

Nicole Pryor
standout sprinterAmy Freund
distance specialistEileen O'Connell
relay runner

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runner Becky Sharpe.

"The key to our success this season depends on leadership," Babcock said. "Three seniors carrying the leadership for 50 people is a big load to carry. But if we can get leadership from our seniors and juniors we'll do well."

Babcock sees seven juniors playing a major role on the 50-person team. Junior identical twins Angie and Becky Peane are versatile runners who can compete in runs from the 100-meter dash to the 800 run.

Junior Maggie Chavez will be strong in the hurdles and middle distances, and junior Maureen McQuleton, who placed fifth in the 400m at the Western Lakes Activities Association meet, will carry

ry the Hawks in the throwing events.

Juniors Jessica Pieti and Melanie Renkola are three-year middle-distance runners, and juniors Jamie Riggs and Sherry Stoinack are strong distance runners.

"You look down the list (on the roster) and you see a good breakdown," Babcock said. "We have people in each class who can contribute. Our weakness in the past has been distance, but we've caught up and that isn't a weakness anymore."

The Hawks will attempt to win the division and the WLAA title for the first time since 1984. Their season begins Friday at the Huron River Relays at Eastern Michigan University.



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minimum size limits for several species of fish on inland lakes. The most noticeable change is that the minimum size limit on smallmouth and largemouth bass has been increased from 12 to 14 inches.

New minimum size limits have also been established for northern pike and muskellunge and a minimum standard has been set for channel and flathead catfish as well. The size limit for northern pike has been increased from 20 to 24 inches, muskie from 30 to 42 inches and channel and flathead have been changed from no size limit to 12 inches and 15 inches, respectively.

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good the team really was. I hope this year's team will improve as far as the record."

To improve the Marlins have to fill the void left by Kathleen Barrigan, the Catholic League Athlete of the Year who plays at the University of Michigan. She batted .593, stole 44 bases (including home eight times), scored 41 runs and covered a lot of ground in center field.

Also lost to graduation were second baseman Andrea Thibodeau (.450) and first baseman Marcy Eastman.

Senior Katie Heffernan returns to start her fourth year at shortstop. Heffernan will probably bat third after hitting .400-plus a year ago.

"I expect her to show leadership on and off the field," Burgess said.

Senior Mindy Mraan, the team's cleanup hitter, will play

"Through these changes, we feel we can gain a better quality of the total fishery in the state's inland lakes," said DNR fisheries biologist Ron Spiller. "About a year ago, we started talking to people and asking them what they wanted for the future of fishing in Michigan. We got lots and lots of feedback from fishermen, fishing clubs and other related groups as well as lots of research information. By and large we've got good response from the anglers. They'll catch fewer fish they can keep, but the size and weight of the fish they do keep will grow."

The changes should be applauded. With bass and pike, particularly, the old size limits allowed anglers to catch and keep a lot of smaller, young fish. The new regulations will enable those young fish to spawn, which in the long run should increase the respective populations.

The fishery will also benefit by the fact that not as many fish will be harvested. A one-pound 12-inch bass or angler catches opening day may have hit the fryer pan last year, but this year it will be returned to the water. That

fish will nearly double in weight before next year rolls around.

In addition, over the year it will take for a bass to gain an additional two inches and a pike to gain an additional four inches, these fish will continue to feed on pan fish. This added predation on the small pan fish could improve that fishery as well.

Many inland lakes in Michigan are besieged with stunted pan fish. When the pan fish population in a particular body of water exceeds the carrying capacity of that lake the pan fish become stunted. But with the added predation there will be less pan fish competing for the same amount of food and habitat. The surviving fish will be larger and stronger.

Not only that, but let's face it, a 12-inch bass or a 20-inch pike just doesn't yield much of a fillet.

There are also some changes in bag limits. The daily possession limit for bass, pike, walleye, sauger and flathead catfish is five per day in any combination. The daily limit on channel catfish is 10. The daily limit for yellow perch on inland lakes has also been reduced from 100 to 50.

"Right now it's a little confusing

because these changes are for inland lakes. There has been no change in the Great Lakes," Spiller said. "Hopefully by next year we'll be done with any changes in the Great Lakes and everything will be much simpler."

Look for the Loon

Taxes, taxes, taxes. It's that time of year again.

Michigan residents can help protect and restore the state's endangered plants and animals and nongame wildlife through donating a small portion of their tax return to Michigan's Nongame Wildlife Fund.

"Last year more than 93,000 taxpayers made donations totaling nearly \$600,000," said DNR director Roland Harms.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women who would like to play nine holes of early-morning golf without rigid league rules, are invited to join The Thursday Group. An informational meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at Hilltop Golf Course. Play begins April 23. For information call 451-0575 or 455-9496.

SOFTBALL NEWS

There will be preseason men's softball tournament April 23-25

at Claude Allison Park in Redford. The fee is \$150 plus a ball for each game. There is a three-game guarantee. Rain dates are May 1-2. For information, call Bob Kaup at 534-6787.

RACE FOR THE CURE

The Michigan Cancer Foundation's Race for the Cure will be Saturday, April 17, at the Detroit Zoo.

Proceeds will support breast cancer research, education and follow-up diagnostic tests for low-income women and educational and screening activities in the workplace.

Registration for the 5K race/walk/track and one-mile fun walk begins at 7:30 a.m. The race begins at 9 a.m.

first or third base, and is working on her pitching skills to rest Dadekan. Senior Ariana Pontowski will play third base and junior Erin Weis will catch.

The outfield is led by junior Kathy Miteravich, who will start for her third season. Sophomore Jackie Rajkovich will start her second straight year in the outfield.

Others returning are juniors Katie Kenny (first base) and utility players Meghan O'Brien and Michelle Romig.

Promising newcomers include junior designated hitter Allison Gunn and sophomore Piper Metz (shortstop). Glenda Lee (utility player) and Kim Sanders (infield).

Freshman Heidi Wahl is the likely candidate to start at second base, according to Burgess.

Burgess is reluctant to say how her team will do this season because of the lack of quality time outside and lack of action against an opponent. But she added there

won't be much difference between her squad and Brown's successful teams.

"Not much has changed; we just have a new person in control," Burgess said. "We only lost three starters and have a lot of people who know and understand how we play the game."

"If I can get them to believe in themselves and play to their ability, and have fun doing that, then I will consider this a successful season."

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