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Marlins pursue honors

Suzanne Brown has no certain expectations for this year's Farmingin Hills Mercy softmal squanda.

"I've learned over the years not to
make expectations," the Mercy
coach said. "it's nice to win the California for the district title, it's nice to win the California for the property of the property

knowing the team understands what you're trying to say."

The Marlins must have understood what Brown told them last season, compiling a 29-9 record and winning the league and district championships before bowing to top-ranked Garden City 3-2 in a Class A regional semifinal game.

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This year's team consists of six sophomores, four juniors, three seniors and one freshman.

"We have a young clob and that makes me happy." Brown said. "We also have speed and we have kids who have aircady played a year for me. They know what I want done.

"I DON'T SEE this as a rebuilding year. We have our nucleus coming back, and I think we have a strong

chb."

Mercy will try to repeat last year's accomplishments without Maureen Paulin, an All-Observen pitcher and the Catholic League's Femnle Athlete of the Year.
Paulin struck out 148 batters in 172½ innings en route to a 20-7-record. She boasted a 1.67 carned run average and also contributed at the plate with a 348 average, 29 runs scored and 32 RBI.

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Also lost to graduation were catcher Kim Reichard, first base-



OBSERVER PHOTO

Mercy softball coach Suzanne Brown gives batting instruction to her players during a preseason practice.

Sophomore star to lead Falcons in '92 campaign

when you talk about the players who will have an impact for the Farmington High softball team; you start with Jenny Sever.

Though only a sophomore, she rates as one of the Falcons' top players, having won co-most valuable player honers and battled 44d year ago. Sever started at shortstop but will play a variety of postilons, sepecially the player honers and battled 44d year ago. Sever started at shortstop but will play a variety of postilons, sepecially the player the part of the player the player to heavy the player the player and player the player and lot, Farmington coach Julie Ingalts said, "What helps her is her experience. She goes to a lot of clinics, and she has very strong fundamentals and skills."

The Falcons, who were 12-13 last year, also are counting on the returning senior trio of catcher Marla Huhn, shortstop Nicole Noch and pitcher Danielle Salyer.

Huhn is an excellent defensive catcher and, while not a big hitten has worked a tol on that part of the game, lingalls said, adding Huhn a local said and the said of the

her defense.

NOCH ALSO possesses fine defensive skills, and ingalls looks for increased offensive production from her, also.

"She will be a leader on the Infeld, calling for cutoffs and taking throws on steals," Ingalls said, adding Noch has made the effort to see she has a better year at the plate, too.

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Farmington lost its top pitchers — co-MVP Cory Wojeik and Patit Hansen — to, graduation; therefore, Salyer and junior Suzanne Carlson are being counted on to fill those roles.

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Carlson pitched for two years on the JV team but hasn't experienced varsity competition, and Salyer was a varsity outfleder last year.

"Both have been around the game a lot," Ingalls said, adding Carlson has played since she was 10. "For rit will be a little bit of an eye-opener at the beginning (facing varsity hatters).

"Well see how fast those two adjust to the game. But they can't do it all by themselves. They have to have the defense behind them."

With Sever rotating positions, the only set sastgaments are those at catcher and shortstop, according to lingalls.

Ingalis.

"I HAVE 13 girls on the team, and I said 'The more positions you know the better off you'll be; the more playing time you will get,' Ingalts said. "We don't have a solid nine. We'll switch everybody around, Maybe after a few weeks we will but

Maybe after a rew weeks we will out not right now."

Carlson will likely play third when not pitching, with Sever filling in when she does. Senior Michelle Archambeau was the back-up behind Sever at second and is slated to start the start when some finder Michel Bloya. Sever at second and is stated to start there this year. Junior Nicole Binga-men also can play third and provide backup for Sever at first. Ingalls would like to play Sever in the outfield and have a veteran play-er who can be a leader in the outer

CC family mourns loss of ex-grid star Roberts

By Brad Emone and Steve Kowelski stall writers

The Rev. Norbert Clemens was sitting inside his office at Redford Catholic Central years ago when a famus college footbol coact-all of the control years ago when a famus college footbol coact-all of the control of th

The shooting occurred following a party Roberts attended at the Em-



bassy Suites Hotel, Rommell Lamont Sanders, 22, of Detroit, was arraigned Tuesday and charged with first-degree murder. Sanders was a former work associate of Roberts at a Northland sporting goods store. Roberts was 39. "It's very sad, Aaron and I were

very closo," Clemens sald. "He was a peach of a guy, It's a tragle ending for a good guy to meet. He was solid, fearless, but very humble. He never thought he was someone special. A really nice, quiet kild."

really nice, quick kid."

CLEMENS remembers Roberts' first days at CC, when after football practice, the sophomore would walk north on loaker Road nearly three miles to eatch a bus heading to Defloit.

"I noticed him one day walking down Lyndon toward inkster and I said, "where are you going?" Clemens said. "He said, The walking down to Seven Mile Road to get the bus." I sated him how long it takes to get home and be said, "Depending on the bus connections, an hour to an hour and a half." I said, "Get In my car, Fil take you home."

"C became the family Roberts never really had.

The greatest tailback ever to come out of CO did not know his parents. His mother passed away during his early years, and he reportedly didn't meet his natural father, Aldredge Reid, until his adult years.

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Emmett will play despite illness



Now all Jenny Emmett needs is the weather to cooperate.

The Plymouth Salem senior has managed, for the present time, to overcome greater obstacles that threatened to keep her from playing high school soccer this year.

If that last detail can be resolved, Emmett will be in goal for the Rocks when they begin the 1992 season Monday night with a game against Livonia Streenson.

Stevenson.

Emmett learned earlier this year she will need a bone marrow transplant, but not even a life-threatening circumstance as that could suppress the desire to play her final year of warsily soccer.

She received an OK to play from her family physician, and Emmett's parents agreed to accept all responsibility for her participation and were expected to aubmit a teletr to that effect this week to Plymouth-Canton Athletic Director Paul Cummings.

"I WANTED to play so bad and I was pleading with them," Emmeat said.
"I promised I would wear my belimet, be careful and if I didn't feel good at
that time I wouldn't play."
Being allowed to play was like a reprieve, a new lease on life, for Emmett,
who will only play in the so-called big games.

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