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Badgers win division title

The Farmington Badgers, an under-16 girls select team, won the Superior Division championship in the Great Lakes Soccer League.

The Badgers completed division play with a 7-1 record and captured 27 of 30 possible points. Farmington scored 99 goals while goalkeeper Sarah Green allowed only six.

"We are extremely proud of the girls who made the Badger roster," coach Bill Green said. "This team had representation from five municipalities and six area high schools. All the girls from our roster will probably play high school soccer in the spring."

Other team members are forwards Amy Spurlock, Denise Laurie, Jessica Mahnar, Nicole Bullion, Erin Kenney, Simi Dhawan and Kerl Lowry; midfielders Jamie Pawloski, Julie Roble and Heidi Wahl; defenders Julie Haight, Patty Brady, Bethany Chambers, Shelagh Grierson and Kristen Walters.

The assistant coaches are Mike Bullion and Kim Owczarzak.

Elezovic wins grid honor

Peter Elezovic of Farmington Hills was named the Kick Team Champion of the Week by the University of Michigan football coaching staff for his performance Saturday in the team's 40-7 win over Northwestern. He kicked a 23-yard field goal and five extra points.

Elezovic, who attended Redford Catholic Central High School, is third on the U-M team in scoring with 60 points.

He has converted 45 of 46 PATs and five of nine field goals. His longest field goal was 33 yards.

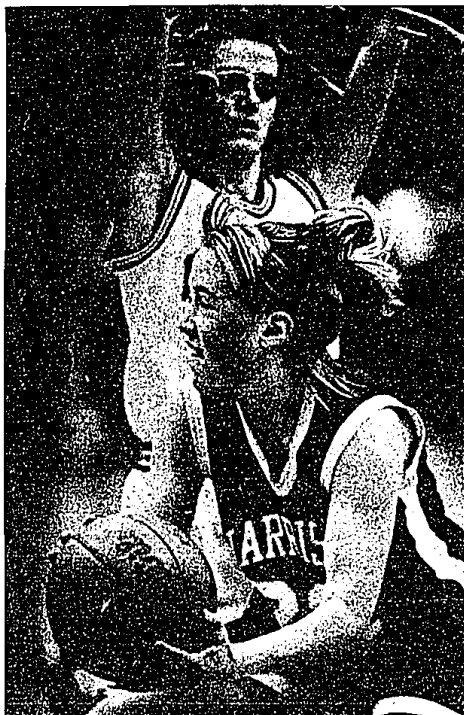
S'craft women post win

There were a few rough spots, but the outcome at least satisfied Schoolcraft College women's basketball coach Jack Grenan — a season-opening 69-63 triumph over visiting Siena Heights junior varsity Saturday.

The Lady Ocelots got what Grenan wanted: balanced scoring. Dana Hudson performed well with team highs in points (21) and rebounds (nine). Alissa Wechter added 13 points, and Jon Audet and Becky Piotrowski each scored 10. Lori Murphy added eight.

The final score bothered Grenan only because the Ocelots allowed Siena Heights to score five points in the final 17 seconds.

Mercy cagers start winning streak



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Team leader: Amanda Ault played her best basketball game Tuesday for the Hawks, who rallied in the second half to defeat Northville.



The regular season ends this week in high school girls basketball, and city teams are getting ready for the start of post-season play next week. North Farmington, Mercy and Harrison will compete in the same district tournament at Novi.

Farmington Hills Mercy is building momentum for the start of the Class A girls basketball tournament next week.

The Marlins, who were state runners-up last year, have won three straight non-league games to boost their season record to 8-11.

Mercy's latest win was a 54-24 rout of visiting Detroit Mumford on Tuesday. The Marlins finish the regular season tonight with a home game against Detroit DePue.

"Another effort like this and we'll be ready for the district," coach Larry Baker said. "This will boost our confidence going into the tournament."

Mercy led 16-8 after one quarter and 30-14 at halftime. Senior forward Dana Wade scored 13 points, Katie Heffernan 10, Julie Angell and Nadine Cichonski seven each.

Nine players scored for the Marlins. Arlene Williams had 10 points to lead Mumford (7-8).

Ten players contributed to the scoring Saturday when the Marlins trounced visiting Detroit Cody 66-29. Freshman guard Liz Weber had 11 points, Wade and Glenda Lee 10 each.

Wade scored nine in the third quarter when Mercy outscored the Comets 20-4 to lead 47-20. Leo got all of her points in the second half. The Marlins led 37-16 at halftime.

Junior guard Sharon Mitchell scored 12 points for Cody (12-6).

"We created a lot of turnovers and moved the ball very well on offense," Baker said. "We scored from the perimeter as well as we have all year."

"I was real delighted with this one. We looked a lot sharper than (Friday) when Mercy defeated Allen Park Cabrini 57-36."

■HARRISON 69, N'VILLE 45: The Hawks came to life in the second half

Tuesday to defeat host Northville.

Harrison trailed 10-8 and 18-14 at the end of the first two quarters but outscored the Mustangs 45-27 in the second half to win going away.

The Hawks got 19 points apiece from senior Heather Hopkins and junior Amanda Ault, who had some special motivation.

Ault's parents promised to buy a tank of gas for her car if she reached double figures in scoring and rebounding, according to coach Pete Mantyla. Ault also had 12 rebounds.

"She played her best game of the year," Mantyla said. "She came with a full tank."

Sophomore Krista Snow added 10 points and also pulled down 12 rebounds. Krista Howe had 10 points for the Mustangs (5-13).

Harrison (11-8), which took a 36-35 lead in the fourth quarter, will play North Farmington for fifth place in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament at 3 p.m. Saturday at Northville.

■NORTH 45, WESTERN 43: The Raiders needed an overtime period Tuesday to take a thrilling victory from host Walled Lake Western.

With her team down a point in OT, Shannon McCoy sank a three-point shot to put North ahead 43-41.

Alissa Gordon scored to make it a four-point lead before the Warriors converted two free throws with two seconds left.

The Raiders (10-9) were down a point late in regulation time, too. But Western called a timeout when it had none left, and North's Danielle LaBorde made one of two technical free throws to tie with 13 seconds remaining.

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Prasad places 3rd in state

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Farmington Hills Mercy senior Sharmila Prasad had the best finish by a Farmington runner Saturday at the Class A championships in Flint.

Prasad, making her third consecutive trip to the state meet, finished sixth in the girls individual race with a 19:26 time.

"She ran a real aggressive race," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "She was right up front from the beginning. She was strong and steady the whole way."

Prasad was 13th overall after results of the team race were included and was named an all-state runner. The top 25 earn the honor.

"She deserved it and it couldn't happen to a better person," Servais said, adding Prasad is the best cross country athlete he has coached.

"She worked hard to get ready for the season; she's enthusiastic

about the sport and a leader, too. We're going to miss all of that next year."

The Marlins had two all-stars since junior Amy Freund was 10th in the individual race and 17th overall with a 19:26 time.

"She hooked on to Sharmila and stayed with her all year," Servais said. "To go there for the first time and be all-star is a remarkable accomplishment."

"It will be good to have her back. She'll have to take over Sharmila's leadership role next year."

North Farmington senior Emily Shively placed eighth in the individual race for the second straight year, but she had hoped to do better after being a regional champion, according to coach Bill Pinnell.

"At a couple points in the race, she would make a move at the same time the other girls were," Pinnell said. "Emily saw she was not gaining any ground on them.

After making a couple surges like that, it started wearing on her mentally."

Shively still ran her third-fastest time (19:22) of the season and earned all-state honors again.

"It's not like she completely fell apart," Pinnell said. "She only ran cross country for two years and was all-state both years. So that was quite an accomplishment."

Harrison's Justin Dreyer was ninth in the Class A boys individual race with a 16:18 time and became the first all-star for coach John Reed. Dreyer was 17th going into the last mile but had a strong finish.

"He really showed how talented he is," Reed said. "Of all the kids I've coached, he's mentally one of the toughest."

"He told me all week he was going to do well. He has a lot of confidence and a lot of guts. He's strong."

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Raiders seek hoop answers

BY C.J. RISAK
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What lies ahead for Oakland Community College's men's basketball team is a question mark.

The Raiders enter the 1992-93 campaign without a clear picture of what they can accomplish, or where they will finish. Can they challenge Highland Park and Flint Mott, the pre-season favorites, for the Eastern Conference title? Or will they come up short, as they did last year when they finished with a 14-18 overall record?

There is one constant, anyway — coach Lynn Reed has a certain amount of talent to draw upon. But how talented are they?

At last weekend's season-opening Three Rivers CC Tournament in Poplar Bluff, Mo., OCC lost all three games. Two of the defeats came against very tough NJCAA Division I teams, 117-74 to defending NJCAA I champion Three Rivers and 99-80 to highly touted Shelby State (Memphis, Tenn.). The third loss was to Sho-

als CC (Miss.), 85-81.

Hardly an auspicious beginning. But then, the returnees from last year's team were not exactly star quality.

Back from the 1991-92 squad are 6-foot-7 center Bill Knight; 6-3 forward-guard Troy Coleman; 6-6 forward Myron Banks; 5-8 point guard Kevin Woodmore (from Avondale); and 6-5 forward Bill Thurston (Rochester).

Noticeably absent from last year's team is high-scoring forward Rasche Revere, who graduated. Replacing him won't be easy, particularly in points. When Revere wasn't scoring last year, the Raiders struggled.

Additions this season are Craig Martin, a 6-11 shooting guard from Rochester; Mike Oakland, Christian who led Oakland County in scoring as a junior; Willis Payne, a 6-3, 220-pound Army veteran; Randy Hicks, a 6-4, 260-pound forward from Romeo; Mark Galbraith, a 6-5 redshirt forward from Clarkston; Sylvester Backhill, a 6-1 leaper from Pontiac

Central with little game experience; Bill Seeta, a 6-4 forward from Waterford Mott; and Curtis Long, a 5-2 point guard from Jackson.

Reed likes his team's strength, but is wary of its lack of height. "We're not real tall," he said. "But we're physically big. We're strong."

"I think we're going to be more balanced. The sophomores are going to have to display leadership."

The most intriguing player, according to Reed, is the team's smallest — the 5-2 Long. "If we can keep this guy, I think he'll really make a difference," he said. "He's an awesome talent, he's so quick. And he's a real crowd-pleaser, a Magic personality."

Long, however, played very little during last weekend's tournament because he missed most of last week's practices due to personal problems. Those problems

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