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Tourney at Ford Field

The fifth annual Livonia City baseball and softball tournaments will be held simultaneously Saturday at Ford Field.

Baseball action begins at 11 a.m. as Clarenceville and Stevenson tangle. The second game pits defending champion Franklin against Churchill. The consolation game follows at 5 p.m. (at Franklin) with the championship also at 5 p.m. (at Ford).

Softball action starts at 10 a.m. at Diamond No. 2 as Clarenceville and Stevenson square off followed by three-time defending champion Churchill and Franklin. The consolation and finals start at 4 p.m.

Admission is free; concessions will be provided.

Catholic League inductees

Madonna University standouts Jim Solak (baseball) and Maureen Paulin (volleyball/basketball) will be inducted into the Catholic Coaches Association and Catholic League Hall of Fame during an induction and reunion dinner Monday, June 10, at the Warren Chateau.

Paulin, a three-sport standout at Farmington Hills Mercy, and Solak, a baseball and basketball star at Dearborn Divine Child, are among five former CHSL athletes honored.

Former Mercy coach and CHSL associate director Ellen Sekerak will also be enshrined.

Ex-Nativity coach Lloyd Carr, now head football coach at the University of Michigan, will receive the distinguished service award.

The golf outing kicks off festivities at 7 a.m. (also tee times available at 1 p.m.) at Maple Lane Golf Course. The banquet follows at 6 p.m.

The full hall of fame day cost is \$60 (golf and dinner). Dinner only is \$30, while golf only (includes breakfast or lunch) is \$40.

For more information, call (313) 237-5960.

Adray golf tournament

Openings remain available for the third annual Mike Adray Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit Henry Ford Community College on Monday, May 20, at Dearborn Hills Golf Course.

The cost is \$175 per person (includes 18 holes, lunch, reception, dinner and auction). Golf-only tickets are \$125 per person, while dinner/auction tickets are \$60 per person.

For more information, call (313) 845-9880.

Slo-pitch Invitational

The 20th annual Leonard J. Anderson Invitational softball tournament will be July 19-21 at Anderson fields, located at Howe and Annapolis roads, in Wayne.

The team entry fee, due June 1 or when filled to capacity, is \$195.

This year's tournament is sponsored by the U.S. Slo-pitch Softball Association and sanctioned by the USSSA.

For more information, call Jeff Rutter at (313) 721-7400.

Sunrise stampede

The fourth annual Grosse Pointe Sunrise Rotary Club will put on a series of races along Lakeshore Drive from Neff Park on Saturday, June 1.

The races include a one-mile fun run, 5-kilometer walk and run, 10K run and new one-mile inline skate.

Trophies and awards will be given to all age classifications along with T-shirts.

The entry fee is \$12 per person, (before May 18) and \$10 (children under 11). Late registration is \$15.

For more information, call Chris Flynn at (810) 244-6020 or Steve Basile at (810) 774-7600.

CC basketball camp

Detroit Catholic Central basketball coach Rick Coratti is hosting a basketball camp for boys entering the fourth through ninth grades from June 17-21 and July 8-12.

The daily schedule runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and costs \$110. Camp awards, team and individual, and a camp T-shirt are included.

There will be guest speakers and personal evaluations. Games of 5-on-5 and 3-on-3 also are included.

Call (810) 348-2308 for more information.

Challenge returns

The Third Annual First of America Challenge, which will feature some of the top pro golfers in a variety of events, returns to the Golden Fox at Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth on Memorial Day (May 27).

Players participating are Michelle McGann and Liselotte Neumann from the LPGA, Lanny Wadkins from the PGA, and Jim Colbert and Bob Murphy from the Senior PGA Tour.

The day's events include a pro-am competition, a lunch hour clinic, and an afternoon skins game featuring all five pro players.

Advance tickets, available at Detroit and Ann Arbor area First of America offices and at Fox Hills, are \$7 for adults (children under 12 are free). Tickets at the gate are \$10.

All benefits go to the Michigan Special Olympics. For more information, call (616) 378-7266.

Mercy wins 5th title in row

Catholic League golf titles are nothing new to the Mercy High School team, but this year the Marlins are official champions.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Mercy used its superior depth Tuesday to win its fifth consecutive Catholic League championship in girls golf.

The Marlins were challenged by rival Livonia Ladywood, winning by just five strokes over the Blazers (400) and 11 over Birmingham Marian (406) at St. John Golf Course in Plymouth.

Mercy is the only school to win the league title, but this was the first year the Catholic League has sanctioned the sport and the tournament.

"Obviously, it's wonderful," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said of the winning streak, "and this year it's special."

"This is the first official league championship where they actually presented trophies and awards when it was finished."

The Marlins had two of the top four golfers as freshmen Jennifer Borowiec (93) and Angela Harber (96) placed second and fourth.

But Mercy trailed early as the Blazers and Mustangs put three players each in the top 10.

Ladywood senior Laura Kowalski (89) earned medalist honors, and senior Elise Pratt (95) shot her best score of the season.

Freshman Becca Andersen (102) was 10th. Marian's Molly Syron (97), Christine Sliko (98) and Jacqueline Canelli (99) finished in the sixth through eighth places.

But the Marlins came from behind to win as sophomore Kristen Smith, senior Gina Mazzoni and freshman Heidi Wegmueller posted 103 scores. They tied for 11th place and just missed getting medals.

"I was really pleased with Heidi Wegmueller; that's the best score she has shot all year," Kowalski said. "And I was pleased with Jennifer Borowiec. To finish second overall as a freshman is very good."

The Marlins were in fourth place after the first two groups reported, but that's when Mercy's depth came into play, according to Kowalski.

"Some of the other coaches commented they have a couple good players but can't bring in the other four scores," she said.

"The next Marian player had 112 and one of our girls had a 103, so we were close," the coach said, and then Angela came in with 96.

The Marlins were minus senior Erin Mow, usually their fourth player, because Tuesday was the only day she could take the Advanced Placement Biology exam.

She will return for the regional tournament Friday at Sylvan Glen Golf Course in Troy where the Marlins hope to qualify for the state finals for the fourth time in five years.

"I think we need to be in the 380s to make it to state; we need to cut about six strokes off (the league score)," Kowalski said. "That's the goal we're setting for ourselves Friday."

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STAFF PHOTO BY ELEANOR LEONARD

And still champs: Senior Gina Mazzoni was one of three Mercy players to shoot 103 and give the Marlins the depth they needed to retain the league golf title.

Marlins down Blazers in 9 innings

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SOFTBALL

Livonia Ladywood's softball team was three outs from a victory over rival Farmington Hills Mercy, but the Marlins took Yogi Berra's advice and played it through Monday.

Mercy made the most of its chances late in the Catholic League playoff game and rallied to beat the visiting Blazers in nine innings, 3-2. The victory sends the Marlins (14-8) into the semifinals 6 p.m. Friday against Southgate Aquinas at King Boring Field in Dearborn.

Mercy had only two hits but managed to overcome a 2-0 deficit in the

sixth inning and spoil a solid pitching effort by Cathy Hermann, who struck out 11 and walked three.

"It could have gone the other way, too," Ladywood coach Lisa Parsons said. "In a game like this, our teams are so even. It's just who makes less mistakes or has the luck that day."

It was a typical Mercy-Ladywood game. The other four were just as close, with the Marlins winning the season series 3-2.

"Every game we played with Ladywood was like this," Mercy coach Jack Falvo said, noting the Marlins

lost the first one in 10 innings, 3-2. "Of five games, four have been in extra innings. We've played 43 innings and only one run separates us."

While the Marlins didn't offer much offensive support, they also had good pitching from Dana Dziekan, who scattered seven hits, struck out nine and walked two.

"Dana battled the whole time," Falvo said. "In the late innings, she kept coming at them. Her location, from the fifth inning on, was superb. She focused, worked hard and did a great job."

Mercy scored the winning run on a bases-loaded error in the ninth.

Jennifer Lis started the rally with a one-out bloop single to right field and was sacrificed to second by Carrie Fling.

After a walk to Katie Homant, Heidi Wahl reached base with a passed ball after a strikeout, loading the bases and keeping the inning alive.

Shayla O'Mara hit a groundball to shortstop that was misplayed for an error, allowing Lis to score and break the stalemate.

"This year, because we're still a young team, we've had to battle every game," Falvo said. "We knew

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North tops Glenn, halts baseball skid

North Farmington broke a six-game losing streak in baseball Monday with a 3-1 victory over visiting Westland John Glenn.

The Raiders scored all three runs in the bottom of the second inning to make a winner of sophomore pitcher Dan Calka.

He allowed just four hits over seven innings; he walked seven and posted as many strikeouts.

North capitalized on a bad inning by Glenn pitcher Dan Calka, who tossed a two-hitter and walked only four.

Unfortunately for him, all four walks were issued in the second inning. The Raiders used the first two for a two-run single by Robert Roth to do all the damage necessary.

With two outs, Calka walked Mike Gleason

with the bases loaded, and Roth followed with his timely hit.

"That was the game right there," North coach Irv Horwitz said. Dave Goswami had the other hit for the Raiders, 2-4 in the Lakes Division and 6-7 overall.

Trevor Davey walked three times and, after reaching base on the lone North error, scored the Glenn run in the seventh on a single by Sean Heard.

Win streaks end for Hawks, Falcons

Just the opposite occurred Monday in games involving Farmington Harrison and Farmington High as both teams saw their five-game league win streaks come to a halt.

For the Hawks, their 8-7 loss to host Walled Lake Western snapped a seven-game overall run without a defeat.

The Warriors have been Harrison senior pitcher Matt Sullivan's nemesis this year.

He had an uncharacteristic rough outing in an otherwise excellent season, allowing seven runs on six hits and two walks in 1.25 innings.

The loss, however, went to sophomore Matt Derocher, who gave up only two hits the rest of the game, but one was a solo homer by Andy Evans in the bottom of the sixth that broke a 7-7 tie.

Harrison outthrew Western 12-8 with Aaron Law-

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