

Raiders, Harrison all tied up

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"He played well in the first half," Duggan said. "The Hawks could have scored a couple more when we played terribly. But that's true, we didn't need him in the second half."

After the Hawks held the first-half advantage in terms of pressing the attack, offense all but disappeared in the last 40 minutes.

"We weren't as aggressive as we should have been," Harrison senior Thierry Berosot said. "We were just kicking the ball up and not making the sure pass."

HARRISON COACH Glenn Bruehan couldn't have been more satisfied with his team's Herculean effort on defense, even if the Raiders did get the tying goal.

"The indirect kick is a hard play to defend, because you have to give 10 yards," he said. "It was a perfect play they scored on. If (McMinn) had hesitated at all, our man would have been on the ball."

Conversely, Harrison's lack of offense was all too obvious to Bruehan, who has taken steps to prevent such lapses by moving Berosot, the team's top offensive threat, from forward to midfielder.

"We've had a hard time finishing," he said. "We've relied on Berosot a lot."

"When he's up front, (the other players) go for the long ball and try to get it up there to Thierry, and I don't want them to rely on him. I want to get more players into the offense."

Farmington rallies to win

Farmington overcame a 1-0 halftime deficit to defeat Northville 3-1 in boys soccer Monday.

The Falcons, 5-2-1 overall, got second-half goals from Pete Frauenheim, Mike Waker and Geoff Childress. Assisting on these scores were Scott Gibson, Joe Crow and Mike Gammerrath, respectively.

Tim Good put the Mustangs in front at the half, but the Farmington defense stiffened in the final 40 minutes.

Coach Cathy Cole credited the play of goalkeeper Mike Sheehy, who made seven saves, and midfielder Matt Giese, who is responsible for keeping the ball in the offensive end of the field for the Falcons.

Farmington, which attempted 22 shots, has lost only to Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem — the Nos. 1- and 2-ranked teams in Class A.

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Katie Westhoff of Mercy finished second in the 100-yard backstroke, an event won by Canton's Cassie Cummins. The Marlins demonstrated

their endurance by winning the meet after some grueling practices.

Mercy powers to victory

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and we didn't swim bad."

Certainly not. Canton might easily have won the meet since the outcome was in doubt through the final event — the 400-yard freestyle relay.

THE MARLINS, 2-2, held a 38-35 edge before that race and needed second and third place on a 6-3-1 scoring system to maintain it. The Chiefs had to have, at least, a combination of first and third.

Mercy wrapped it up when Karen Neyer, Michelle McCaffrey, Polly Tenuta and Becky Wiquist finished first in 3:55.1. The Marlins captured third place, to boot, with Clady Grush, Jenny Milson, Jennie Olmstead and Mary Quinn swimming 3:59.88.

Canton's Janet Roberts, Cassie Cummins, Kelly Rische and Nicole Drake were second in 3:59.2.

McClune selected his top freestyle relay based on those swimmers' practice performances as the Marlins topped their daily distances from 9,000 yards to 13,000 during hell week.

"The ones who are training well seem to be able to hold the (time) splits," he said. "They have to be able to handle the yardage, because (the Chiefs) have people like Drake who can really fly."

Drake and Cummins were their all-ways reliable selves, winning two events apiece to keep the Chiefs in contention. Drake won the 200 and 500 freestyles in 1:59.76 and 5:17.96, and Cummins was first in the individual medley and backstroke with 2:42.5 and 1:05.8 times.

AMY VAN BUILDER, the top diver in Observeland, scored 180.9 points to win that event, but that was in Class A.

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Canton's only other first place, The Chiefs, however, had good swimmers from others, especially Kristy Brugar, who was runner-up in the IM and breaststroke.

"Brugar swam out of her mind," said Wellman, obviously impressed by her respective personal-best times of 2:26.56 and 1:16.5. "She's been doing that all year. She knows how important it is when we put her in that position, and she just goes nuts."

Four swimmers took one first place each for Mercy. Neyer won the 50 free (26.1), Liz DeMatilla the butterfly (1:04.59), Wiquist the 100 free (58.6) and Joan Huellmantel the breaststroke (1:13.18).

The Marlins also picked up substantial points in the relays with Katie Westhoff, Polly Tenuta, Katie Knipper and Huellmantel beginning the meet with a 200 medley victory (1:59.0).

A highlight for Mercy was diving, even though it earned just one point

In that event. At least, the Marlins had some divers this time.

Mercy graduated Erica Campbell, who was seventh in the state, from last year's team, and the Marlins had to give points away in earlier meets with Birmingham Seaholm and Dearborn.

TEAM MEMBERS combed the Mercy hallways for prospective divers and found seven who were interested.

"The two who dove tonight (Leah Stutz and Amy Dembrowski) are freshmen with six years of gymnastics but no diving," McClune said. "One point" wasn't a big thing. But, in terms of morale, to the kids on the team, it brought them right up, having someone to cheer for instead of there being dead space during the diving time."

DEARBORN 43, MERCY 38: The Marlins dropped a close-scoring, non-league meet in the winner's pool on Thursday, Sept. 29.

Mercy's Becky Wiquist won the 200 freestyle (2:05.2), Liz DeMatilla the butterfly (1:03.6) and Polly Tenuta the 500 freestyle (5:31.5).

The Marlins also were victorious in the freestyle relay as Wiquist, Karen Neyer, Tenuta and Cindy Grush won that event.

Marlins outrun Blazers

Approaching the end of the dual-meet season, Farmington Mercy improved its overall record Monday to 3-1 with a 26-29 win over Livonia Ladywood at Cass Benton.

The Marlins, 2-1 in the Catholic League, finish the dual-meet season at 4:30 p.m. Monday against Harper Woods Regina at Cass Benton.

Ladywood's Maria Tancos had the meet's best time, but Mercy runners claimed four of the next six positions.

Brigitte Dery had Mercy's best finish, clocking 21:50 for second place.

Noelle Gates was third at 22:29.

Ladywood runners Danielle Dixon and Katie Parkas were fourth and fifth, respectively. Mercy's Sande Taylor (23:14) was sixth, followed by teammate Wendy Knight (23:15) in seventh and Carrie Goebble (23:38) in eighth.

North shooting for regional title

By Marty Budner
staff writer

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) state golf tournament begins Friday with regional action at a number of sites across Michigan.

And, as usual, one of the most hotly contested tournaments will be the 17-team Class A Regional at the Pontiac Country Club hosted by West Bloomfield High School.

Some of the state's top teams will be there, including defending state champion Birmingham Brother Rice and 1988 Oakland County champion and currently No. 1 ranked Bloomfield Hills Lahser. North Farmington, which tied Rice for second place at the county meet, highly-regarded Redford Catholic Central, potentially dangerous Birmingham Seaholm and the host Lakers — which placed a surprising seventh at the county meet — all will be in attendance.

Only the top three teams at the regional qualify for the upcoming state meet. So there will be a few top-quality schools left behind when the state tournament is played Oct. 15 at the Forest Akers West Golf Course on the Michigan State University campus.

LAHSE COACH Al Kehl has been gearing his team all season for the state meet. The Knights just won the county meet on that same par-71, 6,301-yard course with a near-record score of 304.

"I told the kids not to think about who's competing in the tournament," said Kehl. "We can't control what everybody else is doing. The only thing we can control is ourselves."

"We just have to play the way we're capable of playing. We need a blue-collar kind of play out there," he said. "We don't have to shoot the lights out... we just have to shoot well enough to qualify."

Lahser's big shooter is junior Steve Szlazinski, individual low medalist in both The Eccentric and Oakland County tournaments. Junior Brad Koch and senior John Madden are the other top Knights. Kehl has been pleased lately with the play of his fourth and fifth players, John Forsan and Craig Peisinger.

As a team, the Knights have been fairly consistent all year. Besides winning the county with that extraordinary low score, they've placed no worse than third in all their other tournaments except for one.

"We like playing at Pontiac, and we've been thinking about this tournament," he said. "We've practiced a lot down here this year and we feel confident on that course."

BROTHER RICE is not about to give up its regional and state titles without a fight. But coach Jim Rademacher is concerned about the competition.

The Warriors are 9-1 overall in

dual meets — its only loss by three strokes to Catholic Central. They've won four of the five tournaments they've played in this year, including The Eccentric tournament.

Rice, which does not have a player from last year's state championship squad on its varsity roster, is led by senior Dean Davis and junior Steve Brown. Davis paced Rice's effort at the county tournament with a round of 76 while Brown was Rice's lower scorer at The Eccentric tournament at 77.

"Pontiac Country Club's not too long of a course, and that's what concerns me," said Rademacher, whose team has won three of the past four state championship tournaments. "It's not a course that favors our kind of game."

"If we're as good as we're supposed to be, we should get out of there," he said. "But we have the same problem every year — it's always a battle to get out of the regional."

West Bloomfield's Adam Trellman, Seaholm's David Palmer and North Farmington's Scott Millman and David Schloff are others to watch.

CLASS B-C REGIONALS

Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook and Farmington Harrison participate in the 19-team Class B regional scheduled for the Oxford Hills Golf Course.

The Cranes, who placed fifth at the county meet with a fine score of 318, are led by Paul Vlasic. Vlasic tied for fifth at the county meet with Davis of Rice and Millman of North Farmington.

Detroit Country Day is hoping to do well in its regional, hosted by Byron Area High School, at Willow Brook Golf Course. The Yellow Jackets are the defending regional champions.

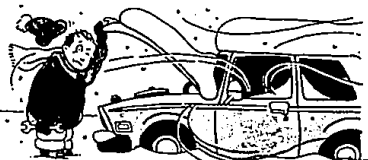
R.J. Thompson, who shot 80 at the county tournament and 81 at The Eccentric tournament, is CDD's top mail low shooter. Adam Frost, Todd Moore, Ed Honos and Mike Wilcox are other members of the Yellow Jacket team.

"We were sixth in the state last year," said CDD coach Jerry Hansen. "We have the same team back and we're hoping to improve on that this year."

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