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district tournament.

Farmington beat Walled Lake Central twice, the first time 6-5 and later 10-3 to clinch the Lakes playoff berth. The Falcons won the division outright with a 9-1 record after defeating Livonia Stevenson, 6-1.

Plymouth Canton defeated Farmington in the WLAA championship game, but the Falcons beat Mercy, Southfield and Redford Union to win the district.

Heikkinen pitched a three-hitter and struck out 10 in the final against RU.

In the regional, Farmington rallied to defeat Birmingham Marian, 4-3, in nine innings but lost to state-ranked Lakeland in the final, 7-2.

Heikkinen had five hits in the two games and pitched the final with a fractured little finger, which she injured in the ninth inning of the Marian game.

Heikkinen and senior third baseman Kristin Siakosky represented the Falcons (22-11) on the All-Observer team.

**Raiders stage turnaround:** North Farmington hadn't had a winning football season since 1991 but rebounded from a 1-8 record last year to finish 6-3.

North started the season with three straight victories, equaling its victory total of the past two years combined.

After losing their next three, the Raiders finished with a three-game winning streak by defeating Farmington, Northville and Howell, the Kensington Valley Conference runner-up.

In so doing, the Raiders sent coach Jim O'Leary out a winner. He retired after 15 seasons as varsity head coach (33 total at North) and was named Overland Coach of the Year.

**Marlins make big waves:** Mercy High School's swim team had some major successes in 1997.

The Marlins captured the Oakland County championship in October, a prestigious title considering the quality of competition at the annual meet.

Mercy won just two events and relied on its team balance and depth to edge two-time defending Chalmers champion Birmingham Seaholm, 217-207.

Danielle Clayton, Amy McCullough, Elizabeth MacDonald and Kelly Carlin combined to win the 200-yard freestyle relay and give Mercy the 32 points needed to secure first place. McCullough had the only other first place in the 200 freestyle.

The Marlins also captured their 31st Catholic League championship in 32 years.

Mercy began the dual meet season by defeating Seaholm, 85-82, and finished it with a win over No. 1-ranked Ann Arbor Huron, 99-87. With the latter, the Marlins concluded a 12-0 season and were voted the new No. 1 in the final poll.

The Marlins capped the season with a sixth-place finish in the Class A meet.

Elizabeth Posvar and McCullough scored in two events each, Erin Downs, Elizabeth MacDonald and Betsy Lambert on apiece. The Marlins also scored in all three relays.

**North on comeback trail:** The Raiders had their best season in boys soccer in more than a decade when they posted an 11-6-2 record. The 1996 North team was 11-0-3, earning one more point than the extra tie.

The Raiders captured the city championship and advanced to the final of its Division II district tournament.

North beat Redford Thurston (6-1) and Redford Union (4-1) before falling to Northville in the district final, 2-0.

The Raiders, who were led by junior forward Craig Hearn (26 goals), will have most of their team back next season.

"Next year will be tough, because we'll be coming off a good season," coach Ron Metoyer said. "People know we have an improved program. But that's where we wanted to take the program and we're pleased with that. Next year we'll try to take it one step forward."

**(Ho) Mercy golf and North tennis:** Mercy captured the Oakland County girls golf championship in April for the first time since Meg Mallon played for the Marlins in 1981.

Mercy edged Troy by one stroke to win the tournament, 379-380. It was the best winning score since Birmingham Marian shot 367 in 1988.

Mercy sophomore Jennifer Borowicz was the match medalist with a six-over-par 39. She shot a career-best 39 on the front nine and 41 on the back.

The Marlins later won their sixth straight Catholic League title and qualified for the state meet with a second-place showing at the Sylvan Glen regional.

In addition to Borowicz, Kristen Smith and Angela Harbar represented Mercy on the All-Observer golf team.

North Farmington's boys tennis team won the Western Lakes Activities Association title, which was no small feat since the Raiders had to dethrone defending champ Northville to claim the crown.

The Raiders put an end to Northville's five-year reign by outscoring the Mustangs, 28-23.

North players won four flight championships — Brad Jaffe at No. 1 singles; Steve Weingarten, No. 2 singles; Steven Lehrman and Peter Golaszewski, No. 1 doubles; and Jon Panush and Greg Fox, No. 4 doubles.

The Raiders placed second in the Northville regional and qualified for state where they finished in a tie for 20th place.

Jaffe and the No. 3 doubles team of Mark Frankel and Chris Erickson were regional champs.

**INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS**

- University of Detroit Mercy senior Mike Pesci (tennis) was named Player of the Year in baseball in the Midwestern Collegiate Conference. Pesci batted .409 with 14 doubles, 16 home runs and 46 RBI. He had a .974 fielding percentage.
- Brown University junior Mike Enberg, a graduate of Farmington High, helped his school win the collegiate national championship in soccer.
- Ed Kennedy (Harrison) returned to playing college football and made the All-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association first team at defensive end while helping Adrian College win an NCAA co-championship with Hope College.
- Farmington High gymnast Sarah Nolan recovered from a neck injury to team Division II all-state honors as an all-arounder and in three events.
- Farmington High diver Jeff Thomas broke the school record five times and the North Farmington record twice, the last with a score of 320.10. He also won the Oakland County diving championship with an 11-dive score of 436.90.
- Tamara Glen of Farmington Hills set the women's all-time state bowling record for high series when she rolled a three-game total of 853 in the Royaltes Classic League at Southfield Bowl. She was 12 pins shy of the Ladies Professional Bowling Tour record of 865.
- Harrison senior Devon Kennedy had four first places in the Class A track division, winning the 300 and 100 hurdles, the 200 dash and helping the Hawks win the 400 relay. But a hamstring injury a few days later in the WLAA meet prevented her from competing in anything other than the 400 relay at the state finals. She was still named Female Track Athlete of the Year in Overland.
- In WLAA boys swimming, the winners included Farmington's John Hawkins and Pete Bosler, North's Dan Gabriel and Harrison's Robin Trombley. WLAA girls meet winners were Harrison's Lindsay Fetter and Dana Schwalbe and North's Hannah Pawlewicz.

**THEY WERE WINNERS, TOO**

- Farmington's wrestling team repeated as district champ in February.
- Mercy's volleyball team captured its eighth district title on the Berkley High School court in March. Mercy reached the regional final but lost to Catholic

League nemesis Livonia Ladywood.

- Catholic Central won the Class A hockey title for the second time in four years with a 7-0 rout of Trenton.
- Brother Rice's swim team captured its fourth consecutive Class A title with 243 points over Ann Arbor Pioneer (189) and Birmingham Groves (109).
- Mercy was a divisional and regional champion in girls skiing. The Marlins were seventh in the league and eighth at the state meet.
- Farmington Harrison was a double winner in the annual city track meets, claiming both the boys and girls titles.
- Mercy regained the Catholic League title in girls track and added an Operation Friendship victory as well.
- The Vellucci family of Farmington was on the winning side again in the annual Founders Festival softball tournament. It was the third straight title and fourth in five years for the Velluccis, who had five brothers on the team.
- Farmington American Legion Post 348 won the District 18 championship last summer but lost two straight in a National Amateur Baseball Federation regional and was eliminated early.
- The 12-year-old Cobras baseball team won Little Caesars, district and regional titles and earned a trip to Puerto Rico for the AABC World Series. The Cobras returned without any wins but ended with a 45-10 record overall.
- Mercy won the Catholic League and Operation Friendship girls cross country titles for the seventh consecutive year. Gary Sarvas coaches the Mercy track and cross country teams.
- Catholic Central won its fourth Class AA football championship in this decade, defeating Ann Arbor Huron in the final, 23-7. It was the fifth overall state title for the Shamrocks.

**DESERVING SPECIAL MENTION**

- Farmington Public Schools combined into one gymnastics team and had a fine season, finishing 4-3 in the WLAA and 10-3 overall. FPS had the best team in Overland, but that was in a year when the WLAA expanded. Farmington scored 138.5 in the league meet but was fourth behind Hartland, Northville-Nowi and Brighton.
- Farmington's boys swim team was third in the WLAA championships, an impressive feat for a small school. Plymouth Salem and Canton were the only teams ahead of the Falcons. Farmington's John Hawkins won the 200 and 500 freestyle and Pete Bosler the 100. North's Dan Gabriel the backstroke and Harrison's Robin Trombley the breaststroke.
- Harrison's boys basketball team was just short of winning a couple titles. The Hawks (17-5) were runners-up to Plymouth Canton in the WLAA and West Bloomfield in the district tournament. Harrison and Farmington began the 1997-98 season with 4-0 records.
- In the boys state swim finals, North's Dan Gabriel was fifth in the backstroke and Harrison's Matt Walker 10th in the breaststroke.
- In the girls state swim finals, North's Hannah Pawlewicz was second in the butterfly and Nevea Alver sixth in the breaststroke. Harrison's Lindsay Fetter placed eighth in the IM and fourth in the breaststroke.
- In track and field, North's Melissa Gratz was fifth in the discus for the second year in a row; Harrison's Nick Shalech was eighth in the shot put, and the 800 relay team of Keith Battle, Chris Knox, Kevin Woods and Jerrard Johnson was fifth.

**SAYING FAREWELL**

- In addition to North Farmington's Jim O'Leary, Farmington resident Ron Kalczynski retired as Brother Rice assistant football and head baseball coach. The Warriors won four state championships in football while Kalczynski was defensive coordinator and two Class A baseball titles.
- Longtime Harrison boys and girls tennis coach Bernie Goldstein retired from coaching and teaching in June and moved to Florida.
- Overland lost a coaching legend in May when former Mercy tennis coach Jim Kerwin died. He had been retired several years from coaching.
- The Harrison football program was stunned to learn of Shawn Mayberry's drowning death in July. He was a starting noseguard on defense and would have been a senior on the 1997 team.

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