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CC tops Raiders in district final

FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Berrigan top female athlete

Farmington Hills Mercy senior Kathleen Berrigan has been named the Female Athlete of the Year in the Catholic League.



Kathleen Berrigan

Berrigan was a four-time letter winner in softball for the Marlins and played on the varsity basketball team for three years.

She has achieved a 3.6 grade-point average and hopes to continue playing softball next year at the University of Michigan.

"I thought it was a big enough honor just getting the application from my school, because each school gets only one," Berrigan said, adding she was "incredibly surprised" to receive the overall award. "I wasn't expecting to win, so I was quite excited."

Berrigan, who was chosen from 36 female applicants, will be honored along with Rob Valentino of Dearborn Divine Child — the male winner — at the Catholic League championship baseball game Wednesday at Tiger Stadium.

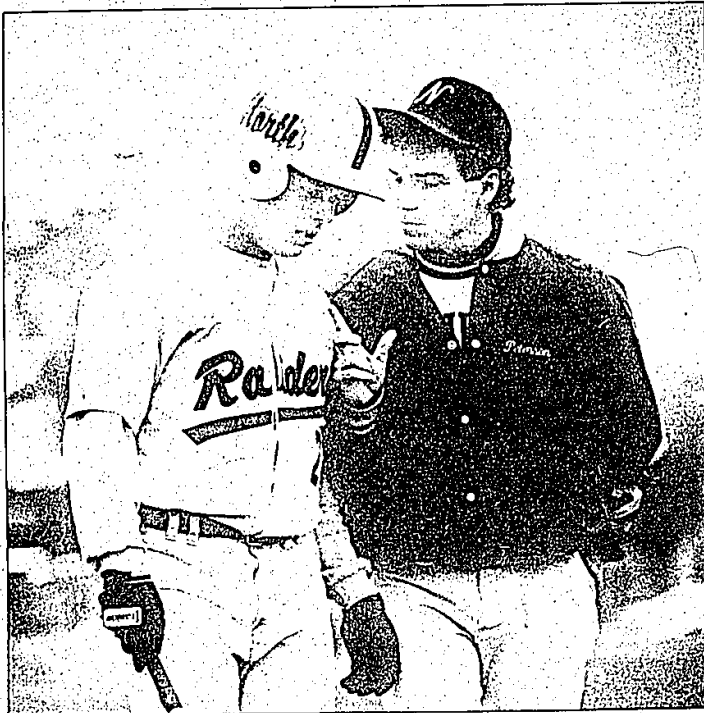
Berrigan was an All-Observer and All-Catholic selection in basketball last fall, helping the Marlins to a runner-up finish in the state tournament and a 17-9 record.

She averaged eight points and 3.7 rebounds and led Mercy with 110 steals. The 5-foot-4 point guard holds school records for single-game assists (13), assists per game (7.9) and career assists (381).

Berrigan also was a two-time most valuable player in the annual Mercy Hoops Classic. As an outfielder in softball, she made the All-Observer team the last two years. She batted .375, stole 31 bases, scored 41 runs, had nine sacrifices, compiled 21 RBIs and had an on-base percentage of .683 as a junior.

"The highlight was the state final in basketball; that was the best," Berrigan said.

Other memorable moments were "the win over Ladywood in softball last year — we won both games, which we were not expected to do, and went to the Catholic League final — and my win over Marian."



Skull session: North Farmington assistant coach Scott Peterson instructs Jon Sturtz to hunt against Farmington in the first game of the district tournament Saturday.

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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Redford Catholic Central senior shortstop Paul Kuhn, known in years past as a light hitter, slugged a heavy baseball better than anyone else during Saturday's Class A district at Southfield High School.

Kuhn homered during CC's 11-1 win over Farmington Hills Harrison in a Class A district opener and later in the day he scored once and hit a sacrifice fly to lead the Shamrocks past North Farmington 4-1 in the district final.

The games were played in miserably wet conditions, making the several baseballs used heavier than normal.

CC (22-3) advances to Saturday's Temperance-Bedford regional and will meet the winner of today's Ann Arbor Pioneer district.

"Paul hit the home run, which is pretty good as heavy as the balls were today," CC coach John Salter said. "I didn't think anyone could hit one out."

After hitting below .200 a year ago, Kuhn spent the winter months working out at Grand Slam USA in Farmington Hills. The work helped raise Kuhn's average to .351, and his power has increased — although he's not ready to go from the No. 2 batter in the lineup to cleanup.

Kuhn's three-run homer in the win over Harrison cleared the left-field fence and was the first of his career.

"It was a fastball right down the middle. I kept my head down; it was just a normal swing," Kuhn said.

The district final was deadlocked at 1-1 after four innings before CC scored a pair of unearned runs in the top of the fifth to break the tie. After North starting and losing pitcher Mark Temple retired the first two CC batters, Scott Kapla's fly ball to center field was misplayed for a two-base error.

Kuhn walked to put runners on first and second and Brian Hicks followed with a two-run single for a 3-1 CC lead.

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Sullivan receives honor

Mike Sullivan of Farmington Hills, a senior at the University of Notre Dame, was named to All-West Lacrosse Association team for the third time following a record-breaking final season.



Mike Sullivan

Sullivan, a graduate of Redford Catholic Central High School, became the all-time leading scorer for the Fighting Irish, with 185 points. He scored 32 goals and had 26 assists this year.

Notre Dame coach Kevin Corrigan was named the MIA Coach of the Year after leading his team to its second appearance in the NCAA tournament and a 10-5 record.

The Irish also tied a school record for single-season victories and had a string of nine consecutive wins. Notre Dame is 33-25 in four years under Corrigan.

North edges Farmington to advance, 4-3

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
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With two outs and the bases loaded with Farmington runners in the bottom of the fifth inning Saturday, North Farmington coach Irv Horowitz brought in ace pitcher Mark Temple to quell the rally.

Opposing coaches usually shudder at the site of Temple on the mound, but Farmington coach Kevin Kinsman welcomed the hard-throwing right-hander.

"Our first goal was to get Temple in the game because if Temple is in the game, that means they're in trouble," Kinsman said.

But after allowing Farmington to take a 3-2 lead in the fifth on a pair of un-

earned runs, Temple settled down and the Raiders rallied for a 4-3 win in eight innings of a Class A district opening game at Southfield High School.

The loss ended Farmington's season at 5-19 overall. Farmington came in as a huge underdog after failing to win a game during the Western Lakes Activities Association, which was won by North.

The win sent North into the district final where the Raiders lost later in the day to Redford Catholic Central 3-1.

"What we wanted to do was compete and play hard, that's all you can control," said Kinsman, who was encouraged by the pitching of sophomore left-hander Mike Williams, one of three pitchers. "These guys deserve a lot of credit. I thought Mike Williams pitched well for the time he was in there. He's going to have a nice career."

Burgess hit a ground ball down the

third base line that Temple fielded and threw wildly to first, allowing Aaron Cagnon and Salomonson to score and put Farmington ahead 3-2.

"I didn't know if I should take the play or if the third baseman should take it," said Temple, who retired the next nine batters in order. "I just gunned it down there."

North scored a run in the seventh, and one in the eighth — and each came after the leadoff batter walked. Three walks and Temple's single combined to help Jason Horowitz score the tying run in the seventh.

The Raiders broke the tie in the eighth after Jack Wilks walked, stole second and scored on a two-base error in the outfield.

Falcons place 2nd in softball

BY BRAD EMMONS
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One of the area's pastimes in softball is no more.

Livonia Churchill, that's right, the 17-5 Chargers, are moving on to the Class A regional at Temperance-Bedford after eliminating Farmington Harrison (6-1) and Farmington High (15-1) in Saturday's district tourney at the Southfield Civic Center.

When was the last time Churchill won a district title in softball?

It's been awhile, so long in fact that first-year coach Dana Hardwidge couldn't locate a district plaque after securing the school's trophy case.

"I've been here four years. . . I knew it was one of the most important games," said hard-hitting shortstop Vicki Lucas. "We knew we were one of the favorites, but we still had to make sure everybody's heads were in it."

Lucas personally guaranteed that her senior season would continue, putting on an awesome display of hitting by knocking in 11 runs on the day. Her three-run homer in the opener against Harrison bounced — on the fly — only 10 feet from the 250-foot fence.



Extended effort: Farmington shortstop Nicole Noch tries but can't reach a ground ball in the district final against Churchill, which defeated the Falcons 15-1.

Lucas clubs another

In the championship final against the Falcons, she ripped a towering shot to left field for a grand slam, her seventh of the season.

"The pitchers were kind of slow and I got excited," said Lucas, who recently signed with Central Michigan University. "I try not to be anxious. It depends on what I see. I usually like them right down the middle."

Lucas made only one out in eight

trips to the plate. (Harrison center fielder Kelley West robbed her of a hit in the fifth inning.)

"Her home run was the turning point," said Harrison coach Mike Teichman, who watched a 1-1 deadlock disappear instantly in the third inning of the first semifinal game. "The home run was a changeup (pitch) that didn't change."

"She can also go in the hole at short and make the play. She's so intimidating, and she's just a monster hitter."

The Chargers put together the total package on Saturday.

They made only one error in the two games and received solid pitching from right-hander Karen Jose, who proved she could throw in back-to-back games.

"I was worried and I thought my arm would hurt, but it wasn't too bad," said the sophomore, who scattered four hits while walking only one and fanning 10 Harrison batters in the opener.

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Soccer stars on Bud team

Several area players competed for the Budweiser All-State Soccer Team in tournament play recently in Rockford, Ill.

Forwards included Brian Thiel of Livonia, a member of the Blazers, who attends Valparaiso University, and Travis Roy of Livonia Stevenson High, who is headed for Wisconsin.

Midfielders included John Gentile, Livonia Churchill product, a member of the Marauders (Oakland University); Dominic Scialuna, Redford Catholic Central High product, Paragon (Oakland University); Kerry Zavagnin of Plymouth, Redford CC High (North Carolina bound); Mike Giese, Farmington High (Butler University); and Paul Kalluszewski, Churchill product, Marauders (Eastern Michigan).

Defenders included Livonia Stevenson product Las Richters, a Yale University grad and member of the National Professional Indoor League champion Detroit Rockets squad; Derek Willford, Stevenson grad, Blazers (Oakland).

Goalie selections included Mike Sheehy of Farmington High, who now plays for the Blazers and Oakland, along with Churchill High junior Kal Kaliszewski, a member of the Marauders of the Great Lakes Men's Soccer League.

Roney wins Whelan Award

Matt Roney of Canton was recently presented the Father James Whelan Award, given to the Redford Catholic Central High senior who excels academically and athletically. The award is voted on by all varsity letter winners.

Roney ranks third in a graduating class of 214, carrying a 4.56 grade-point average.

He was a member of the All-Central Division, All-Catholic and All-State football teams. The defensive back was also captain of the CC football squad.

Roney is also an outfielder with the CC baseball team. He will attend Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.