw for two TDs and 108 yards. Lutheran Westland (2-2) is coming off a 29-0 loss to previous winless Grosse Pointe University-Liggett. PICKS — The visitors from up north are a sure bet.

Allen Park at Redford Thurston: The Eagles nearly got their first victory last week, going to triple overtime before losing to Melvindale. Meanwhile, Allen Park (2-2) had to rally to beat league leader Taylor Truman last week, 21-14. PICKS — Thurston is still searching for some offense, Allen Park hangs on.

Bishop Borgosa at Harper Woods Notre Dame: Both teams are 1-3 and appear to be evenly matched. For the winner, it provides hope for only the next week in the black-and-blue Catholic League Central Division. PICKS — Emons says the Irish find a little bit of luck. Don't let Saint Patrick or Father Flanagan, but O'Meara isn't supporting the Fighting Irish in this one.

Redford CC vs. H.W. Bishop Gallagher: Gallagher pulled off a mild surprise last week, upsetting Warren DeLaSalle, 7-0. The Lancers (2-2) haven't done well against CC in the past, but this could be a tougher game than expected. PICKS — The Shamrocks run their record to 5-0.

SUNDAY'S GAME

St. Agatha vs. Redford St. Mary's (1 p.m. at Detroit Benedictine): The Aggies have won two straight after losing a pair of tough non-league games to Detroit Country Day and Traverse City St. Francis. Redford St. Mary's (1-2) got hammered last week by Oakland Catholic, 25-0. Clarencville also routed the Rustics in the season opener. PICKS — The Aggies drive another nail into the Rustics.

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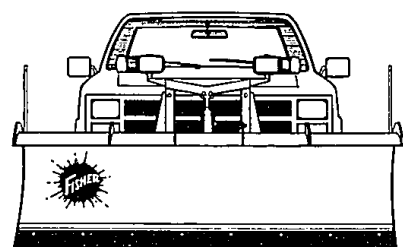
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