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Marlins see chance for strong finish

Farmington Hills Mercy swim coach Greg Patrelli has good reason to be optimistic about the possibilities for his team in the girls state finals.

The Marlins will send eight individuals covering six events and all three relays to the Class A swimming and diving championships Friday and Saturday at the University of Michigan.

Mercy finished 18th in the team standings last year, and Patrelli thinks the Marlins have the potential to place among the top five this year.

"I honestly believe we're going to be (at least) top 10 and, if we score all three relays, that will be a big step toward that," he said.

The Marlins have a potential state champion in senior Bethany Buddie, who will swim the individual medley and breast stroke.

She also qualified in the 500-yard freestyle. Buddie was fourth in the IM and sixth in the breast stroke a year ago.

"She should be top three in the

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breast stroke, with a chance to win it," Patrelli said. "The IM is just a bonus for her. She's really concentrating on the breast stroke this year."

"I think she's going to have to go 1:05-low to win it, but I think that's certainly within her realm," Patrelli said. "The IM is just a bonus for her. She's really concentrating on the breast stroke this year."

Mercy's Meredith Spiegel also will swim the IM and breast stroke, and Meg Wegmueller makes the breast stroke a potentially high-scoring event for the Marlins.

Danielle Clayton is entered in the 500 freestyle, Jenny MacDonald the butterfly, Betsey Lambert and Kristie Cordis the 500 freestyle and Caroline Kenna the backstroke. Cordis was 12th in the 500 last year.

"Spiegel definitely can be top 12 in both of her events, with a chance to be top six in the breast stroke," Patrelli said. "Wegmueller could be a sleeper; she's going

to surprise some people. She can go 1:29 and that might get her in the top 12."

"Top six is not out of the question for Kenna, but I think she definitely can be top 12. The same with MacDonald in the fly."

"I think we have some swimmers who are ready to score this year, and I think every swimmer who has qualified has a good shot at doing so."

Patrelli's tentative relay lineups have MacDonald swimming all three with Kenna, Buddie, Clayton, Emily Saurer, Cordis, Lambert and Spiegel contributing.

The Marlins qualified but didn't score in any of the relays last year.

"I think we have a chance to place in the top 12 in all three, with the 200 freestyle and medley having a chance to get in the top six if we drop like I think we can," Patrelli said.

"Our relays have gotten a lot stronger this year. Last year we swam 3:49.9 in the 400 freestyle at

state, and we've already gone 3:49.4 this year."

Farmington Hills Harrison is sending its largest contingent (three individuals and two relays) to the state meet in a long time.

The Hawks might be small in numbers, but they have a quality group and a good chance to score.

Lisa Richardson and Dona Schwalm are among the best in Overland in their primary events.

Richardson qualified in the 200 and 100 freestyles as well as the IM, and Schwalm will swim the 50 and 100 freestyle races.

Julie Kluka will compete in the 500 freestyle and team with Katherine Svok, Schwalm and Richardson in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

North Farmington's Cheri Farber is entered in the backstroke, and the Raiders are sending their medley and 200 freestyle relays, too.

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Following is a list of the Overland girls' swim times and diving scores. Coaches should report updates to Overland through Friday at 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 3:30 p.m. (313) 523-9271.

200 MILEY RELAY (state est. 1:57.09)	
Uvona Stevenson	1:53.26
Farmington Hills Mercy	1:54.30
Plymouth Salem	1:54.96
North Farmington	1:55.80
Farmington	1:59.91
200 FREESTYLE (state est. 2:03.08)	
Anne Arntson (Stevenson)	1:50.98
Jule Kim (Stevenson)	1:57.16
Donna Schwalm (Harrison)	1:59.94
Tina Caranados (Stevenson)	2:01.34
Betsey Lambert (Mercy)	2:01.74
Donna Schwalm (Harrison)	2:01.83
Terri Hanson (Canton)	2:01.99
Audrey Hala (Canton)	2:02.48
Donna Schwalm (Harrison)	2:02.50
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy)	2:02.68
200 INDIVIDUAL MILEY (state est. 2:18.09)	
Anne Arntson (Stevenson)	2:03.95
Bethany Buddie (Mercy)	2:14.87
Kathy Carls (Stevenson)	2:16.18
Donna Schwalm (Harrison)	2:16.28
Betsey Lambert (Mercy)	2:17.27
Lisa Richardson (Harrison)	2:17.27
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy)	2:18.07
Jule Kim (Stevenson)	2:19.25
Terri Hanson (Canton)	2:20.92
Yvonne Lynn (Salem)	2:21.10

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50 FREESTYLE (state est. 25.89)	
Anne Arntson (Stevenson)	24.23
Terri Hanson (Canton)	25.14
Donna Schwalm (Harrison)	25.21
Danielle Clayton (Mercy)	25.61
Kristen Stone (John Glenn)	25.66
Jonny Goodman (Stevenson)	25.67
Lisa Richardson (Harrison)	25.71
Adrienne Turi (John Glenn)	25.74
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington)	25.76
Kathryn Williams (Salem)	25.83
100 FREESTYLE (state est. 54.09)	
Anne Arntson (Stevenson)	52.02
Lisa Richardson (Harrison)	54.61
Donna Schwalm (Harrison)	55.79
Erin Wenden (Lakewood)	56.18
Lynndee Gordon (Mercy)	56.31
Adrienne Turi (John Glenn)	56.37
Kathryn Williams (Salem)	56.48
Emily Saurer (Mercy)	56.48
Terri Hanson (Canton)	56.86
Amy Finnet (N. Farmington)	57.19
500 FREESTYLE (state est. 8:15.89)	
Anne Arntson (Stevenson)	4:51.94
Jule Kim (Stevenson)	5:12.61
Betsey Lambert (Mercy)	5:23.81
Tina Caranados (Stevenson)	5:25.92
Audrey Hala (Canton)	5:26.06
Donna Schwalm (Harrison)	5:27.52
Bethany Buddie (Mercy)	5:27.52
Jule Kluka (Harrison)	5:27.80
Kristie Cordis (Mercy)	5:28.21
Bethany Buddie (Mercy)	5:29.97
200 FREESTYLE RELAY (state est. 3:44.48)	
Uvona Stevenson	1:42.90
Farmington Hills Mercy	1:42.78

North Farmington	1:44.17
Farmington Hills Harrison	1:44.24
Plymouth Salem	1:45.03

100 BACKSTROKE (state est. 1:03.48)	
Anne Arntson (Stevenson)	58.09
Adrienne Turi (John Glenn)	1:00.02
Jule Kluka (Harrison)	1:01.57
Caroline Kenna (Mercy)	1:02.71
Yvonne Lynn (Salem)	1:02.78
Terri Hanson (Canton)	1:03.01
Cheri Farber (N. Farmington)	1:03.10
Katie Cahan (Mercy)	1:03.60
Janel Finner (Franklin)	1:04.25
Bethany Buddie (Mercy)	1:04.83
100 BREASTSTROKE (state est. 1:11.89)	
Bethany Buddie (Mercy)	1:07.67
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy)	1:09.83
Betsey Lambert (Mercy)	1:10.86
Meg Wegmueller (Mercy)	1:11.33
Henna Auer (N. Farmington)	1:11.82
Jordyn Goodman (Stevenson)	1:12.54
Donna Schwalm (Harrison)	1:13.20
Katie Cahan (Mercy)	1:13.37
Henna Auer (N. Farmington)	1:13.94
Dana Drakian (Mercy)	1:14.09
400 FREESTYLE RELAY (state est. 8:31.89)	
Uvona Stevenson	3:41.35
Farmington Hills Harrison	3:48.59
Farmington Hills Mercy	3:49.41
Plymouth Salem	3:49.60
Plymouth Canton	3:54.15

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A: Simply put, you just gotta go to a game! The Vipers pull in the biggest crowds in the league. And if you go to a game once, you keep coming back. That's what getting it is all about. So check out this schedule of upcoming home games and be there or be sorry.

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A: I'll tell you where to go, mister! Go to a Detroit Vipers hockey game. Talk about incredible hockey! The Vipers were the Northern Division champs last year, and hey—they're battling Cleveland for FIRST PLACE this Sunday! Where else can you see hockey action like that for just five bucks? I'm telling ya, mister, get your family together and get it!

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