Marian hopes for upset victory

Birmingham Marian pitcher Michelle Limb says she's so nervous about Friday's Class A softball semifinal that she's already "bit all my finger nalls

off."
Understandably so.
School's been out more than a week at Marian, so all Limb can think about is Friday's opponent. No. 1-ranked Garden City. Game time is 10:30 a.m. at Battle Creek's Balley Park.
Garden City has a .324 team battling average, owns a 19-game winning streak and is 33-2 overall. But perhaps most impressive is the fact that the Cougars have outscored their opponents, 310-28.
As far as Garden City coach Barry Patterson knows, this is the first meeting over between the two schools — and the Cougars are heavy favorites. Marian, winners of eight straight games, is 18-15 overall.

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"I HEAR THEY'RE tough," said Limb, who has a 18-11 record and a 1.96 carned run average. "I've been nervous — and excited — ever since I found out who we're playing. Our goal is to just get past Garden City."

No one gawe Marian a chance to advance this far, especially after watching the Mustangs Inish the Catholic League season with a 2-10 record. The Mustangs Inish de below. 500 during the regular season, but responded by winning a district title, followed by their first-ever regional crown last week-ned at Royal Oak's Memorial Park.

Four seniors start, led by four-year starting third baseman Jamle Racine, thiting, 427 with 30 RBI and 30 runs scored. The other senior starters are designated hitter/outlielder Cara Henning (38), team-leading 38 RBI), second baseman Erin Shaw (232) and outlielder Dana Hudson (230).

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triety of pitches. Limb, also Marian's leadoff batter, is hitting .505 with an incredible, .612

"A LOT OF people make fun of how short I am; I just hope to do the best I an this coming weekend," said Limb, a converted catcher. "Being this short, copie don't expect me to run as fast or throw as hard, so it's kind of fun to the them surprised."

Palkenbury compared Limb to Farmington Hills Mercy pitcher Maureen Paulin, who limited Garden City to three hits in a 3-2 regional semifinal loss hast Saturday.

last Saturday.
"To me, my pitcher (Limb) is as good as Farmington Mercy's (Maureen Paulin), and all of Garden City's runs off her were unearned," Falkenbury

said, "We're hoping for the same results, only better defense. Garden City's from a different side of town, and I don't know who they play, but I think we can do well against them. I would think the pressure is on them. Being the No. I team, they have to win."

Garden City has great tradition, having reached the Class A semilinal four years ago before losing 24 to East Detroit. The Congars have never suffered a losing season in seven years under Patterson and last year were 31-5 before losing in the regional semifinal.

Garden City set a school record this spring for wins in a season and won three major invitationals during the regular season. After struggling to get past Mercy in the regional semifinal, the Congars routed Belleville, 9-0, for the regional title.

"MARIAN IS A very good team," said Patterson. "I don't put them in the p two or three teams in the state, but all the way through the lineup they're

top two or three teams in the state, but all the way through the lineup they're solid. Obviously, if they've gotten this far, they must be playing well.

"But if we play a good game I don't think Marian will be able to beat us, unless they play very, very well." Garden City has three capable pitchers, but Patterson said senior right-hander Tracy Thompson will take the mound Friday, and again fasturday should the Congars advance to the title game. Thompson, beaded to Ferris State University on a softball scholarship, is the top of the the state of the state o

Cougars leaded batter, has stolen 34 bases and committed only one error this season.

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worry about.

"In my opinion, she's the best abortstop in the state, bar none," Patterson said. "She has quickness, agility, knowledge of the game, and strength and speed. She does everything."

Shanks said she's heard those things said about her, but not in person. "(Coach) usually doesn't say nice things to me," joked Shanks. "But my dad (an assistant coach at Garden City) said he says nice things about me when I'm not there. It's a good motivator — It's worked pretty good so far. We have a lot of people back from last year and that helps. This seems to be our year."

Paulin, 4 others sign with Crusaders

get some fine players who could play for us right now." Leading his list is Schooleraft Col-lege graduate Elena Oparka, a 5-foot-8 outside hitter from Madison Heights, Oparka will have junior eli-gibility.

gibility—
His four freshmen signees are
Farmington Hills Mercy graduate
Maureen Paulin, a 5-9 outside hitter,
Sue Bell, a 5-6 outside hitter from
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Sue Bell, a 5-6 outside hitter from Livonia Stevenson; Julic Adams, a 6-foot middle hitter from Temperance Bedford; and Carrie Jonkins, a 5-7 middle hitter from Lapeer East.

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EELL WAS third team all-state, have credentiales strong emough to make the current starters for playing dime.

Paulin was first team all-catholic League and all-Central Division, was a member of the all-observer team, and was second team all-state. She recently collected the Garn-Griffin Award, presented to Mercy's scholarableted of the year, Paulin also played basketbail and softbail for he Marilis.

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Considering the Marilins reached Class A Final Four her junior year and were Catholic League themps the past two seasons, that says a lot. Abraham thinks Paulin will help Madonna at several spots — either right or left outside hitten and anywhere in the back row.

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What made Adams unusual, according to Abraham, was that she played both front and back row for Bedford. "She made her team go. She was one of the leaders."

JENKINS' SIZE may have scared JEMNINO SIZE may have scared some college coaches away — after all, a 5-7 middle hitter? But she has a tremendous jump, sald Abraham; he added, "I love her attitude. She's got a great attitude on the floor, and she always plays to win.

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Summer league making strides

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Carman at Beverly Hills, Karen
Emeking at Heart of the Hills
Dave Nack at Kendalwood, Mark
Vandermay of Village Athletic and
Sue Novitsky of Hunlington Woods.
Following six weekly dunmeets, the league will have a 'B'
champlonship meet for each division followed by the 'A' linais July
27-28 at Beech Woods Park in
Southfield.

years.

"We are solld in the younger age groups," O'Brien sald. "We scored only a few points in the tough 15-18 division last year, but we are looking to improve there this year."

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THE LEAGUE is continuing the move made last year to allow 18-year-olds to swim individual events. Also, relay teams which place seventh through 12th in the place when the place were the place with the place when the place with the place with

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JUNE 10, 1991

Mayor Vagnozzi, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Members Present Mayor Vagnozzi, Mayor Fro-Tem Grant, Baites, Fox, Marka and Sever. Members Absent Lichtuns, Others Present Director of Public Services Blaseid, Asaistant to City Manager Brock, Assistant City Manager Call, City Manager Costick, Director of Planning and Community Development Countegan, City Attorney Donobus, City Cierk Dorsan, Police Chief Dwyer, Fire Chief Marinucci, Director of Planacer Roset. Donouse, very section of Finance Roses.

COUNCIL:

- Received presentation by Council member Fox on the Bill of Rights - 200th

Amendment.

COUNCILL Presentation by Council member Fox on the Bill of Rights - 200th Anniversary - Third Amendment.

Rickl Public Hearing and adopted fiscal 1891-92 City Budget.

- Enacted Ordinance C-7-91, amending the City Code, Section 31-3, Definition - Housing for the Elderly.

- Enacted Ordinance C-8-91, amending City Code to provide for the Regulation of Commonity Septic Systems.

- Special Commonity Septic Systems.

- Special Assessment District for road retabilitation for Noble-brook Farms Subdivisions No. 11 and No. 2 and Etingrove Subdivision and set date of July 13, 1991, for Public Hearing of Determination.

- Received report on results of petitioning efforts for the establishment of a Special Assessment District for Graft for the Create Received report on results of petitioning efforts for the establishment of a Special Assessment District for water main installation for Pleasant Valley Court.

Court.

Established Special Assessment District for water main and sanitary sewer

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installation for Quaker Valley Road, between Lyncrost and Farmington Road,
and set date of June 24, 1991, for Public Hearing of Determination.

Request that Road Commission of Galland County immediately grant occessary construction approval for major water transmission main along Fourteen

Mile Road.

al Event License for the Salvation Army outdoor concert on June 18.

1991. City Council meeting minutes of April 29, May 6, 8, 13, 20, and June 3, 1991. Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and land acquisition regarding Twelve Mile Royal attorneys' report dated June 7, 1991. PROPENSES.

IPPROVED:
Apolitiments to the Commission on Aging and Beautification Commission.
City Council meeting dates for the months of July and August.
Retaining the services of a land appraiser and inadeape architect regarding
major park land purchase along Eight Mile Road.
Correction to corporate name on the tuvern license issued to Sageos Restau-

rant.
Special Event License for Farmington Elks Club Ox Roast to be held July 11,
12, and 13, 1991.

2, and 13, 1991. lequests for employment for part-time park employees. e regular meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

ALDO VAGNOZZI, Mayor KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk