1994 ALL-OBSERVER GIRLS GOLF TEAM

FIRST TEAM

Amy Schulkins	Farm. Mercy
Sommer Woods	Farm. Mercy
Sarah Andersen	Ldy. Ladywood
Mo Drabicki	Ldy. Stevenson
Laura Kowalski	Ldy. Ladywood
Kelly Kristy	Ldy. Stevenson
Katie Collins	Ply. Salem

SECOND TEAM

Kelly Collins	Ply. Salem
Erin Murphy	Ldy. Churchill
Tina Maddy	Farm. Mercy
Karen Porter	Farm. Mercy
Andrea Kovach	Ldy. Stevenson
Lauren Agnello	Ldy. Ladywood

COACH OF YEAR

Vicky Kowalski — Farm. Mercy

HONORABLE MENTION

Mercy: Gina Mazzoni, Sara Horgan, Erin Wood. **Stevenson:** Jennifer Bartholomew, Katie Kolodzinski. **Ladywood:** Elise Pratt, Di Ann Johnson, Bianca Simon. **Churchill:** Christine Maher. **Franklin:** Amy LaMont, Carolyn, Anne Aiello.

CLARIFICATION

It was incorrectly reported in the June 6 Observer that Farmington Hills Mercy golfer Sommer Woods was academically ineligible when the Marlins competed in the state finals.

Woods actually chose to withdraw from the event herself because she didn't want to miss any more school days. The state meet was a two-day tournament that began on a Friday.

Mercy golfers earn all-area honors

BY BRAD EMONS
STAFF WRITER

You could separate one team from the rest when it came to girls golf this season in Observerland.

Farmington Hills Mercy distinguished itself as the area's premier squad by winning 14 of 15 dual meets, the Catholic League championship, and a berth in the state Class A finals.

The Marlins, guided by Observerland Coach of the Year Vicky Kowalski, qualified for the state finals by finishing second in the regional at Sylvan Glen in Troy.

Mercy, led by the only repeat performer on the All-Area squad (Amy Schulkins), placed two on the first team.

Western Lakes Activities Association runner-up Livonia Stevenson also landed two along with Livonia Ladywood, the only team to beat Mercy in a dual meet this season. (The Blazers missed qualifying for the state finals by one place).

Presenting the 1994 All-Observer Girls Golf Team as selected recently in a meeting of area coaches:

ALL-AREA GOLF TEAM

Amy Schulkins, junior, Mercy: The varsity co-captain boasted a nine-hole scoring average of 48 this season, including a low of 40 at Pebble Creek.

A medalist in 10 of 15 matches, Schulkins also led the Marlins with a 107 in the state finals and a 94 at the regional, good enough for seventh place.

She added a third in the Monroe-Jefferson Invitational (91) and took a seventh in the Catholic League finals (97).

"Amy practices golf constantly," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "If she feels she did not hit the ball well with the team, she goes to the driving range that evening.

"The highlight of Amy's season was playing in the state finals (at Michigan State's Forest Akers-West) for the third year in a row."

Sommer Woods, junior, Mercy: The three-year letter winner, a co-captain, averaged 48.5 this season with a low of 46 (vs. Birmingham Marian at Tanglewood).

Her best result occurred in the Catholic League championship when she took medalist honors with a 47. Woods also finished second at Monroe-Jefferson (90) and finished 11th at the regional with a 98.

"Sommer is a very good tournament player, earning medalist honors four times this season," Kowalski said. "The highlight of her season was being Catholic League champion and leading the team to the title."

Sarah Andersen, junior, Ladywood: The Blazers' team captain averaged 52.1 this season, earning medalist honors three times. She had a low score of 45 against Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes.

Andersen shot a 97 in the regional and finished fourth in the Catholic League with a 49. She added a 101 at the Brighton Invitational.

"Sarah worked very hard to improve her game during the 1994 season, lowering her average by three strokes," Ladywood coach Phil Heyer said. "Sarah is also an excellent student with a 4.18 GPA, ranked number one in her junior class."

Maureen Drabicki, senior, Stevenson: The Spartans' team captain and MVP took home several honors this season including All-Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association and WLAA Scholar-Athlete Award. She was also voted Stevenson's Top Female Athlete.

In only her second golf season, Drabicki earned medalist honors seven times. She averaged 52.3 per nine holes.

"Miss Drabicki served her team and her school with honor and distinction both as a student and athlete," Stevenson coach John Wagner said. "She has been an intense competitor and a positive example to her teammates on and off the course."

Drabicki, who won seven high school letters at Stevenson, will continue her athletic career on a basketball scholarship at Valparaiso (Ind.) University.

Laura Kowalski, sophomore, Ladywood: The 10th-grader's score counted in all 15 matches (including tourneys) this season for the Blazers.

She averaged 52.5 with a low of 46 vs. Northville.

Kowalski finished second with a 47 in the Catholic League tournament (losing to Mercy's Woods in a playoff).

She shot a 100 at the Brighton Invitational and a 102 at the Class A regional.

"Laura has an excellent future in golf, being only a sophomore," Heyer said. "She works at her game year-round. She is also an excellent student with a 4.14 GPA."

Kelly Kristy, freshman, Stevenson:

Amy Schulkins: Mercy

Sommer Woods: Mercy

Mo Drabicki: Stevenson

Kelly Kristy: Stevenson

Sarah Andersen: Ladywood

Laura Kowalski: Ladywood

The ninth-grader made an impressive showing in her inaugural high school season with an average of 52.1.

She was medalist at the Stevenson Invitational and took All-Conference honors in the Western Lakes by finishing second with a score of 101.

Kristy was also named Stevenson's Rookie of the Year.

"Kelly was the most consistent low-scoring golfer on our team this season," Wagner said. "Her skills are solid; her work ethic exceptional and her desire and spirit will most certainly be of great importance to the future of our girls golf team for the next three years at Stevenson."

Katie Collins, freshman, Salem: Another rising star, Collins was the Rocks' foundation and most consistent golfer this season.

She finished 12th at the Class A regional with a 97 — lowest score among all Observerland-area golfers — and took second with a 101 in the Western Lakes meet to her sister, Kelly, en route to All-Conference honors. A junior, Kelly was the Western Lakes medalist with a 96.

According to coach Jim Stevens, Katie was medalist "in more than half her dual meets" and had a nine-hole average of 51.7. She also shot an impressive 47 against Farmington Hills Mercy.

SPORTS SHORTS

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

■ SOCCER TRYOUTS

The Farmington Fury will have premier soccer tryouts for its under-16 boys team from 7-9 p.m. July 11-12 at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile Road in Farmington Hills. For information call coach Tom Faro at 477-5652.

■ SPONSORS SOUGHT

The Farmington Fury is in need of area individuals or businesses to be team sponsors and help with team equipment, tournament fees and team expenses. If interested call coach Tom Faro (477-5652).

■ STRUT & STRIDE

The fifth annual Strut & Stride 10-kilometer run, 5K run and walk will be Saturday, July 16, at Edward Hines Park in Westland.

The event will benefit the Hemophilia Foundation of Michigan.

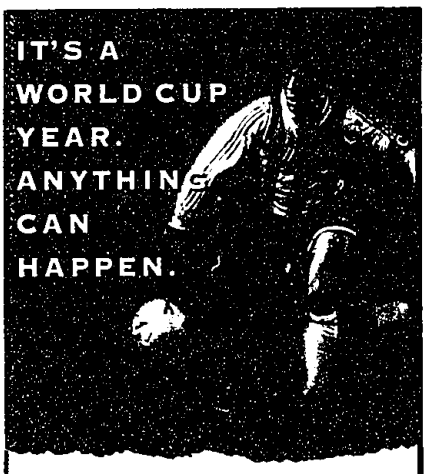
The registration fee, prior to July 8, is $12 per person (includes T-shirt).

Race-day registration, 8-8:45 a.m., is $14 per person.

For more information, call Ed Kozloff of the Motor City Striders (544-9099) or Vicky Opie of the Hemophilia Foundation (761-2535).

■ COACHES WANTED

Farmington Hills Mercy needs a freshman basketball coach. Call athletic director Nancy Malinowski (810-476-2836) to apply.



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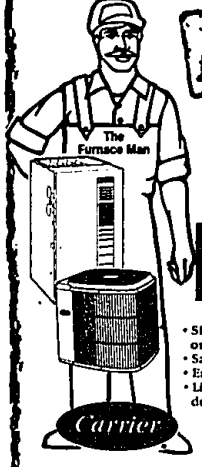

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