

Mercy aims to build depth

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Coach Chuck McClune decided to spread the wealth, or rather the experience in relay competition, on his Farmington Hills Mercy swim team.

Since the Marlins already had won the Griffin Memorial Relays at Brighton on Sept. 9, McClune wasn't as intent on winning the Grossete Pointe North Relays as he was giving other team members a chance Saturday.

"I told the girls who didn't swim at Brighton, they'd swim at Grossete Pointe," he said. "Not many teams have two relay meets."

"I wanted to give them a chance to swim against the Grossete Pointe Souths and the Grossete Pointe Norths. If they're going to swim with these kids, they're going to have to train better than them."

South won the meet with 102 points and was followed by North (96), Birmingham Seaholm (83), Mercy (68), Dearborn (62) and Sterling Heights (20).

THE MARLINS won the medley relay in which Jenny McCombs, Katie Kipper, Liz DeMatia and Erika Smith combined for a 1:55.84 time.

Mercy also had a pair of seconds in the 200-yard butterfly and the 400 freestyle.

DeMatia, Kipper, Katie Scanlan and Becky Wiquist bettered the butterfly record of 1:54.88 with their time of 1:54.53, but North did even better in winning the event in 1:54.20.

Mercy's Michelle McCaffrey, DeMatia, Karen Neyer and Wiquist were runner-up to North in the freestyle at 2:48.64. Both teams had the same time, but a judge's decision awarded first place to the home team.

"Those were the only relays we went after," McClune said. "At Brighton we stacked the relays and went after winning the meet. Here, we went after the record in the butterfly."

"I think we had a good chance of winning (the meet) if we had gone after that, but that was not the point. We wanted to create our depth."

"SOME COACHES might question why I didn't try to win the meet, but if we can let other kids swim who will come back and be even better next year that's basically what we're supposed to be doing."

"We swim Dearborn on Thursday, so it's back to the No. 1 lineup," he added.

Mercy's Amy Dombrowski and Terri Nolan combined for fourth place in diving, and McClune said he also was impressed by Sharon Sutton's showing in the 400 individual medley relay and Becky McGrath's performance in the 100 freestyle relay.

In addition, Wiquist made the state cut in the 200 freestyle while leading off the 800 freestyle relay with a time of 2:01.03.

The Marlins won their second straight dual meet without a loss Tuesday, routing Madison Heights Bishop by 82-21 in the Mercy pool.

Mercy swimmers achieved six cuts for the Oakland County meet including two by DeMatia, who won the 200 freestyle (2:06.73) and the 500 freestyle (5:38.10).

THE OTHERS came from first-place swimmers Katie Westhoff in the butterfly (1:05.99), Neyer in the backstroke (1:09.53) and Smith in the breaststroke (1:15.30). Jennifer Duda was second in the breaststroke (1:17.09) but also made the cut.

Also winning individual events Tuesday were McCombs in the IM (2:29.23) and Jenny Mason in the 100 freestyle (1:00.98). Foley won the diving and 50 freestyle.

Mercy's medley relay unit of Renee LaForest, Smith, Scanlan and Quinn posted a 2:08.37 time, and Scanlan, Mason, Quinn and Polly Tenuta fashioned a time of 4:09.30 in the freestyle relay.

The Marlins will be host to Dearborn at 4 p.m. today.

Hills man wins Kensington title

For the second time in three years, Jesse McDonald of Farmington Hills won the Kensington Golf Championship on Sunday, carding a 77.

A field of 240 players was cut to 125 from qualifying rounds on Sept. 9-10.

McDonald, who also has a pair of Kensington Senior crowns to his credit, won in a playoff over Detroit's Gordon Kozar and Troy Denomme of South Lyon, a freshman at the Schoolcraft College golf team.

McDonald birdied the first hole in sudden death to win the title.

In the first flight, Bob Feldman, also of Farmington Hills, shot a 77 to take honors.

Bob Boyd took the second flight with a 79, while John Hlagation of Farmington Hills finished second with an 81.

In the third flight, Joe Balser took honors with an 87.

In the fourth flight, Westland's Dan Dixon shot a 91 to gain first, while Tony O'Dierna of Farmington and John Greith of Garden City each shot a 95.

Falcons nip Warriors

Despite slick greens and higher than normal scores, the Farmington boys golf team grabbed the championship of the Bill Gee Memorial Golf Tournament Monday at Oakland Hills.

The Falcons, with a score of 343, just managed to slide past Western Lakes Activities Association rival Walled Lake Western, which turned in a round of 344.

Western's Chris Schneider won individual honors as he shot 79 and outscored teammate Chris Soblesch, who turned in a round of 81, good for second.

FARMINGTON'S CHRIS ZBANEK and Adam Hibbs captured the third and fourth slots, with scores of 83 and 84, respectively. Jason Buha added 86 for the Falcons and Brian Link 91.

"Zbanek and Hibbs weren't really happy with their scores," Farmington coach Gene Schoenech said. "The greens were really slick and that's why they scored so high."

Karl Sinclair of Western finished 13th with a round of 88 and tied Tim Story of Farmington Hills Harrison. Troy Fairbanks shot 96 to round out the scoring for the Warriors.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Farmington Hills City Council Meeting of Monday, October 9, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, October 10, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

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CC captures invite crown

A classic confrontation between Redford Catholic Central High's Mike Sheridan and Farmington's Ben Goba highlighted Saturday's running of the Shamrock Invitational boys cross country meet at Marshbank Park.

The area's top two runners locked themselves in a tight duel with Sheridan coming away first in 5,000-meter race in 16:15. Goba was second in 16:17.

"It was really an excellent race," said CC coach Tony Magni, whose team captured the title with 65 points. "They ran together for the first two miles before Ben went ahead by 10 yards at about 3 1/2 miles."

"Mike caught him the last half-mile and passed him. It was a real good race between those two guys. That was kind of exciting to see that."

CC's nearest competitors in the team competition were: Milford (103), Warren DeLaSalle (105), Birmingham Brother Rice (110) and Ann Arbor Huron (127). Farmington finished eighth with 219.

"We ran very well," Magni said. "Milford was missing a few kids. DeLaSalle and Rice are coming. We just have to get our fourth and fifth man closer to the top three than they'll be much better from there."

Rounding out CC's contingent was Chris Antezak, ninth place, 17:06; Jay Schemanske, 10th, 17:09; Mike Kraske, 22nd, 17:48; John Wikto, 23rd, 17:54; Jack Masarello, 25th, 17:56; and Pat Dimmer, 36th, 18:09.

Farmington's finishers included Darius Mehraban,

43rd, 18:21; Kevin Van Ord, 46th, 18:25; Eric Crawford, 57th, 18:47; and Mario Nordal, 71st, 19:18.

Catholic Central also beat Rice in a dual meet Monday at Cass Benton Park, 25-34.

The Shamrocks, now 3-0 in duals and ranked No. 2 in Class A, were led by Sheridan, who was clocked in 16:21. Rice's John Cowan took second in 16:40.

Other CC finishers included: Antezak, third, 16:45; Schemanske, sixth, 16:53; Kraske, seventh, 17:49; Masarello, eighth, 17:56; Wikto, ninth, 17:57; and Dimmer, 10th, 17:58.

CRAIG STOE and Jason Biederman finished among the top 10 runners Saturday at the Walled Lake Western Invitational as North Farmington finished second out of 10 teams.

Stoe was second at 18:02 and Biederman ninth at 18:04 in the junior-senior race. Scott Simpson placed 13th (18:46), Josh Chinitz 17th (18:51) and Mark Harwin 18th (18:56). Novi won the race with 58 points and the Raiders scored 65.

"Our guys ran competitively with the others," North coach Paul Welch said. "Overall, the caliber was not outstanding at that race, but it was a good race for our guys because we're not that experienced."

North freshman Paul Simpson, usually the No. 4 runner on the varsity, was 13th in the freshman-sophomore race with a 19:05 time.

North's Rives meet winner at WLW

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Birmingham Marian 23-32 in a Catholic League dual meet at Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield.

Dery won the race in 21:57 and Hood was second at 22:28. Carrie Goebel placed fifth for the Marlins in 24:26, Jenni Andes seventh (24:47) and Nicole Schleuter eighth (24:50).

In non-scoring relays for Mercy, Cara McDonagh was ninth (24:57) and Stephanie Acho 10th (25:36). Marian's top runner was Nicole Eberle (22:50).

The Marlins are 2-0 in the Central

Division and 2-0 overall. The Mustangs are 1-1.

"I think we're starting to come around now that Brigitte is back (from an injury)," Mercy coach Gary Servais said, "and everyone is working pretty hard."

On Saturday, the Marlins were fourth in the first team Grossete Pointe North Invitational. The host school won the meet, Grossete Pointe South was second, Dearborn third and Livonia Ladywood fifth.

"North and South are loaded, and Dearborn (which beat Mercy by 15 points the previous week) only beat us by four (78-82)," Servais said.

Dery, who was fourth at 21:14, ran her best race of the year, according to Servais. She was one second out of third place and 10 away from finishing first.

Hood was 12th (22:25), Goebel 19th (23:40), Andes 23rd (24:16) and McDonagh 24th (24:20). Schleuter finished 28th (24:58) and Acho 31st (26:00). Servais added Goebel broke 24 minutes for the first time this year.

"I thought we went out hard and tried to hang in there," Servais said. "It was a tough meet, but we're showing steady improvement."

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