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Marlins win track meet

Farmington Hills Mercy outperformed the competition Tuesday to win a quadrangular girls track meet Tuesday at Mercy.

The Marlins totaled 212.5 points. Riverview Gabriel Richard 113, Dearborn Divine Child 74.5 and Birmingham Marian 67.

"Basically, we had a lot more people than the other teams," Mercy coach Gary Servais said, adding the Marlins had 35 athletes available during spring break. Richard 30, Divine Child 25 and Marian 18.

Mercy senior Amy Bold won the high jump (4-6) and the 100-meter hurdles (17.1). Christina Andriola was first in the 1,600 run (6:12.6) and second in the 800 (2:46.6).

Andriola also led the 1,600 relay team that finished second and included Danielle Wroblewski, Erin Thomas and Susan Agacinski. The relay time was 5:08.9.

Thomas was the winner in the 800 run (2:46.4), and Wroblewski was second in the 1,600 (6:31.6).

Mercy also had firsts from Shawntika Farr in the shot put (35-2) and Nicole Carter in the 200 dash (0.6).

Finishing second were Kathy Telford in the discus (98-11), Danielle Chaney in the long jump (14-3), Melissa Andrzejuk in the 100 hurdles (20.0) and Jackie Segue in the 3,200 run (13:01).

Anika Morris, Amy Cosnowski, Courtney Fields and Natalie Groudin were second in the 800 relay (2:01.6), and Segue, Thomas, Katie Brennan and Jessica Lufthie were second in the 3,200 relay (11:18.2).

Mercy competes Saturday in the Rocket Invitational at the University of Toledo and hosts Livonia Ladywood in a Catholic League dual meet at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Rockers soccer camps

The National Professional Soccer Season is over, but a number of the Detroit Rockers indoor team are still busy.

In conjunction with Total Soccer, a local leader in indoor facilities, the Rockers will host a series of outdoor soccer camps from June 17 through Aug. 16.

Rockers players like keeper Bryan "Gonzo" Finerty, player/coach Pat Marquette, captain Rudy Prescott, Tim "The Flash" Ernst and former Livonia Stevenson star Lars Richters will participate.

The half-day, five-day camps cost \$99 (full day \$169) if registered prior to May 1 (\$20 more afterwards), and they include an NFL soccer ball, a camp T-shirt, a group photo for each camper, two free tickets to a 1996 Detroit Red Wings pre-season game and one 1996-97 Rockers general admission season ticket.

The first camp is June 17-21 at Livonia's Bicentennial Park. Others are scheduled for Farmington Caesars Field July 22-26, The Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield July 15-19 and Aug. 12-16, Walled Lake Central High School July 22-26 and July 29-Aug. 2.

The camps will also make an appearance at Plymouth's Heritage Park July 8-12 and the Canton Recreation Complex July 29-Aug. 2.

For more information regarding other camp locations and dates, or to register, call (313) 396-7070.

Olympic medalist at Expo

Gustavo Borges, former University of Michigan swimming standout and 1992 Olympic silver medalist for Brazil, will be at the Novi Expo Backyard Pool and Spa Show from 7-9 p.m. Friday.

Borges will present a clinic from 7-8 p.m. followed by questions and autographs from 8-9 p.m. He will offer tips and expertise to swimmers of all levels.

In addition to his Olympic medal, Borges has won four gold, two silver and one bronze at the Pan American Games and six others (two gold, two silver, two bronze) at the World Championships.

He is a former world record holder who led the Michigan men's team to the 1995 NCAA title with three first places. He was honored as U-M Athlete of the Year in 1994 and U-M Senior Athlete of the Year in 1995. He also received the Frank Bernard Leadership Award last year.

Borges will graduate in December with a degree in economics. He is currently training in Jacksonville, Fla., for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

Campbell exits early

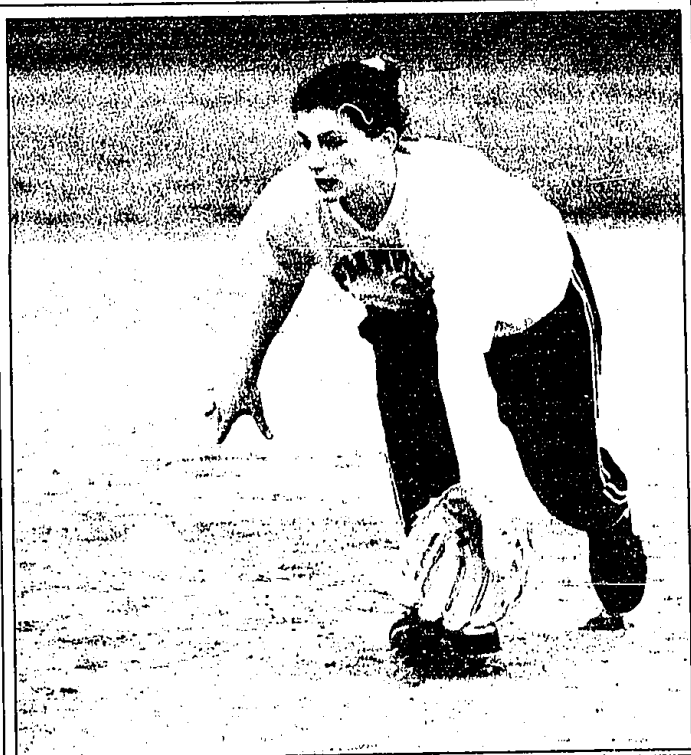
Redford Catholic Central graduate Steve Campbell lost both his first-round singles and doubles matches at the \$60,000 U.S. Tennis Association Challenger event last week at the Sports Club of West Bloomfield.

Campbell, the former Rice University All-American, was seeded second in the 32-man draw but lost his opening match to Mark Merklein, 6-4, 6-4.

Campbell is ranked No. 138 in the world.

In doubles on Thursday, Campbell and partner Bryan Shelton, the No. 8 seeds, fell to the No. 4 team of Mark Draper and Paul Kilgerry, both of Australia, 7-6, 1-6, 6-3.

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Varsity veteran: Senior shortstop Dina Aon begins her fourth season as an infield starter for the Farmington softball team, which hopes to be on the plus side of .500 this year.

Falcons boast talent



DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington High will build its varsity softball team around seven returning players, including four-year starters Dina Aon and Teresa Lindenmuth. The Falcons won their only game thus far.

A season-opening rout (17-2) of Livonia Franklin was certainly an encouraging sign for the Farmington High softball team.

The Falcons hope to improve upon a 12-1 record, and that kind of start increases the prospects of doing just that.

"We want to be competitive; we want to be in every ballgame," coach Jerry Osborne said. "We want people to know we're a decent team."

Farmington had a fast start,

Harrison remains solid softball team



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A year ago, the Farmington Harrison softball team... and it was a good one... was dominated by seniors, so this should be a down year for the Hawks, right?

Not necessarily. Anyone making that judgment is probably rethinking the position, especially after Harrison started this season 2-0 before spring break.

"In terms of experience, we're hurting because we only have three back from last year," coach Mike Teschman said, "but we have come up from the JV who played a lot and did very well; so we might not be too bad."

"We're behind Walled Lake Central and Plymouth Canton to start, but we might be able to compete with them by the middle of May."

The Hawks lost eight regulars to graduation, including three who were two-time All-Observer picks: pitcher Erin LaCourse, first baseman Jenny Myrlandski and outfielder Stephanie Schwinn.

The return were second baseman Jodie Barringer, shortstop Lori

Aon returns at the all-important shortstop position after being the regular second baseman as a freshman and sophomore.

"We're looking for big numbers out of her," Osborne said, adding Aon has the ability to play major college softball if she has a good year. "She can really drive the ball and is steady on defense."

Lindenmuth helps to make the Falcons strong up the middle as a veteran center fielder, and Osborne would like to see her do more at the plate this year.

"She goes to the ball real well," he said. "When the ball is up in the air, she goes after it. We need to have her put the ball in play a little more, because she does have good speed and is a good bunter."

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Senior Holly Foster is an experienced, four-year varsity outfielder for Harrison.

Hawks in title picture

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If there is one thing certain about the 1996 girls softball season, it is that nothing will be certain.

Hending into the season, most aren't coaches are singing the same tune: they are optimistic and feel their team is improved, but won't go out on a limb and say they are the team to beat.

Walled Lake Central still appears to be the team to beat in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Plymouth Canton appears to have the best shot of knocking off the defending champions, with Farmington Hills Harrison retooling its roster to make another title run.

In the Catholic League, Farmington Hills Mercy will have its division title challenged by Harper Woods Regina, last season's runner-up.

And in the Metro Conference, the race is up for grabs as defending champion Macomb Lutheran North leads a pack of teams battling it out. Don't be surprised if there is a

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change of order in the standings, however. Several teams that flourished with senior-laden lineups may be facing tough seasons, while teams that struggled last year are ready to rebound.

Take for instance Lutheran Westland. Last season, the Warriors finished in second place in the Metro with a 20-9 season. This season will be a challenge, however, as the Warriors lost All-League performers Becky Cannon and Amy Gentz, along with four other starters.

Livonia Franklin, which finished 19-10 last season, is another squad that may struggle after graduating All-Area standouts Ann Bagatzinski, Jackie Deane and Tim Allen. The Patriots are also under new management as former Glenn coach Linda Jimenez takes over for Joe Epstein, who retired after leading Franklin to one state Class A title and a pair of runner-up finishes.

On the other hand, one area team that could show improvement is Westland John Glenn under first-year coach Nancy Ostricker.

The Rockets return most of their starters led by second-team All-Observer third baseman Jami Grigal. They will team up with senior shortstop Kati Duncan and senior catcher Jackie Byrnes to give Glenn one of the area's best infielders.

Churchill is optimistic on improving on its 15-14 season as the Chargers return last season's pitcher-catcher combination of Alicia December and Jenny Clulow, the latter whom is a two-time second-team All-Observer selection who batted .305.

It was hard to watch Livonia Stevenson stumble to a 5-19 record last season, but coach Art Anselm expects to like what he sees this season. The Spartans will be led by senior Laura Ford, their pitcher and fourth-year hitter (.424). The Spartans return 12 players.

Livonia Ladywood returns its entire infield from last season's 16-14 team which finished third in the Catholic League's Central Division. The Blazers do have questions in their outfield and will need production from the top of their lineup if they are to improve on their finish.

The team that may show the most improvement in the area will be Westland Huron Valley Lutheran (2-16). Lori Johnston returns for her fourth season as coach after taking last season off due to the birth of her baby.

The Hawks return 11 players with varsity experience.

Despite graduating its top two players from last season - All-Metro Conference picks Wendy Roy and Pam Insano, Livonia Clarenceville coach Wendy Kellehan says her team is better from top to bottom. The Trojans will rely on their speed and more consistent pitching in hopes of improving a 7-12 mark.

Wayne won only one of its 20 games last season while struggling to field a team.