

Marlins perform road warrior act

Farmington Hills Mercy won bragging rights for the Catholic League with its 51-41 victory Thursday over host Flint Southwestern.

The teams represent two of the state's premier leagues when it comes to the quality of girls basketball, the Lady Colts carrying the banner of the Saginaw Valley Association.

The Marlins were led by Joanne Stephens, who scored a game-high 15 points. Mercy jumped in front 27-14 at halftime, managing to outlast Southwestern.

"They are a real quick team," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "It's nice when you can play well after such a long bus ride. We are hoping to keep them on our schedule."

Senior Kim Mitchell led Southwestern with 14 points. The non-league victory lifts the Marlins to 8-7 overall. Southwestern drops to 7-7.

N. FARMINGTON 41, STEVENSON 36: North Farmington, with 14 points from Eve Clair and Vikki Scamrons, managed to slide past Livonia Stevenson Tuesday at Stevenson.

The Raiders, who continue to lead the Lakes Division with a 9-0 record, poured in six of 11 free throws, while Stevenson converted on just eight of 19.

Junior guard Kelly Cotter and sophomore center Theresa Sarno had nine points each for the Spar-

tans. North improves to 12-2 overall. Stevenson drops to 6-8 overall and 1-6 in the division.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 10, HARRISON 28: Senior forward Shannon Eberly scored 13 points and Wendy Rynkiewic earned off the bench to add for the Patriots.

The visiting Hawks were led by Karen Marjarian, who counted a game-high 16 points in a losing cause Thursday.

Franklin raises its record to 11-2 overall, 5-2 in the Western Division. Harrison drops to 2-12 and 0-7.

JOHN GLENN 58, FARMINGTON 49: Cathy Mruk's 13 points helped Westland John Glenn defeat host Farmington Thursday.

Karen Olack and Carrie Rachwal scored 12 each for the Rockets. Rachel Canton led the Falcons with a game-high 16 points, and teammate Jennifer McGlinch added 10.

Glenn converted six of eight free throws in the fourth quarter but was outscored 14-12 in that period. The third quarter proved costly for Farmington, which lost that round to the Rockets 19-12.

"The third quarter really hurt us," Farmington coach Diana Fair said.

The victory improves John Glenn to 5-2 in the Lakes Division and 6-8 overall. The Falcons drop to 1-6 and 3-11.

Livonia schools settle for co-title

By Brad Emons
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Inscribed on the plate of the 1989 Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer championship trophy will be two names.

Churchill, the state's No. 1 ranked team in Class A and the WLAAs Western Division champ, settled for a 1-1 tie Wednesday night with Livonia rival and Lakes Division champ Stevenson.

The match, playing under brutally cold and windy conditions, ended after 80 minutes of regulation play. WLAAs rules stipulated there would be no overtime and no shootout to break the tie, so the teams left the field as co-champions.

Stevenson, the defending state Class A champs, finished with a 11-2-2 overall record.

Churchill, which allowed its first goal since Labor Day weekend in the Centerville, Ohio Tournament, ended the regular season at 13-0-1.

"We feel like a co-champ," said Stevenson coach Pete Scerrri. "I'm proud of this team. This is a feat for us because we scored a goal and tied the No. 1 team."

CHURCHILL'S JOHN NEFF liked the idea of overtime, but not a shootout.

League coaches changed the ground rules on tiebreakers after a recent WLAAs girls championship game between Churchill and Plymouth Salem was determined by a shootout.

"This was decided two years ago at the league meeting because of the shootout," Neff said. "But it doesn't make sense. Every league game, including this one, should count toward the overall record and then the champion should be declared. But that's the reality of the league set-

soccer

STATE TOURNAMENT DISTRICT SOCCER DRAWS CLASS A

NORTHVILLE HIGH (Host)
Monday, Oct. 23: (A) Livonia Churchill at (B) North Farmington 4 p.m.; (C) Northville at (D) Farmington 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 25: A-B winner at Northville, 7 p.m.; Livonia Stevenson at C-D winner at Farmington at 7 p.m. (Host)

REDFORD UNION (Host)
Monday, Oct. 23: (A) University of Detroit-Dearborn at (B) Garden City 4 p.m.; (C) St. Hubert Catholic Central at (D) Livonia Franklin 4 p.m.; (E) Farmington at (F) Farmington 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 25: A-B winner vs. Redford Union at Pearson Junior High 7 p.m.; C-D winner at G. Duesenberg 4 p.m.; (A) Franklin vs. Schoolcraft Central

WYDARLANT HIGH (Host)
Monday, Oct. 23: (A) Brighton at (B) South Lyon 4:30 p.m.; (C) Farmington Central vs. (D) Plymouth Salem at Central Educational Plant 7 p.m.; (E) Westland John Glenn at (F) St. Hubert Catholic Central at (G) Ann Arbor Pioneer 10 a.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 25: C-D at A-B winner 4:30 p.m.; G-D winner at Farmington 7 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28: Championship final 11 a.m. (Winner advances to the Division I and II state playoffs. Winner of second championship.)

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE (Host)
Monday, Oct. 23: Central Michigan University at Farmington 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 24: Eastern Michigan University at Farmington 4 p.m.; 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28: Championship final 10 a.m. (Winner advances to the Division I and II state playoffs. Winner of second championship.)

CLASS B
Monday, Oct. 23: Central Michigan University at Farmington 10 a.m.; 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 24: Eastern Michigan University at Farmington 4 p.m.; 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 28: Championship final 10 a.m. (Winner advances to the Division I and II state playoffs. Winner of second championship.)

up, and we'll have to live with the rules."

Neff's team already had one victory logged against the Spartans, but it had no bearing on the division standings because it was a crossover.

Stevenson played the second meeting like it meant everything and more.

The Spartans took a 1-0 lead when 9:41 left in the first half when Brian Mitchell knocked through a loose ball off a restart. (Greg Smith drew

the assist.)

THAT GAME AFTER Stevenson dodged a big bullet earlier in the half when Churchill forward Phil Todino made a spectacular play down the left side, drilling a shot off the post, which had Spartan goalkeeper Jerry Simolenski all but beaten.

"An inch off the goalpost and it would have been in," Neff said. "We're always going to get some good scoring opportunities and we did again tonight, but we just didn't

capitalize on them."

With the wind at their backs for the second ball, the Chargers tallied the equalizer at 33:07 when Todino was set up on a perfect cross from Brady Ericson.

Churchill then made a bid to take the lead at 19:08 when Erickson's header was batted over the crossbar by Simolenski, who made a spectacular leaping save.

"That Jerry has saved us many games," said Scerrri. "We couldn't have gone this far without him. I'll say it again, I think he's the best in the state."

Neff, meanwhile, said his team was not quite as sharp as in their first meeting against the Spartans. "I thought they beat us to the ball on a awful lot," he said. "I don't know if they were more aggressive or we were more passive. But they (Stevenson) played a good defensive game and they out-headed us. We've got to be better prepared the next time."

THE NEXT TIME could come Saturday, Oct. 28, in the Class A district finals at Northville if both teams advance in state tournament play.

Scerrri believes his team has taken a step in the right direction after losing 1-0 on Monday at Ann Arbor Huron.

"That game at Huron really woke us up," said the Stevenson coach. "We got lost on the way out there and we were late. And then we got cold. I really got on them because we didn't play too well."

"Tonight we didn't care about the cold weather. We really wanted to play. I thought they really played their hearts out."

"This is the first time I've come in with no butterflies. I felt like an underdog. I kept telling the guys it's not over until it's over."

Mercy 2nd in regional

By Marly Budner
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A pair of Catholic League schools captured the top two qualifying spots Saturday in the Class A regional girls tennis tournament at Waterford Mont High School.

Birmingham Marian won the tournament with 22 points while Farmington Our Lady of Mercy placed second with 18. West Bloomfield was third with 17 points and Birmingham Groves took fourth with 14 points.

"The girls really played up to expectations, which is sometimes hard to do," Marian coach Julie McKnight said. The Mustangs were ninth at last year's state meet.

Mercy's Nicole Transou, expected to battle for the state championship at No. 1 singles, won the regional with a straight-set victory over Michelle Harris of Lathrup, 6-1, 6-0. West Bloomfield's Erin Einhorn took No. 2 singles over Marian's Karen Mies, 6-2, 6-4.

Marian players captured the final two singles flight titles in straight sets. Devon Dietz defeated Moly Ann of Groves and Tricia Dietz stopped Sue Strong of Mercy.

"Every team member contributed to (the runner-up finish), because everyone had at least two points," Mercy coach Jim Kerwin said. "And, without a team effort, we wouldn't have been successful. That's what makes it important."

Marian won two of the three doubles flights, including No. 1 behind the straight-set efforts of Julie Egan and Lisa Snyder. Monet Farr and Lynnea Plazon of Marian took No. 2 doubles. West Bloomfield's tandem of Malanie Hertling and Elissa Fischer won No. 3 flight in straight sets over Mercy's Melinda Campbell and Tricia Holm, 6-3, 6-4.

"We were disappointed (to lose out by one point) to Mercy, but our team did better than I ever thought we could have," West Bloomfield coach Irene Einhorn said. "We really played well in that tournament."

● MILLER GUEST SPEAKER

Former Farmington Hills Harrison football star John Miller and two other members of the Detroit Lions will speak on the subject of drug abuse and prevention Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Harrison High School auditorium.

Lions quarterback Chuck Long and defensive lineman Eric Williams also will make appearances.

The event is co-sponsored by Farmington Families in Action and Farmington Public Schools.

Miller starred at strong safety for Michigan State University and signed with the Lions as a free agent. He will spend this year on the development squad.

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Call Farmington Athletic Director Ron Holland at 489-3352 for information.

● HOLE-IN-ONE

Monroe S. Trubey of Farmington Hills recorded his first hole-in-one on Thursday, Sept. 28, at White Lake Oaks Golf Course in Waterford. The 73-year-old Trubey used an 8 iron on the 144-yard, par-3 14th hole.

● INDOOR SOCCER

Total Soccer has openings in instructional, recreational, select, premier, coed and over-30 (men and women) soccer leagues at its four metro-area indoor locations. Team and individual registrations are being accepted. League play begins Friday, Oct. 27.

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