

Mercy edges Foley

Anne Scullen's second-half goal snapped a 2-2 tie and lifted Farmington Hills Mercy into a 3-2 victory over Madison Heights Bishop Foley in a key Catholic League soccer game Monday.

The Marlinis, 1-0-1 in the league and 2-0-2 overall, had taken a 2-0 halftime lead on goals by juniors Kathryn Dudley and Dana Lehmkuhl.

Carrie Bowler and Scullen, both senior captains, made the passes that led to the scores. Sophomore center Tania Macleod assisted on Scullen's goal.

The Ventures rallied in the second half to pull even with goals from Michelle Berch and Karen Williams.

Senior halfbacks Rachel Demarcio and Kathy McDonald had excellent games, according to coach Henry Kilmes, adding that freshman sweeper Beth Zlobro has been playing exceptionally well.

Mercy goalkeeper Renee Laramb turned away 13 shots by Foley while the Marlinis attempted 28 shots.

the week ahead

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Thursday, April 12: Madonna College at Siena, 7 p.m. (TV 12)
Saturday, April 14: Madonna College at North, 10 a.m. (TV 12)

PREP BASEBALL
(all games at 4 p.m. unless noted)
Thursday, April 12: Redford St. Mary's, 6:30 p.m. (TV 12)
Friday, April 13: St. Mary's, 6:30 p.m. (TV 12)

GIRLS SOFTBALL
(all games at 4 p.m. unless noted)
Thursday, April 12: Lyons at Wayne, 7 p.m. (TV 12)

BOYS TRACK
(all meets at 3:30 p.m. unless noted)
Thursday, April 12: Lyons at Wayne, 7 p.m. (TV 12)

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Thursday, April 12: Lyons at Wayne, 7 p.m. (TV 12)

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Marlins falter on defense

Farmington Hills Mercy outlit its softball opponents 37-21 and had a team batting average of .500 in the Allen Park Tournament Sunday.

Unfortunately for the Marlinis, the defense wasn't of the same quality. Mercy committed 21 errors and lost two of three games. The Marlinis lost to Trenton 11-4 and Madison Heights Bishop Foley 11-9 before finishing with a 15-9 victory over Monroe Jefferson.

"We went from one extreme to another," Mercy coach Suzanne Brown said, "doing some things that made you want to bury your head in the sand."

"But I have a new infield, a new outfield. I have a lot of freshmen and sophomores playing, and it's a team I feel is on its way."

"We hit .500 in three games. I couldn't believe it was my team," she added. "We were cracking the ball all over the place. I can hardly wait until it's time to play again."

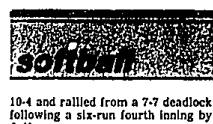
Mercy had an 11-10 edge in hits over Trenton, but the Marlinis made nine errors to the winner's two. Maureen Paulin went the six-inning distance and suffered the loss.

Kathleen Berrigan was 3-for-3, and Katie Heffernan was 2-for-3 with two stolen bases, one RBI and two runs scored. Paulin, Kim Rehder and Angela Mastrianni had two hits and one RBI apiece.

Kim Heppes led the Lady Trojans with three hits, including a home run, three RBIs and two runs scored. Mercy held a 16-11 hitting advantage in the Foley game, but the Marlinis made seven errors. Krista Miller pitched a complete game and took the loss.

Berrigan was 3-for-5 and had three stolen bases, and Rehder was 3-for-4 with three runs, two RBIs and two stolen bases. Heffernan and Maureen Phenehy contributed two hits apiece, with Heffernan adding a pair of runs and Phenehy two RBIs.

Despite having five errors to Jefferson's one, Mercy outlit the Bears 37-21.



Softball

Miller entered the game in the fourth and pitched into the seventh to earn the victory in relief, allowing the Bears only one hit and one earned run.

Heffernan had another big game at the plate, going 3-for-4, scoring a run and getting one RBI. Paulin hit a two-run homer and scored twice, and Berrigan scored three runs and stole three bases.

The Marlinis are idle until Monday, April 23, when they play host to Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Staknis allowed seven hits in seven innings and walked three. She Bouwens pitched well for the Hawks 0-3. She fanned nine and issued six walks while giving up 10 hits, and she also swung the hot bat, going 3-for-4.

"She had one bad stretch when she walked three in a row," Harrison coach Mike Tschann said. "Other than that, she did a real good job. We made progress (as a team) even though we lost."

One of junior Eileen Rayner's two hits was a triple, and sophomore Andrea Najarian also had a pair of hits.

WESTLAND JOHN Glenn bounced back from a 5-2 loss to Garden City on Saturday to mercy Farmington 14-2 in five innings.

Hitting stars included Michelle Myers (two hits and three RBIs), Jennifer Massey (two hits and three RBIs) and Cathy Mruk (two hits and two RBIs).

Massey pitched all five innings to pick up the win. Corey Wojcik was the losing pitcher for the Falcons (0-1).

ROSEANNE STAKNIS struck out 15 batters — nine on called third strikes — Monday to pace host Northville's 10-2 victory over Farmington Hills Harrison.

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