



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Nicole Sinclair returns to lead the Mercy ski team this year. The Marlins have a young squad but are taking aim at their fifth straight league title.

No lights during no-tap

IT WAS NEW YEAR'S EVE, and my wife Sandy and I were invited to attend the no-tap bowling party at Drakeville Lanes in Farmington Hills.

"It turned out to be a lot of fun and there was a huge turnout. Now I see what I've been missing all these years."

The buffet dinner started at 6:30 p.m. and the rest of the evening was non-stop eating, drinking, celebration and of course bowling.

"It was a new experience when they turned out the lights for the no-tap competition. This is not good when you've been a spot bowler all your life. I adjusted to the darkness, but it wasn't until I had a bad game under my belt."

"Why is it when you get a strike for nine pins that you always seem to get eight on your first ball?"

"Sandy and I did not win the money, but we sure had a great time."

"Ed Wright tossed the first ten strikes in the second game and each was a full-on strike. He finished with a 285 game."

"The bowling was capped off with a super-strike elimination and then on to the lounge for more fun with the disc jockey. We socialized until the wee hours of the morning."

"As for the winning scores: The top prize of \$1,000 went to Val and Dennis McKane with 1,518. Sandy McIntosh and Vic West took second place with 1,466 and Fran Harrison and Clifford Willis took third with 1,448."

"This was the typical scene at many of the local bowling centers on New Year's Eve. It's a great way to ring in the new year."

"The Coca-Cola Classic 'Doubles' tournament was held Dec. 29 at Oak Lanes in Westland."

The winning duo turned out to be couple of Observer & Eccentric employees.

"It was Steve Whitlow's turn to handle the point Friday, and he finished with six points, seven rebounds and nearly as many turnovers."

"We just kind of backed off," said Kummer, who scored eight of his points in the third quarter. "People were afraid to shoot and there was a lot of unsoundness. We've got to turn it on and play from tip-off to the final buzzer. We want to play them again. If we don't want to, we don't belong in the league."

THE SHAMROCKS trailed, 32-29, at halftime, but they outscored Borgess, 9-2, to start the third quarter. Schneider's three-point play in the paint, followed by six straight points by Kummer, gave CC a 38-34 lead with 5:16 remaining.

CC outscored the Spartans, 7-0, in the third quarter, but Fusco was still pleased by the play of Cegers. With Sumler out, Cegers' five rebounds and strong play in the paint were needed.

Fusco would rather have Sumler on the floor than sitting next to him on the bench.

"ReShawn's best years are ahead of him," Fusco said. "Some college is going to get a very good player. He's gaining weight and is still growing."

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Mercy right on track for 1990-91 ski season

By Neil Zipser
staff writer

Farmington Hills Mercy captured the Mount Brighton High School Ski Association championship for the fourth consecutive year last season, but coach Cass Zarlikowski was disappointed.

The fifth-year coach, who had six returning skiers, had hopes of the Marlins having their best season ever. After winning the league, the Mercy's drive into February's regional was halted by no less than Mother Nature.

"There was a bad storm and some of our skiers didn't make it there until 10 to 15 minutes before the race," Zarlikowski said. "I think the races should have been called off, and I wasn't pleased with the decision to have them."

Mercy finished third in the regional, but only the top two finishers advance to the state championships.

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The Marlins did have one skier qualify for the state finals, and she returns to lead Mercy in its quest for a possible fifth straight league championship.

ZARLIKOWSKI expects junior Nicole Sinclair to lead this year's young Marlins. The graduates of Mary Kay Jarney, Patrice Vincent, Taya Tiplady and Tracie McLelland have left Zarlikowski coaching relative unknowns.

"We just started practicing outside," said Zarlikowski, whose squad starts Tuesday in a league meet at Mount Brighton. "There is a total of 14 girls on the team, and some of them are strangers to me."

"I don't know what to expect from this year's team. I think we'll do all right in the league, but the regional could be different. I'm not saying that we'll walk over the league, but the team may surprise me."

Returning along with Sinclair are senior Megan Lombard, who probably would have been a state qualifier last year if it was not for a broken shoulder. Sophomores Jennifer Buser, Madi Milla and Maggie Jones will also see quite a bit of time on the slopes.

Freshmen Kelly McVoy and Brooke Reiss finish out the group of seven skiers who will comprise the regular unit. The Marlins will compete in eight meets featuring four slalom and giant slalom races.

"We are going to hope for the best this year," said Zarlikowski, who also coaches the Redford Catholic Central ski team. "In the past, I have been fortunate to have good skiers and have been quite successful."

the week ahead

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 7
Heron Valley at Mt. Valley, 6 p.m.
Redford at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 8
Luth. Westland at A.A. Greenhills, 7 p.m.
Bel. Township at W. Grosseville, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 9
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7 p.m.
Redford at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 10
Algonquin at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 11
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 12
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 13
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 14
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 16
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 17
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 18
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 19
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 20
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 21
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Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 24
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 26
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 27
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 29
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 31
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 3
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 4
Wayne Memorial at Redford, 7:30 p.m.
Bel. Township at U.S. Jesuit, 7:30 p.m.

C'ville rebuilds

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year's 14-2 overall record, but they'll field a strong cast of juniors whose best days lie ahead.

Coach Chuck Thompson, in his 28th year, lost eight seniors to graduation, including first-team All-Observer choice Jennifer Kaprio and Roberta Wiggle.

He's optimistic, however, about the return of juniors Lisa Granfeldt, Joey DeWalter and Sherri Hochstadt. The Trojans finished second in the Great Lakes Eight League a year ago at 7-1, right behind league-champion Fraser.

"We're going to be a little weaker this year," Thompson said. "All I can look forward to is the kids gaining experience and improving as the year goes on. I'm not writing the season off by any means, but maybe next year will be our year."

Claremoreville has never had real superstars. We've always had pretty good depth and done well with what we've got. Most of the kids we have are home grown; they don't come from clubs."

Granfeldt was a first-team, All-Observer choice two years ago when she was the league champion on the

beam. Thompson looks forward to a banner year from Granfeldt, who will try the all-around.

"She's pretty strong in all areas," Thompson said. "Her attitude has changed a lot. She's definitely the strongest gymnastic talent we have."

DeWalter and Hochstadt performed on two events each a year ago but will do the all-around this year, Thompson said.

"Joey is a real strong young lady and has improved through hard work," he said. "Sherri is a happy go-lucky kid who loves gymnastics and is a real showman. She loves to perform."

The Trojans split their only double-dual meet this far, beating Ann Arbor Pioneer and losing to North Farmington last month. Others expected to contribute are juniors Tamara Teets (bars, beam and vault), Jennifer Lay (vault, beam and bars) and Jennifer LaFollette (bars, beam).

Senior Wendy Reini is a transfer and a first-year gymnast who "is a gutsy, little kid and has done a heckuva job for her first year," according to Thompson.

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