Marlins perfect in duals

Farmington Hills Mercy won its fourth consective dual meet without a loss in Catholic Lengue girls cross country Tuesday, 17-44 over Riverview Gabriel Richard.

Mercy's Sharmila Prasad ran a personal best of 19:03 at Young Patriots Park in Riverview and finished first.

ished first.

Teammates Amy Freund (20:05), Mary Thewes (20:38) and Nicole Pryor (21:38) crossed immediately after Prasad as the Marlins captured the top

rour places.

Pryor also had a personal-best time. Erin Blazewski rounded out the Mercy scoring with a seventh-place time of 20:38.

The Marlins were sixth Saturday in the 22-team Center Line Invitational. Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley won the meet and Livonia Stevenson was third.

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Prasad paced Mercy with a fourth-place finish and 19:13 time. Freund (19:51), Thewes (20:32), Pryor (22:07) and Blazewski (22:38) had respective finishes of sixth, 17th, 46th and 73rd.
Mercy competes In the Oakland County meet Saturday at Marshbank and runs its last league dual Tuesday against Birmingham Marian at Cass Benton.

Fitz guides team to win

Freshman Andy Fitzpatrick quarterbacked Holy Cross to its first football victory of the college season Saturday, 30-7 over Harvard.

Fitzpatrick, the former Harrison High star who won the starting job in preseason practices, was 76-15 passing for 100 yards and his first touch-down. He had two passes intercepted.

He also rushed 10 times for 41 yards before leaving the game in the third quarter with a shoulder sprain.

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The Crusaders entered the season with the nation's longest winning streak at 20 games but snapped a three-game losing streak.
In four games, Fitzpatrick, who helped Harrison win the Class BB state title last year, has completed 24 of 59 passes for 262 yards. Five have been intercepted. He has carried the ball 48 times for a gain of 179 yards and net total of 82.

Falcons prey on No. 2 Salem



Soaring Falcons: It was the biggest victory in Farmington soccer history when the Falcons upset No. 2-ranked Salem, according to coach Luke Juncaj. Dave Shepard of Farmington dribbles

Coach Luke Juncaj called it the biggest win in the history of the Farmington High boys soccer program when the Falcons upset Plymouth Salem and assumed first place in the Lakes Division.

BY DAN O'MEARA STAFF WRITER



Mike Giese

Mike Giese and his Farmington High teammates believed they were good attact ranking in boys accer despite some early-season setbacks.

Nobody could argue with the Falcons after they upset No. 2-ranked Plymouth Salem 1-0 and all but claimed their first Lakes Division championship Monday night.

Farmington needed a win Wednesday over Walled Lake Central to clinch the title but took the lead at 2-0-1. The Rocks finished 3-1-0.

"Maybe after this game, we'll get a chance to be ranked," said diese, who scored the only goal at 33:48 in the second half." Ag game like this can boest a team like ours that hasn't been on the high end other years."

Giese, assessing the significance of the win, said it puts Farmington alongside the Plymouth-Canton and Livonia teams, which have dominated the Western Lakes Activities Association.

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"We're finally showing that Farmington can produce talent like the other teams," he said, adding the Falcons have loat only to state-ranked teams. "Maybe now Farmington can gain that respect."

Salem, the only team other than Livonia Stevenson to win the Lakes crown, suffered its first loss after going unbeaten for a school-record 14 consecutive games. The Rocks are 12-Sep FalcONS. 48

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After 5 years, Wolf can't cry about career with Mustangs



There were so many possibili-ties, so many choices for Jason Wolf to weigh. An all-state foot-ball star at

Wolf to weigh.
An all-state foot-ball star at Brother Rice in 1987 from Farmington Hills.
Wolf was tempted by in-state toot-ball star at Michigan and Michigan State, by out-of-state UCLA, and by all sorts of schools in between.
Hardly surprising. As a senior at Brother Rice he had rushed for over 1,300 yards and 21 touchdowns, and played but offensively and defensively. He could run down, and played but offensively and defensively. He could run and the start of the could run to the start of the

education, position he would play, apportunity.

The winner in his sweepstakes:
Southern Methodist University.
Hardly an obvious choice, SMU
is a small (enrollment under 9,000) Southwest. Conference school located in Dallas that has been besieged by problems in its football program. The Mustangs were rarely a power to begin with—and that was before the NCAA's dreaded "death penalty" forced a two-year suspension, for 1987 and 1988.
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dead-ond.

That was five years ago. Since that time SMU has atruggled, as one might expect. When football was reinstated, scholarships were limited, making the rebuilding process even more difficult. The Mustangs went 2-9 in 1989, following it with consecutive 1-10 sensons.

An unknown star

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But Wolf's no loser. Hardly, "I
made my decision to come here,
and I stuck with it," he says now.
No regrets. No what-mighthave-beens for someone who must
be considered one of the best-kept
secrets in collegiste football.
Wolf has led SMU in pass receiving in each of his first three

seasons. He has 18 catches for 144
yards, two for touchdowns, this
year. His career total is 193 receptions, putting him well within
reach of the SWC career mark of
220, held by Manny Hazzard, who
played at Houston from 1959-90.

"Tve get 31 left," said Wolf before Saturday's game with Baylor
(he now has 27). "That would be a
nice accomplishment."

His entire collegiate football carecr could be aummed up similarly. As a redshirt freshman, Wolf
caught 61 passes, four for TDs, as
a sophomore, he added 55 receptions to his slate, including six
TDs. Last season, Wolf finished
with 59 catches for 565 yards and
four TDs.

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He is SMU's career reception leader and has caught at least one pass in 36 consecutive games. He has played hurt, both physically — a chipped bone in his ankle plagued him throughout his sophomore year, and still hampers him — and mentally — as a freshman, Andre Ware passed Houston to a merclless 95-21 crunching of the undermanned Mustangs.

Troubles linger

It's been a constant struggle, and still is. Prior to the season,



College scene: Jason Wolf is a fifth-year senior on the SMU football team.

SMU's president, A. Kenneth Pye, announced the appointment of a task force to examine the future of ather the factor of a task force to examine the future of atherities at the school. A decision is due by the end of the year, with possible recommendations regarding football ranging from remaining at the current level to dropping to Division 1AA — or discontinuing it all together. The Mustangs' 3-1 start quelled the troubles somewhat for a while. But now, more have surfaced. Twelve players, including seven starters, were suspended for last Saturdsy's game egainst Baylor for improperly selling their books. That didn't, help the Mustangs' chances much — they lost 49-7 to fall to 3-2. "That's the kind of stuff that's been going on," said Wolf, frustrated. The kind of stuff that's been going on," said Wolf, frustrated. The kind of stuff that's been going on," said Wolf, frustrated. The kind of stuff that's been going on," said Wolf, frustrated. The high of stuff that's been going on," said Wolf, frustrated. The high of stuff that's been going on," said Wolf, frustrated. The high of stuff that's been going on," said Wolf, frustrated. The high of stuff that's been going on, and won the said work of th

Sept. 26.
And now, another crash.
Still, Wolf hasn't wavered on those priorities he set five years

ago.
"My main, No. 1 goal was to get my education," he said. That he will accomplish: After fall semes-ter, he'll have one class remaining to complete his double major in finance and real estate.

This is it.

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His athletic goal was never prooriented. "I'm a realist." Wolf insists. "A real realist." He wanted
to play right away, and he wanted
to play right away, and he wanted
to play on offense. Those are two
reasons he chose SMU; he'd get
action immediately, and he'd be a
receiver, not a defensive back,
which several schools had him
pegged for.

"I don't think I'll get drafted,"
Wolf said. His ankle doesn't affeet his straight-shead speed, but
he has trouble cutting. Plus, ever
though he's proven he can catch
the ball and sin't afraid to go over
the middle to do it — SMU uses a
run-and-shoot offense, with Wolf
as a slot receiver — be's not arcetablished deep threat.

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