

# Marlins

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Down said. "They went in seeded first and they weren't about to have it taken away from them."

The Marlins also set varsity records in the other relays. McCullough, Posvar, junior Erin Downs and Carlin were second in the medley (1:48.61), and they were 10th in the 200 freestyle with the team of Downs, Lorida, sophomore Elizabeth MacDonald and Carlin (1:40.36).

Mercury broke seven varsity records in all, including two each by McCullough, who had the team's lone individual victory in the 500 freestyle (4:54.75) and Posvar.

McCullough also was second in the 200 freestyle (1:52.46). Posvar was fifth in the individual medley (2:07.42) and the 100 freestyle (52.26).

"We changed the record board today," Downs said Monday. "It looked like it was all bent up. It was nice to see those records come down."

McCullough's performance was made all the more impressive by the fact she wasn't completely healthy as she was fighting a cold.

"She might have done a little better, hard as it is to believe," Downs said. "But she got out there in the 500 and got ahead of (Grosse Pointe North's Carly) Piper. Piper struggled to catch her and it just didn't work. She wore herself out trying to catch Amy."

And MacDonald went nuts in the 500. She went from 5:13 to 5:07.63 (eighth). She had a great swim."

Mercury had four girls score in the 200 freestyle with McCullough third (1:52.46), Lorida seventh (1:56.15), MacDonald ninth (1:56.39) and Carlin 12th (1:56.58).

"We got into some interesting situations Saturday," Downs said. "Carlin comes off the 200 medley and has to jump right into the 200 free."

Kelly could have scored higher, but she had no rest there; she didn't get a break. But we had looked at all the times and gambled. That looked like the best event to score, even though she had to come off the relay."

Carlin moved down from eighth in the prelims, but Lorida moved up to win the consolation.



Kelly Carlin  
Farmington Hills Mercy



Erin Downs  
Farmington Hills Mercy



Elizabeth MacDonald  
Farmington Hills Mercy



Lindsay Fettes  
Farmington Harrison

## State finals point scorers



Nevra Alver  
North Farmington

tion heat and finish seventh. So the Marlins ended up gaining points.

Mercury had another outstanding swim from Erin Downs in the butterfly, taking second place (58.12) after being seeded fourth and placing fourth in the prelims.

"She helped us with some extra points there, too," Downs said. "All those little things added up to 11 additional points on the second day."

Zeeland was second with 111 points and Grosse Pointe North third with 109. Birmingham Seaholm and Ann Arbor Pioneer tied for fourth (107).

### Trio scores at state meet

Farmington Harrison junior Lindsay Fettes and North Farmington's Nevra Alver (senior) and Lindsay McElean (freshman) scored in the state meet, too.

Fettes was all-state in two events for the second year in a

row, placing sixth in the IM (2:08.89) and fifth in the breaststroke (1:06.61). Both times were all-time bests.

It's the third consecutive year Fettes has earned all-state honors by finishing among the top six swimmers in the breaststroke.

"Of the two, the IM was probably her better swim," Harrison coach Ross Bandy said. "It was hard for her to read the walls, I think, but she was happy with her performance."

"We set a goal time for the meet and she was within a few 10ths of a second of what we thought she could do. She did pretty much what we expected. She was on top of things. She was very focused."

Fettes has another year to add to an already impressive record.

"She's a good trainer," Bandy said. "She has a lot of room for improvement. There are things

we can polish up and make better for next year."

It's remarkable for Harrison High School to have someone like her. She shows a lot of class and has a great deal of pride in her school."

McElean was seventh in the backstroke, swimming a season best and school-record 59.38 in the finals. It was the second time in two days she had broken Julianne Murkey's record (1:01.05) after swimming 1:00.81 in the prelims.

McElean didn't score in the IM but moved up from 30th based on her seed time to 15th and dropped her time from 2:17.58 to 2:14.36.

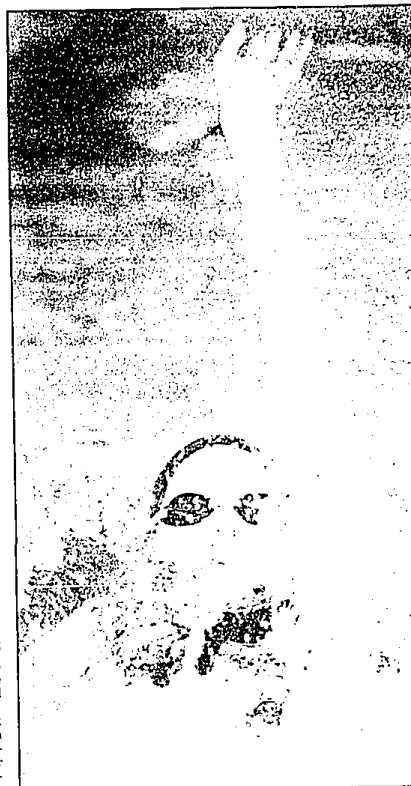
"We were pretty pleased with her performance," North coach Pat Duthie said. "I had a feeling she might break a minute. In the prelims, she went a minute-plus and the next day she didn't have to swim the IM. It was pretty exciting to watch. She had a real nice swim."

McElean started the season without much experience in the backstroke, Duthie added. She swam 1:06 at the start of the season and steadily dropped her time.

Alver was 12th in the breaststroke (1:08.92) after finishing sixth last year, but the breaststroke was one of the toughest events at the meet, according to Duthie.

"Her time this year would be in the top six last year, too," Duthie said, adding Alver qualified 10th. "We were pleased she got in there. She had a real good effort in the finals."

"She was definitely going at it with the right attitude. Nevra has been an outstanding contributor in our program for four years and a real good team person."



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State placer: North Farmington freshman Lindsay McElean was seventh in the 100-yard backstroke.

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