

Farmington Hills

Local puck star in goal for MSU

Farmington Hills resident Mike Gilmore, a member of the Michigan State University hockey team, will participate in the 24th Annual Great Lakes Invitational Thursday and Friday, Dec. 29-30, at Joe Louis Arena.

Gilmore, a second-year goalle, went to MSU after playing for Detroit Compoware, champion of the North America Junior Hockey League and the 1887 national runner-up. He is a graduate of Redford Catholic Central High School.

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On the first night of GLI action, Michigan Tech plays the U-M at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, and MSU meets North Dakota at 8 p.m. The consolation game will be played at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, followed by the championship at 8 n.m.

individual game-day tickets—are priced at \$11, \$9.50 and \$8 and are available at the JLA box office and Ticketmaster outlets, including Hudson's and AA locations. To charge tickets by phone using Masterard or Visa, call \$22-6568.

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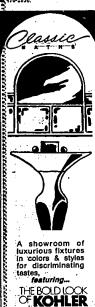
Girls with birth years from 1975 brough 1978 who would like to play pring soccer for the Livonia Hawka, bould contact Tom Coyne at 427-335 or Paul Dugan at 478-9849. The Jayers will be playing in the Little Cacsar Premier Soccer League.

In addition, adults interested in applying for coaching positions bould contact Dugan.

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Coach takes Marian from bottom to top

Mary Lillie-Cicerone took over the Birmingham Marian girls basketbail program in the fall of 1983. At the time, Farmington Hills Gur Lady of Mercy was the defending Class A state champion, Livoola Ladywood was on its way to the Class B state championship, and the Mustangs were rolling around as Catholic League fodder.

How times have changed.

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Mirian is the states No. 1 team
now. Mercy and Ladywood, simply,
are looking up. This season proved to
be the culimination of six years of
progress under Lillie-Cicerone.
The Mustangs left Grand Rapids
over the weekend with the coveted
Class A state champlonship trophy.
Marian defeated Detroit Murray
Wright in a menulousal state semilinal game Friday, 60-56, between the
bounced back a few hours later to
capture the state crown with a
rather easy 17-149 dismantling of a
decent Filmt Powers Catholic Central squad.

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The season — which, besides the state title, included a school record 26 wins plus Catholic League, dis-trict and regional championships — was extremely gratifying for coach Lillie-Cicerone and the Mustang

"SIX YEARS ago we were in the gutter and now we're on top. It says a lot for our basketball program," asid Lillie-Cicerone.
"You look back and say all this hard work and time is not wasted. You feel pretty good about yourself, and you're proud for the kids. They found a little success the past few years, and they just wanted to win more and more. Their hard work during the summer really paid off.
"But I know these young kids (in the program) aren't going to come in with the attitude that hey, we have

There's no doubt the turning point of Saturday's Class A state championship girls basketball game at Grand Valley State University was the opening five minutes. Film Powers Catholic Central ran into a Mustang burzsaw and never recovered. Powers, a team noted for its tough defensive style, still may be recling from the onslaugh.

The Chargers scored the game's first basket right after the opening tip-off. It was all Marian after that. The Mustangs scored the next 18 points. Powers did not score its next basket until the 306 mark of the quarter, Marian had assumed a 24-10 lead by the end of the first quarter and eventually won by 22 points, 71-45. Marian shot a stazling 64 percent (12-17), and it agging the state of the property of the state of the st

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to do this again," she said. "I think they'll see the success in it and the enjoyment of winning, and they'll just work on it in the summer. And then the program just builds and builds."

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Lilli-Cicerone knew the Mustangs were on an upbeat course right from the first th-off this year.

Even without graduated stars Kathy Phillips and Mary Rogers, Marian got past three of the state's most formidable foes in non-league action. The Mustangs fought past neemels Saginaw, Class C powerhouse Detroit St. Martin de Porres and Plymouth Canton.

"We figured we would start off on a very tough road... either we got our act together fast or we could go 0-3 to start the season," said Lillied our action of the first three games we had an indication of what we could do We knew we beat three preity strong teams."

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MARIAN ROARED undefeated MARIAN ROARED undereated through its first 19 games, teetering on the brink of a perfect regular sea-son. Then Detroit Murray Wright in-tervened. The Pilots, led by All-Stater Laurie Aaron, defeated Ma-rian in the Operation Friendship by 10 points.

In retrospect, the loss turned out to be the best thing to happen to Ma-rian all season. Lillie-Cicerone ad-

mitted the pressure of a perfect season was beginning to have an adverse effect on the Mustangs.

"I told the kids I blamed myself for that loss. I was putting too much pressure on them, and they were putling too much pressure on them, and they were putling too much pressure on themselves," she said. "We were trying to be perfect and not make mistakes. "We had to regroup after that loss, start having fun and not worry about being No. I," she said. "It was like a whole new attitude all the way to the state title. Hardarw on its district which she was the said of the said of the said that was the week of the said of the said

season for us.

"I was a little more relaxed up there (at the finals), and I think maybe that helped the kids to be more relaxed and show that they could do it. We were real low-key about the whole thing. We felt positive about it, and we were confident.

Past OCC coach builds Madonna

No one told Bob Whillow it would be easy. And so far, it hasn't been. Whillow was hired in July to resurrect Madonna College's mens basketball team. The former Oakland Community College assistant coach got to work immediately — and it's a good thing he did.

"I was incky to get anyone in here," said Whillow. When he took the job, Whillow thought he would have three returnees to build around. That lits shrunk to one — 6-foot-2 senior forward Brian Danlel. Had Whillow been onable to sign four freshmen and bring in a pair of transfers, the Crusaders would probably have had to postpone the season. As it is, they are not only very young but extremely limited.

There are only six players currently eligible, the overriding reason Madonna was 2-8 entering Tuesday's game at University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Dearborn.
"We don't have the depth," said Whitlow. "The guys just die in the second half. That's what happened to us at Aima Saturday. Eight minutes into the game, we were up seven. But Aima used 11 players and kept shutling them in and out, and they just wore us down."

THE CRUSADERS were within a dozen points with five minutes remaining before Airma's depth rulned them. The final score was 107-78. Fortunately for Madonna, there are changes coming. Following Saturday's home game against Bluffton College, the Crusaders will be idle until Jan. 16, When they return to action, they'll have two me players who should make a major impact.

Antinony Strickland, a 6.3 piunfor, will slide into the starter's role at point guard, allowing 6-1 freshman Marcus Lowe (from Westland John Glenn) to move to forward. Also joining the team will be 5-11 junior Eric Campbell, who is expected to provide key minutes off the bench at cuard.

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Those additions — both players had to sit out 14 weeks, in accordance with the NAIA's rule regarding transfers — should make Madonna more competitive. And next year, Whillow will have 64 forward Sam Srulh to call on. Smith started for OCC to the thriting this season.

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The Danial 6-7 teethman forward Terrance Bell, 6-3 freshman forward Ron Griffin, and Smith, the Crusaders should be more formidable in the frontcourt.

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ile League schedule, capturing the Catholic League title over eventual Class B state semifinalist Dearborn Divine Child.

Mustang's start wrecked Powers Govan gets the alley-oop and lay-up (16-2).
 Boyle drives right for the lay-up (18-2).

WHAT THEY SAID: Patty Boyle, Marian's senior guard, about winning the state title and the near-perfect first quarter shooting performance: "It was great watching the whole team play and get into it. Just knowing we were No. 1, the best team in the state and we could beat anyone we want to, that was a great feeling. We went out there and could see it in everyone's face. Everytime they took a shot you could see it in their face. Everyone was so high and it was so intense."

Kathy McGee, Flint Powers coach, on Marian's stun-ning 18-0 streak: "It was an outstanding abooting per-formance by Marian. They were but. They moved the ball around so well and they just did an excellent job. When you dig yourself a hole like that in this tourna-ment it's hard to get out."

Lorraine Kasper, Marian athletic director, on what the state title means to the Marian program: "It's absolutely the greatest. I think everybody always wants a state champlonship team and its great for the team, the student body and everybody who's involved in our school. (Coach) Mary's (Lillic-Ciccrone) built the program and she's done a good job, plust the support we got from the faculty, the staff and the parents is really nice."

Virginia Lawrence, Murray Wright coach, after her team started taking 3-point shots with three minutes left and the Pilots down by four points: "Our hands were tied to a point. The kids got a little tight and there was nothing working for us in the fourth quarter."

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Shasky hits the long jumper from the side (2-2).

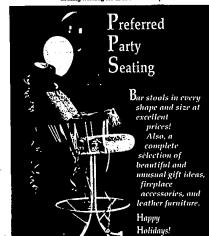
Shasky hits the rebound and puts it back (4-2).

Govan, (makes basket, fouled, misses free throw, 6-2). TIMEO LOT FOWERS.

Boyle finds a seam, drives, pulls up, swishes (8-2).

Boyle swistes again, this time from 18 feet (10-2).

Shasky shoots the smooth jumper from 18 feet (12-2). Olden keeps the outside game alive (14-2). TIME OUT POWERS. Westiminster Chime ${
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