

SPORTS SHORTS

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

MERCY SKIING

Farmington Hills Mercy Junior Niki Gable won her second giant slalom Tuesday with a combined, two-race time of 32.18 at Mount Brighton.

Mercy's Jen Werner was ninth (35.85), Erika Healy 16th (36.88) and Dani Spiewak 17th (37.04).

The Marlines were third in team scoring and share the division lead with Birmingham Seaholm, each with 24 points. Seaholm scored 33 Tuesday, Brighton 40 and Mercy 43.

Mercy defeated Seaholm 33-28 Thursday in the first all-star meet, which was shortened to one run because of bad weather.

SOFTBALL MEETING

An informational meeting for adult softball teams interested in playing in the city-sponsored leagues will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20. The meeting will take place at the Heritage Park Visitor Center, which is on the west side of Farmington Road between 10 and 11 mile roads.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

The Farmington Soccer Club is conducting mail-in registrations for its spring season. The age groups for boys and girls are under-9 through under-19. Forms are available at all Farmington public schools, Farmington Hills YMCA and the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

The registration deadline is Tuesday, Feb. 15. Any forms received after that date will be assessed a late fee. For information call the soccer club at 553-4918.

SOCCER SPONSORS

The Farmington Fury, an under-15½ boys premier soccer team, is seeking sponsors to assist the team with expenses and tournament fees. For information call Linda Wantin (477-7438).

SHAMROCK INVITE

The 30th annual Redford Catholic Central Wrestling Invitational, featuring some of the top teams in the state, will be Saturday.

Wrestling begins at 10:30 a.m. and finals are at 7 p.m. Admission is \$3.

Temperance-Bedford, the preseason No. 1 ranked team in Class A, Howell and Holt are among the teams expected to compete.

Livonia Stevenson, which won Saturday's Plymouth Salem Invitational, will be among the contenders, as will CC, which took third at Salem.

Other local teams scheduled to compete include Westland John Glenn, Plymouth Canton and Birmingham Brother Rico.

ACADEMIC ALL-STATE

Birmingham Brother Rice senior Richard Meas has been selected to the state's All-Academic Soccer Team by the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association.

Meas played varsity soccer at Rice for two years and received its Scholar Athlete Award. The West Bloomfield resident plans to attend Boston College where he will major in political science.

COACH NEEDED

Farmington Hills Mercy High School is looking for a varsity girls tennis coach. For more information call Athletic Director Nancy Malinowski (476-2836).

BOYS SWIM TIMES

Livonia Churchill coach Ken Stark will compile the weekly Observerland list of best times and diving scores during the boys swim season. Coaches can report results to Stark between 4 and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Churchill pool (523-9231).

INDOOR SOCCER

The Canton Soccerdome is accepting third-session registrations for its three-week, six-game season beginning March 6. Team entry fee is \$525. For information call 483-5600, Ext. 102.

Hoop players leave Ladywood

By BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

Tara Overaltis, considered one of the top girls basketball players in the state, is changing her school address.

The 5-foot-10 standout confirmed reports Monday that she is leaving Livonia Ladywood High.

She has been accepted as a student and will enroll early next week in Dearborn Divine Child, the 1993 state Class B girls basketball champions.

Overaltis, who averaged 18 points and eight rebounds per game last season, will become eligible next fall after sitting out the second semester, which begins Tuesday, at Divine Child. (Michigan High School Athletic Association rules stipulate that parochial school transfers must sit out one semester before becoming eligible.)

Overaltis, a 4.0 student, is finishing up first semester finals this week at Ladywood.

The decision to change schools ends nearly a month of speculation that Overaltis was entertaining thoughts of leaving Ladywood.

The move comes on the heels of Ladywood's firing of coach Ed Kavanaugh in early December. Kavanaugh, at odds the past two years with Ladywood principal Sister Mary Ann Smith, was forced out after posting a career

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record of 289-61.

Two other Ladywood players, sisters Maura and Kerry Dugan, are also reportedly transferring to Detroit Country Day School in Birmingham. Sources close to the school also say that two other basketball players may leave.

"I just didn't enjoy Ladywood, and I was not happy with things in general there," Overaltis said. "My mom called the school (Divine Child) for me, but I initiated it. My parents left the decision up to me. I wanted to transfer earlier, but I stuck it out as long as I could."

Ladywood finished a somewhat disappointing 14-4 last season, losing to Plymouth Canton in the Class A district final at Northville. The Blazers, despite winning two of three Central Division meetings with Divine Child, were upset by the Falcons in the semifinals of the Catholic League playoffs.

Overaltis, held to 14 points, suffered a broken nose in the 49-44 upset loss to DC. "I wanted another season to see how things would go," Overaltis said. "But when things didn't turn out the way we all thought, I decided it was time to leave. I had thought about it for awhile."

Kavanaugh's firing, which stemmed from disagreements with Ladywood administrators over access to the school's newly constructed gymnasium, cemented Overaltis' decision to transfer. Kavanaugh's replacement is expected to be named later this month.

"That kind of put the final touch and an end to it," Overaltis said. "It made my decision to transfer more firm."

Overaltis, also a standout in volleyball, will not be able to play this semester under the MHSAA transfer rule.

"I really like it a lot, playing volleyball, but I'll be able to play next year," Overaltis said. "I feel bad for Tom Tecters (the Ladywood coach) because I hate to put him in a spot by leaving now."

Tecters said he will miss Overaltis.

"The family was very up-front with me, and I knew there was a chance she wouldn't be here next semester," Tecters said. "We knew all along there was a chance and a likelihood she'd transfer, but until it was official, I had to treat her fairly like any other player."

"She's a great kid, a strong athlete and a really good student. I wish her the best of luck. It was a move she felt was best for her."

Mustangs win dual from CC

Redford Catholic Central was edged out in the last event and lost a boys swimming dual meet Thursday to Northville 48-45 at the Farmington Hills Mercy pool.

The Shamrocks lost for the first time in four dual meets. CC's 400-yard freestyle relay team of Steve Reinke, John Zarow, James Leslie and Paul Magoulik came in second place in 3 minutes, 24.86 seconds, only .43 behind Northville. The same CC relay team earlier won the 200 freestyle relay (1:35.33).

"It was a heartbreaker because it came in the last event, but last year Northville doubled our score 62-31 so I was proud of them," new CC coach Jeff Shoemaker said.

Reinke and Magoulik each won two events. Reinke won the 100 individual medley (2:05.04) and the 10 butterfly (55.55), and Magoulik captured the 50 freestyle in a state-qualifying time (22.5) and the 100 freestyle (51.35).

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Ken Marzec took the diving competition for CC.

CC coasts, 11-0

HOCKEY

Redford Catholic Central, the No. 2-ranked hockey team in Class A, outscored Grosse Pointe North, 11-0, Saturday at the Redford Ice Arena.

The Shamrocks are 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the West Division of the Michigan Metro High School Hockey League.

Jeff Helner had his second straight hat trick to lead the Shamrocks. Jason Couture also had three goals and an assist.

Jon Heady contributed two goals, and Eric Vaquera, Chris Gonzalez and Brad Przysiecki had one goal each.

Mike Brusseau was in net for the first two periods, and John Livingston completed the shutout with his play in the third period.



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