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Stevens 5th in race

Jim Stevens of Farmington Hills drove his Smith Tool-sponsored Ford Mustang Cobra to fifth place earlier this month in the SCCA Trans-Am competition at Road Atlanta, Ga. Stevens began the race in 16th place and earned the SCCA's Champion Spark Plug Hard Charger of the Race Award for his come-from-behind effort.

A spin on the first qualifying lap dropped Stevens from an almost-certain top 10 start to 16th. That caused Stevens to adopt a save-the-car strategy that had worked so well for him in the past.

"I knew I had to pace myself and not run off my tires, but the front-runners were really going good," he said. "I just concentrated on being real smooth and then all of a sudden the front-runners slowed and I still had a car."

"It was just a matter of not over-driving the car and losing that finish. It's probably the most rewarding race I've ever driven."

Stevens, who graduated from Western Michigan University this month and is racing full time for the Rough Racing Team in Livonia, will race next in the Detroit Grand Prix Saturday, June 12.

Track finals at Mercy

Farmington Hills Mercy High School will be the site for the Catholic League A-B Division boys' and girls' track championships Tuesday and the C-D Division meets Wednesday.

The field events and running preliminaries have respective start times of 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. each day.

The 3,200-meter relay and all other A-B running finals are tentatively set to begin at 4 and 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, the 3,200 relay and C-D finals at 4:15 and 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Both prices include a program. Mercy High is at 11 Mile and Middlebelt.

The Western Lakes Activities Association girls' track championship meet will be Wednesday at Plymouth Salem/Canton. Field events begin at 3:15 p.m., running prelims at 4 p.m. and finals at 6:30 p.m.

Catholic League dinner

The Catholic League Coaches Association and Catholic League Hall of Fame will induct five area members during a reunion dinner Monday, June 14, at Warren Chateau. The event coincides with a golf event earlier in the day at Maple Lane Golf Course.

The 1993 inductees for coaches include former Redford Bishop Borgess High basketball coach and athletic director Mike Fusco.

Livonian Dan Wandzel, a longtime member of the Redford Catholic Central Dad's Club, will be honored for distinguished service.

Area athletes also to be inducted: Michigan State offensive tackle Toby Heston, former Redford Catholic Central griddle and wrestler; University of Detroit Mercy four-year starting guard Dwayne Kelly, a Bishop Borgess High alumnus; and University of Michigan All-Big 10 cross country and track runner Matt Smith, a Westland native and Borgess graduate.

For ticket information, call 237-6960.

Hawks race to track win

Don Bryant won the high jump (5-8), the 110-meter hurdles (14.8) and the 300 hurdles (42.6) to lead Harrison to an 89-48 victory over Livonia Churchill in boys' track Wednesday.

The Hawks also got first place from Marc Ferguson (long jump), 21-1; Scott Gurke (100 dash), 11.3; Justin Dreyer (1,600 run), 4:44.8; Scott Turner (400 run), 54.6; and Matt Zimmerman (800 run), 2:13.1.

Harrison swept first place in the relays with times of 8:43.5 (3,200), 1:35.5 (800), 46.1 (400) and 3:45.7 (1,600).

The Hawks finished 3-2 in Western Division dual meets and 4-2 overall.

Shively sets 1,600 record

North Farmington senior Emily Shively's 1,600-meter time of 6:14.7 Wednesday broke the school record (6:21.9) set last year by Jenny Weh.

The Raiders lost the Lakes Division dual meet to visiting Livonia Stevenson 72-56. North finished 3-2 in the division and 3-3 overall.

Heather Burcar won the 400 dash (1:01.4) and also helped the Raiders win the 800 and 1,600 relays.

Emily Oepfermann, Burcar, Michelle Beaver and Annie Jud won the 800 in 1:53.7. The 1,600 team of Keegan Keefover, Shannon McCoy, Jennifer Garczynski and Burcar finished in 4:20.4. Keefover also won the 800 run (2:29.3).

The Raiders fared well in the distance runs Wednesday but lost a boys' dual meet 82-55 at Livonia Stevenson.

Ryan Deuel was first in the 800 run (2:07.7) and Brian Rajdl the 3,200 (10:34.9), and both were on the winning 3,200 relay team (8:47.9), which included Niri Nalk and Jay Zimmerman.

North's Tom Stambouloun won the 1,600 run (4:55.8), Jason Kong the shot put (42-7), Mike Polesant the discus (121-3) and Chris Kemp the 100 dash (11.94).

Mercy 3-peats as league champion



Farmington Hills Mercy captured its third consecutive Catholic League championship in girls soccer Saturday, winning a shootout, 5-4, and defeating Livonia Ladywood for the third time this year, 3-2.

BY DAN O'MEARA
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It was just like having candles on a birthday cake for the Farmington Hills Mercy soccer team Saturday.

The Marlins scored three goals to celebrate their third consecutive Catholic League championship with a 3-2 win over Livonia Ladywood.

But neither the third goal nor the victory came easy, as Mercy needed a shootout to beat the Blazers at University of Detroit-Jesuit High School.

"It's a really good feeling, but the pressure builds each year to do it again," said Mercy junior Flannery Campbell, a member of each championship team, who hit the deciding shot. "But it is very rewarding."

Mercy's goal was topped by a shot by Kelli Colliton, who scored both Ladywood goals in regulation, to leave the shootout tied 3-3.

Jamie Colliton kept the Blazers alive with at 4-4, but Campbell made the fifth and final shot for Mercy, putting the ball in the upper right corner.

"That's where I wanted it to go, but it's not the way I usually do it," Campbell said. "I usually kick with my left foot, but it was hurt (sprain) and I didn't want to use it so I went with my right."

Having played two hours of competitive soccer, neither coach liked the idea of ending with a shootout.

"I don't watch those; I refuse to watch," Ladywood coach Ron Predmesky said. "I never have as a coach. It's no way to end a game."

"There's too much pressure on the kids whether it's the goals or the one taking the shot. Nobody will remember that it was a 2-2 game through 110 minutes."

It was the second shootout in one week for the Marlins (13-4-1), who beat Birmingham Marian the same way in the first round Monday.

Mercy was pushed to the limit because of an inspired effort by the Blazers (10-4-1), who had lost twice to Mercy in the regular season by 3-1 scores but rallied around the superb play of senior goalie Lisa Gunn.

"I think that's where the Theresa Cisco factor comes in," said Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said of the senior sweeper who has a knee injury that will require surgery.

"She's one of those players who carries a lot of the burden and is very demanding on the other players. If she had been healthy, there's a chance we would not have gone to a shootout with Marian or Ladywood, because she's just a big presence out there."

Following a scoreless first half, Heather Richards gave Mercy a 1-0 lead, but Kelli Colliton scored the next two and had the Blazers thinking upset.

All three goals were floaters that hung in the air before dropping under

the crossbar on the far side of the net. Colliton's second was even more difficult, coming from a sharper angle near the corner.

"We work on those in practice," Predmesky said. "There's no way to defend against those unless you have a super goalie, and there are no super goalies in high school. The goalie has to play the short post."

Mercy's Margaret Wirth tied the score with 174 minutes left in regulation time, getting ahead of a defender just far enough to put a foot on the ball.

Gunn's play in the remaining time and two sudden-death overtimes challenged Predmesky's statement about super goalies.

She turned away a shot by Carrie Dziedzic just as the second half ended, and she made several big saves in the first overtime, including three straight in two minutes.

"I thought we were going to pull it out, because we were hammering their goal and the momentum was on our side," Shivraman said. "I thought we'd get out of here 3-2 because nobody wanted to go to a shootout."



SHARON LEMIER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Fancy footwork: North Farmington's Carrie Reje maneuvers to control the ball and hold off Harrison's Dana Dizon in the Friday soccer game.

Raiders overtake Hawks

North Farmington regrouped at halftime Friday and came back from a 1-0 deficit to defeat host Farmington Hills Harrison 5-1 in girls soccer.

All Lord scored four second-half goals for the Raiders, but coach Kris Galczyk attributed the turnaround to midfielder Lisa Appel, who missed the first half because of work.

"She changed the picture of the game," Galczyk said. "In the first half, we played average soccer. Lisa took the weight of the leadership on her shoulders and really led the team."

The Raiders (4-7-1) also were missing three injured starters: Natalie Reje, Bethann Bindon and Jenny Reff.

Carrie Reje scored the other goal, and North had one assist each from Appel, Cooke Perkins and Sharon Sutton. Lord leads the team in scoring with 15 goals and five assists.

"We played four or five straight games in high gear," Galczyk said. "Then we played a weak game against Livonia Franklin. In the first half, we did not play well, but then we got back in high gear."

The Hawks (2-9-3) took a one-goal lead when Karyn Price scored with four minutes left in the first half. Jenni Japenga assisted on the goal.

"Up to that point, we were carrying the play. After that they took over," Harrison coach Glenn Bruhan said. "The first half was probably the best soccer we've played all year."

Midfielders Janelle Kohler and Julie Earle and defender Cassio O'Sullivan

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Thrown out

Mistakes hurt Marlins in semifinal playoff loss

BY NEAL ZIPSER
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After Farmington Hills Mercy's chance of winning the Catholic League softball championship was thrown away, Livonia Ladywood's was washed away Friday at King Boring Field in Dearborn.

Mercy exhibited little offense and made costly defensive mistakes in its 3-0 semifinal playoff loss to Dearborn Divine Child.

Ladywood then wasted a one-hitter by Mary Jo Kelly in the other semifinal, a 3-1 loss to Riverview Gabriel Richard. Ladywood surrendered all three runs in the second inning as Richard capitalized on four passed balls in the pouring rain.

Kelly breezed through the first inning but had trouble in the second as the rain picked up. After the senior right-hander hit the leadoff batter, she allowed her only hit — a swinging bunt single by Carrie Guisicki.

Both runners advanced on a passed ball with one out. After a walk, the Pioneers scored on another passed ball. Another walk and another passed ball allowed another to score. The third Richard run was scored on a groundout by Jennifer Milder.

"I told Mary Jo it's too bad that passed balls resulted in the loss and that's unfortunate," said Richard coach Bob Wilkerson. "We took advantage

of those and played through the weather. That was the only difference in the game."

"This is the way it's happened to us in close games this season; we beat ourselves," said Ladywood coach Lisa Parsons. "I think we played well but you have to hit the ball to win games, and we didn't put the ball in play. Mary Jo struck out 10 and gave up one hit and we lost. We had five looking strike threes and that's five too many."

Kelly controlled Richard the rest of the way, but Ladywood couldn't capitalize on its chances against senior Carrah Glisicki, who also struck out 10 and gave up only two hits.

The Blazers loaded the bases with one out in the second inning, but Glisicki pitched out of it. After a double by Kelly opened the sixth, Glisicki struck out the next three Blazers — two on called strikes.

Ladywood scored its lone run in the seventh as Christie Stier lined a double down the left field line, scoring pinch hitter Allison Woodruff who had walked.

Richard is 25-8 overall and the Blazers, who were 12-0 in the Catholic League Central Division, 20-11-1.

Mercy had trouble figuring out right-hander Dawn Baraszewski, who walked one and struck out six. She allowed harmless singles to Ka-

thy Mistravich and Jackie Rajkovich and retired the final 14 Marlins in order.

"She's usually that tough or tougher," DC coach Marylou Jansen said. "She wasn't throwing her best today, but she was doing a good job moving the ball around. We haven't given up more than two runs in any game this season, so as long as we score three we'll do well."

The Marlins also had trouble getting the ball past the stingy DC defense, especially past junior shortstop Cindy Lehn. The three-year all-league performer made several outstanding plays.

All three of DC's runs were unearned. The first run off Debbie Daikan (four strikeouts and two walks) came in the third as Jennifer Jansen singled home Jill Danak.

The Falcons (30-3) increased their lead to 3-0 in the fourth as Daikan flied a bunt but threw the ball into left field allowing one run to score. Sara Nieman then singled home another run.

"This (regular) season hasn't lived up to my expectations," said Mercy coach Beth Burgess, whose Marlins are 6-22. "Our record doesn't indicate the type of team we have. We just didn't play up to our potential."