

SWIMMING

CATHOLIC LEAGUE GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING FINALS (Nov. 18 at Royal Oak Dondoro)

Team scores: 1. Farmington Hills Mercy, 52.9; 2. Birmingham Marian, 38.1; 3. Harper Woods Regina, 23.4; 4. Madison Heights Bishop Foley, 12.9; 5. Livonia Ladywood, 12.4; 6. Royal Oak Shrine, 58.

RESULTS BY EVENT

200-yard medley relay: 1. Marian, 1:53.02; 2. Mercy, 1:53.03; 3. Regina, 2:03.24; 4. Ladywood, 2:12.13; 5. Bishop Foley, 2:16.14; 6. Shrine, 2:17.23.

200 freestyle: Erin Spiro (Marian), 1:57.00; 2. Emily Thompson (Mercy), 2:01.00; 3. Betsy Lambert (Mercy), 2:02.57; 4. Kristie Cordts (Mercy), 2:03.48; 5. Melissa Seymour (Mercy), 2:06.09; 6. Erin Currier (Marian), 2:13.17.

200 individual medley: 1. Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy), 2:12.18; 2. Brady Kosnik (Marian), 2:16.54; 3. Kelly Carlin (Mercy), 2:17.81; 4. Meredith Spiegel (Mercy), 2:18.72; 5. Christina Wilbert (Marian), 2:20.40; 6. Jennifer MacDonald (Mercy), 2:20.71.

50 freestyle: 1. Lauren Najarian (Marian), 25.14; 2. Lindsey Grondin (Mercy), 25.48; 3. Danielle Clayton (Mercy), 25.60; 4. Caroline Kenna (Mercy), 25.86; 5. Molly Reese (Regina), 25.99; 6. Jenny Chapp (Mercy), 26.56.

Diving: 1. Rebecca Gould (Mercy), 361.60; 2. Emily Groux (Marian), 340.45; 3. Stacy Sakowicki (Marian), 296.12; 4. Jaimee Pullum (Mercy), 296.45; 5. Kristy Leachman (Regina), 291.50; 6. Kriston Lorentz (Regina), 289.95.

Big test awaits area swimmers

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STATE MEET

High school swimmers and divers have spent the last four months preparing for the competition that will take place this weekend in Ypsilanti.

The Class A championships will be the culmination of a season-long effort in Jones Natatorium on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

The preliminaries will be Friday and the finals Saturday. Competition begins at noon each day. Admission is \$3 the first day and \$4 the second.

Farmington schools will be well represented with Mercy High School sending the largest contingent.

The Marlins have three or more swimmers entered in four open events and at least one in seven events. Mercy also qualified in seven relays.

Kristie Cordts was eighth in the 600-yard freestyle and Meredith Spiegel 11th in the breaststroke last year. Both will get another chance in the same events.

"The breaststroke is a lot tougher this year, so (Spiegel) will have to do some serious smoking in that event," Mercy coach Jim Downs said.

Cordts usually comes on strong at the end of the season as she did Saturday in the

Catholic League finals to finish second in the 500.

"She swam 5:24, but she could go nuts and swim 5:11 this week; you just never know," Downs said. "She just needs a longer season."

Spiegel also will swim the individual medley and Cordts the 200 freestyle.

Six others are qualified in two events each. Betsy Lambert, Kelly Carlin and Emily Thompson plan to swim the 200/500 freestyle combination; Elizabeth Posvar, IM and backstroke; Caroline Kenna, 50 freestyle and backstroke; and Jennifer MacDonald, butterfly and 500.

Danielle Clayton and Lindsey Grondin made the state cut in the 50 freestyle, Erin Downs, butterfly; and Katie Callan, backstroke.

Callan, who missed by one tenth of a second the last two years, qualified Saturday by finishing second in the Catholic League meet.

"You have people (from around the state) who are among the top swimmers in several events, and you don't know where they're going to be," Downs said. "You could show up to the meet and see two kids moved out of an event."

Kenna and MacDonald were on the medley relay team that placed sixth a year ago, and they will be joined by Posvar and Spiegel this year.

Kenna, Grondin, Carlin and Clayton are slated to swim the 200 freestyle relay. Downs was unsure about the lineup for the 400.

Farmington Harrison is sending a small but talented group of four swimmers to state.

Senior Lisa Richardson placed 11th in the 200 freestyle and 10th in the 100 last year and will compete in both again.

Junior Dona Schwalm is entered in the 50 freestyle, having placed 12th a year ago, and the 100.

Sophomore Julie Kluka made the cut in the 200 and 500 freestyles and freshman Lindsay Fettes in the IM and breaststroke in which she is the Western Lakes champion.

"The Hawks also will be represented in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays by the same foursome."

"I look for real great swims," Harrison coach Ross Bandy said, adding he expects the state meet to be much faster this year. "I'm hoping everybody scores in at least one event. Lisa scored in two last year and looks good enough to do it again."

"Both relays were second in

the league meet, and we have one of the toughest leagues in the state; so that's a benefit for us. I'm real charged up. This is one of the best situations I've been in, and we have some real guns behind us."

"Now it's in their hands. Now it's time for doing the job and racing on a state level. I think we're ready to go, and we'll see what happens Friday."

North Farmington junior Cheryl Farber will compete in two events for the third consecutive year. Her events will be the 50 freestyle and backstroke again.

Freshman Tara Grider, sophomore Kristen Burke and Farber will combine with sophomore Neve Alver in the medley relay and with senior Amanda Whitlatch in the 200 freestyle. Alver also qualified in the breaststroke.

"We hope to have our season-best times in every event we swim," North coach Pat Duthie said. "We have to focus on our best times, and then it's a matter of what everyone else does. You try to put yourself in a good position and see what happens."

"We're happy to be going to the state meet, and we feel we've had a successful season. Third place in our conference is as good as our team could do this year, so we feel like we're winners in that respect."

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Freshman Elizabeth Posvar was a double winner for Mercy with first place in the individual medley and the backstroke.

She set a meet and varsity record in the latter with a 59.83 time. The old varsity record of 1:00.89 was held by Jenny McCombs.

Senior Meredith Spiegel won the breaststroke for the Marlins, and Rebecca Gould the diving and Thompson the 500 freestyle.

Thompson (5:18.9) and second-place Cordts (5:24.29) made state cuts in the 500, and Elizabeth Early finished two places higher than she was seeded in fourth.

"Thompson had a great time drop," Downs said, adding her seed time was 5:30. "She was targeting 5:27 to get a state cut."

"The clock went out when she started the race. Nobody in the bleachers knows what's going on. She finishes and is looking around for a time, because she

knows she did pretty well.

"I told her she went 5:19 but can't believe it, because nothing is on the board. When she finds out, she goes hysterical, because that was quite a drop for her."

"It was nice to see Spiegel win the league as a senior. She brought her time down to have a better seed for the state meet."

The Marlins were just one hundredth of a second behind the first-place Mustangs in the medley relay and less than a second slower in the 200 freestyle.

Mercy had more than enough points to win the meet going into the final relay.

"I'm not surprised (the Marlins won without winning a relay)," Downs said. "They've beaten us in the medley every time we faced them. But they don't have enough people to be able to do that three times, and we knew we could pound on them in the open events."

BEST AREA SWIM TIMES/DIVING SCORES

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY	Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 24.81	Adrienne Turf (Stevenson) 1:01.40	North Farmington 1:43.48
Livonia Stevenson 1:51.45	Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 25.23	Betsy Hoeche (Stevenson) 1:02.37	500 BACKSTROKE
Farmington Mercy 1:53.03	Kellyann Williams (Salem) 25.37	Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:02.61	Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 56.82
Plymouth Salem 1:54.28	Katie Clark (Stevenson) 25.43	100 FREESTYLE	Yvonne Lynn (Salem) 59.81
North Farmington 1:54.29	Danielle Clayton (Mercy) 25.46	Anna Aristeo (Stevenson) 59.99	Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 59.83
200 FREESTYLE	Lindsay Grondin (Mercy) 25.48	Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 55.05	Adrienne Turf (Stevenson) 1:00.38
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 1:49.80	Dona Schwalm (Harrison) 55.07	Caroline Kenna (Mercy) 1:02.02	Katie Callan (Mercy) 1:02.00
Julie Kern (Stevenson) 1:58.53	Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 55.24	Jessica Makowski (Stevenson) 1:02.84	Molly Kileen (Mercy) 1:02.70
Meghan Mucci (Stevenson) 1:58.74	Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 55.05	Cheryl Farber (N. Farmington) 1:03.94	Tara Grider (N. Farmington) 1:04.45
Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 1:59.42	Katie Clark (Stevenson) 56.09	400 BREASTSTROKE	Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 1:08.93
Kristie Cordts (Mercy) 1:59.93	Danielle Clayton (Mercy) 56.31	Neve Alver (N. Farmington) 1:10.72	Meredith Spiegel (Mercy) 1:11.25
Emily Thompson (Mercy) 2:00.51	Cheryl Farber (N. Farmington) 25.64	Betsy Hoeche (Stevenson) 1:11.52	Marti McCrone (Stevenson) 1:11.61
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 2:00.08	DIVING	Katie Clark (Stevenson) 1:12.39	John Godfried (Stevenson) 1:12.53
Kristie Cordts (Mercy) 2:00.91	Rebecca Gould (Mercy) 2:00.91	Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 1:13.24	Katherine Docherty (Mercy) 1:13.89
Teri Hanson (Salem) 2:02.18	200 INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY	Dana Driksen (Mercy) 1:14.48	400 FREESTYLE RELAY
Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:04.82	Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 2:04.82	Livonia Stevenson 1:30.52	Farmington Mercy 3:44.48
Katie Clark (Stevenson) 2:11.99	Elizabeth Posvar (Mercy) 2:12.18	North Farmington 3:46.29	Plymouth Salem 3:47.19
Lindsay Fettes (Harrison) 2:15.29	Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 2:16.68	500 BUTTERFLY	
Lisa Richardson (Harrison) 2:16.68	Kelly Carlin (Mercy) 2:17.81	Anne Aristeo (Stevenson) 57.98	
Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 2:17.99	Meghan Mucci (Stevenson) 2:17.99	Betsy Lambert (Mercy) 58.50	
Meredith Spiegel (Mercy) 2:18.72	Teri Hanson (Salem) 2:19.18	Martin Jazubowski (Mercy) 59.48	
Julie Kern (Salem) 2:19.18	Julie Kern (Salem) 2:19.60	Katie Clark (Stevenson) 59.55	
800 FREESTYLE	Erin Downs (Mercy) 1:01.23	Teri Hanson (Salem) 2:19.60	
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