



Cross country runners from Mercy and Regina high schools start out on their 3-kilometer trek Monday at Cass Benton Park.

The Marlins won the Catholic League meet to finish 3-1 in their division. Mercy hopes to defend its league title later this month.

## Falcons' Kiel 3rd in county

By Bill Parker  
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### Cross country

West Bloomfield cross country coach Lee Averil downplayed the fact that the Lakers' number one runner, Stacy Abbott — an All-State selection last year as a sophomore — was unable to compete in the All Oakland County Cross Country Championship Saturday at Marshbank Park.

Even without Abbott, who is nursing a lower leg injury, Averil's Lakers scored 146 points in the competition and finished second to Troy, which won the title with 118 points. "We had hoped to win, but Troy ran a nice race and they beat us. They have a fine team and have been running well all along," Averil said.

When asked about the Abbott's absence, Averil commented, "I don't want to make any excuses or take anything away from Troy. We ran hard and they ran hard. They just came out on top. They ran a real nice race."

But Troy coach Gary Collins knew the Lakers missed Abbott.

"Going in we had hoped for a top three finish," explained Collins. "We got a little help because West Bloomfield was missing a girl. In all honesty I would have to give the edge to West Bloomfield if they had their full team."

KRISTI KIMMONS led the Colts' charge with a 13th place finish. Kristi Westerby placed 24th followed by Marian Alkaidis (25th), Amy Parker (26th) and Jenny Holder (29th).

West Bloomfield was paced by Tracy Abbott, also an All-State selection last year, with a ninth place finish (20:13.7). Holly Lisea finished 17th for the Lakers followed by Maureen Reed (19th), Heidi Treve (49th) and Elizabeth Warren (52nd).

Milford placed third in the team standings with 159 points while Class C Southfield Christian surprised the field by finishing with 189 points, good enough for fourth place.

"We knew we would do well," said SC coach Jim Wood. "We thought we had a shot at the top five. We started the season winning the Holy Invitational. We finished second at the

Shrine Invitational, won the Brandon Invitational and finished fourth at RU (Redford Union Invitational). The interesting thing is that all these girls are freshmen. We're a young team, but we're doing very well. We're on a roll."

Tammy Cobb paced the Eagles' effort with a 10th place finish (20:14.0) followed by Joy Wright (14th), Anna Kraftson (28th) and Charlene Long (44th).

JENNIFER KIELS third-place finish (19:47.1) led Farmington to fifth place in the team standings with 203 points. North Farmington's Lisa Riez finished fourth (19:49.4), leading the Raiders to an 11th-place finish as a team.

Mayrie Richards led Rochester to 14th in the team standings with a sixth-place finish (19:54.8) while Rochester Adams' Melissa Hanley finished eighth overall (20:04.4), boosting the Highlanders to an eighth-place finish.

Walled Lake Central's Colleen Yuhn won the race, breaking the tape in 19:19.0.

IN THE BOYS race, defending champion Birmingham Brother Rice had to settle for fourth place as the Warriors totaled 170 points. Troy finished third with 120, behind Milford's 86 and Milford/Lakeview's 105.

"I thought we ran pretty good. In fact, it might have been our best effort yet," said Rice coach Bob Stark, who has coached the Warriors to the Oakland County championship six times in his 20-year reign as head coach. "The kids all gave 100 percent. I hope we keep getting better."

Collins was also pleased with his Colts' third-place finish. "The boys all ran well," Collins said. "We were hoping for a top five finish. There were some real strong teams there and we knew the competi-

tion would be tough. I thought we grouped real well."

Alex Ramos placed 20th for the Colts followed by Tyler Smith (30th), Ed Andrews (32nd) and Ahmed Ali (34th).

Mike O'Brien (16:50.0) and John Cowan (16:50.7) finished ninth and 10th, respectively, to lead the Warriors. John Rottenberk placed 18th for Rice followed by Bill Corolla (65th) and Jim Reed (66th).

WALLED LAKE WESTERN'S Brian Grosso ran away from the field, setting a new county meet record in 15:19.2. The old record was 15:47.9, set by Royal Oak Kimball's Geoff Goolbsy in 1984.

Oxford's Mike Goodfellow finished a distant second in 16:16.3 followed by Bloomfield Hills Andover's Tim Parcella in 16:24.0 and Troy Athens' Mike Kramer in 16:35.4.

The Barons placed 11th in the team standings while Athens finished 24th.

Brad Moore placed 35th, leading Farmington to eighth place in the team standings with 313 points while Peter Donaldson placed 39th, boosting Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook into 10th place with 363 points.

## Mercy dual winner

Farmington Mercy concluded its dual-meet cross country schedule Monday with a 21-35 victory over Harper Woods Regina at Cass Benton Park.

The Marlins, the defending Catholic League champions, are 3-1 in the Central Division and 4-1 overall.

Mercy will defend its league title on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Marshbank in West Bloomfield.

"I think there will be three or four teams battling it out," Mercy coach Gary Servais said.

The Marlins, along with Redford Bishop Burgess, which gave Mercy its lone dual-meet defeat, Livonia Ladywood and Dearborn Divine Child are the other contenders.

"If we're healthy and our top six run together, we have a chance," Servais said. He added that has only happened twice this season because of injuries and illnesses.

Brigitte Dery paced the Marlins with a first-place time of 22:17 against Regina, which was running its fifth meet in eight days.

Noelle Gates was third (22:59), Wendy Knight fourth (23:18), Sande Taylor sixth (23:55) and Debbi Cool seventh (23:56).

Tracy Sheridan had the top time for the Saddletails, who tied Mercy last year, taking second place in 22:33. Kelly Jones was fifth (23:41), Shelly Tichochi ninth (24:18), Monica Jozefczyk 10th (24:19) and Christina Jozefczyk 12th (24:47).

In the Oakland County meet Saturday, Dery was 39th (21:33), Knight 72nd (22:48), Gates 76th (22:50), Carrie Goebel 101st (23:55) and Maggie Kronk 127th (24:20).

## N'ville golf champ

Northville, with two of the top individual scores and superior team balance, captured the Western Lakes Activities Association boys golf title Monday.

The Mustangs, who lived up to their pre-meet billing as the favorite, recorded a 400 team score at Huron Meadows Golf Course and fought off a challenge from runner-up Livonia Churchill.

The Chargers had four golfers among the top 12, and all five who scored were in the top 20. Churchill was just six strokes back at 414.

Northville, however, placed all six of its golfers in the top 18. Ken Telepo and Chris Lemmon paced the winners with second- and fourth-place totals of 77 and 79.

Medalist honors went to Plymouth Canton sophomore Rod Jesena, who shot a 4-over-par 76 despite the poor weather conditions that included a cold drizzle and low temperatures.

JESENA, WHO averaged 39 strokes for a nine-hole round throughout the season, shot 37 on the front nine and 39 on the back, but Canton coach Fred Libbing wasn't surprised by his performance.

"Not after he shot the same kind of round the other day," said Libbing of the 75 Jesena captured Friday in the Class A boys regional at Oak Pointe. That second-place score qualified him for the state meet on Saturday, Oct. 15, at Michigan State University.

"He's pretty steady," Libbing said. "Shooting 76 is good play considering the weather."

Northville got a big boost from

Telepo and Lemmon, and the other three who scored for the Mustang shot 84 apiece.

"We're very close to them," Churchill coach Ken Timmons said. "Our first four were even with them but they had a little more depth."

"I thought we had an excellent chance in that we tied them in the regional. In the regional, we played five and counted four; in the league, we played six and counted five."

KEVIN WALLON paced the Chargers with a third-place score of 78. Bill Durham and Alex Bedaway scored for 10th at 83 and Frank Sadowski was one of five tied for 12th with 84. Churchill's fifth man, Jeff Fournier, was just two strokes behind at 86 but a shade off the pace set by Northville.

"(The Churchill golfers) kept the ball out of trouble and played for a bogey when they had to instead of trying to pull out a spectacular shot to save par," Timmons said. "They played the course well and stayed away from the big numbers."

"I've had these boys for four years," he added. "They're pretty hard-nosed players; they don't give up. In a war, I'd want them on my side."

Walled Lake Western was third. Canton fourth and Livonia Stevenson fifth. North Farmington, by virtue of its sixth-place finish, won the Lakes Division title over Farmington, which placed ninth in 4-1 in division duals, and the league finish was the tiebreaker. Stevenson was 3-2 in the Lakes.

## Falconsedge Chiefs

Farmington boys soccer coach Cathy Cole believes this week's Class A rankings should have included the Falcons.

Farmington, 10-2-1 overall, added support to Coles' contention Monday, defeating Plymouth Canton 3-2.

"Since our only losses have been to the No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the state (Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth Salem) and we've beaten everyone else we've played, we deserve to be ranked," said Cole, who added she isn't bent upon being ranked.

"It would be nice to be ranked, but if it doesn't go our way then we can't let it bother us."

The Falcons, who failed to crack the top 10 this week, trailed 2-1 at halftime Monday, but goals by Joe Crow and Matt Giese gave Farmington its winning margin. Giese's game-winner came with six minutes left from about 18 yards out.

Canton took its 2-1 halftime lead, scoring on goals by John Cortese and Rick Menary (penalty shot). Scott Phillips accounted for Farmington's first-half goal, which momentarily tied the score. Mike Gammerath had three assists for the Falcons.

Greg Bledow played the entire way in goal for Farmington, making five saves. The Falcons had 17 shots on goal.

SALEM 3, N. FARMINGTON 1: Marc Lipke scored two goals for Plymouth Salem (10-4-1), which received a scare Monday from North Farmington.

North led 1-0 but Lipke tied the score before halftime on an assist from Joe Tippman.

Donovan Nichols scored the eventual game-winner for Salem on a direct free kick in the second half. Lipke added insurance late in the game, converting a pass from Troy Glaciere.

Salem outshot North 20-8. Salem's win Monday came two days after losing 2-0 to Portage Central, ranked No. 2 in Class A in the latest poll. The teams played to a scoreless tie at halftime, but Central pulled away in the second half.

That ended a difficult week for the Rocks, who also tied Walled Lake Western and lost to Livonia Stevenson, halting Salem's streak of eight wins and five shutouts.

"We had beaten four top 10 teams during that stretch, including Plymouth Canton, Troy, Birmingham Brother Rice and Livonia Churchill."

"I think the Stevenson game knocked something out of them," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "They were kinda flat for Portage Central."

"It pushes them down to earth. But we still have a good season going."

HARRISON 2, FRANKLIN 2: The visiting Hawks, 4-6-3 overall, saw a third straight game end in a draw Monday.

Harrison fell behind 1-0 but took a 2-1 lead on a pair of Thierry Bersot goals. Mark Lebovitz had two assists and Todd Whittemore one.

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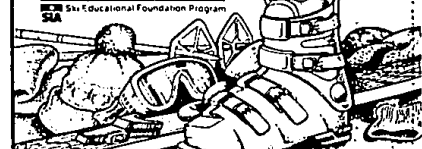
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doubles where the duo of Melinda Campbell and Sharon Bajwa defeated Marian's Clarissa Morales and Moseet Farr in the final.

The Marlins were second at Nos. 2 and 3 singles (Shannon Fitzpatrick and Cyndi Viabl) and Nos. 1-3 doubles.

Kristy Spade and Gilette Iagan are 10-6 at Nos. 1 doubles, Heather Bailen and Sue Broughton 13-6 at No. 2 and Robin Baker and Allison West 10-5 at No. 3. Fitzpatrick has an 11-7 record, Viabl 12-7.

"Overall, we had a real good tournament," Kerwin said. "The kids played well, and all but one got to the finals."

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