CC aims for success

BY PAUL BEAUDRY

If you look at Redford Catholic Central's ski team, the first thought might be the Shamrocks have one skier and the rest ride his skis to success.

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Think again.
True, the Shamrocks have one of the best, if not the best, skier in the state in Matt Gable. But there is a core group of seniors that should allow CC to improve greatly on its sixth-place finish at last year's Class A finals.

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"I think we're loaded," CC coach Tom Gable said. "We've got five seniors back; we've got depth and we've got experience. Our improvement on last year is 100 percent. The key to winning a state meet is not one great skier, but to have a group of them finish in the same area. That's what we need."

While there's a lot of improvement, there's still no doubt the ace in the hole is Matt Gable.



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Gable won the Slalom last year and was second in the Giant Slalom by a tenth of a sec-ond. Three weeks ago, he was chosen as one of six skiers for the Central Development Team

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the Olympic program.

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boys are going to follow him. I
think he can take them to a new
level and sometimes it's the perfect situation.

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Gable and seniors John Goebel,
Eric Sullivan, Ryan Boudreau
and Joe Murray spent part of
their summer vacation on
11,239-foot Mt. Hood in Oregon
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"Their improvement was 100 percent," said Tom Gable. This is an exciting group of seniors. It's a close-knit group and they're going places. All of them are fast and consistent."

Sullivan had four top-10 finishes in Southeast Michigan Ski League competition last year, while Goebel had two top five finishes. Ryan Boudroua lass and Joe Murray will move from sking the sladom to both events.

Both (Sullivan and Goebel) improved tremendously at summer camp," said Tom Gable. "I think Eric can cut that in half and be a top-five skier and John has improved too. Ryan was a

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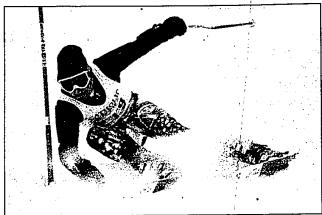
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Defending champion: Catholic Central's Matt Gable hopes to defend his state title in the slalom event and add the giant slalom championship to his impressive resume.

little inconsistent last year, but got over that. With consistency, he'll be knocking on the door for top finishes. And Joe's in that

group too."

Several skiers will be vying for the sixth apot, including senior Bryan Knotry, juniors Steve Johnson, Ethan Lube and Mike Hunt, and sophomore Che Martinez

"We need to solidify the sixth spot," said Tom Gable, "Everyone is going to got a shot at it. But it's open to all to see what they can do. If we get that, we'll be very, very good."

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the end of January in the Traverse City Invitational, however.

"It's almost a preview of the state meet," Gable said. "It's a
real feather in the cap of the program at Mercy. It's hard to
gain the respect of the up-north schools, and it seems like we've
done that.

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"We've replaced the league meet with that one. It will tell me where we stand against teams in all likelihood we'll see at state. From a coaching standpoint, I couldn't be more elated." Gable compares this year's Mercy team to the ones that wen back-to-back regional championships.

"We had a group that trained together a couple years ago, and I get the same undercurrent from this group of seniors," he said. "It's a nice, close-knit group and the improvement is obviously there."

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