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Marlins still talented softball team

Borowiec sets record

Senior Erin Borowiec shot a school-record, two-under-par 33 Thursday at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills Mercy's first dual match of the season in girls golf.

Borowiec led the Marlins to a 169-192 victory over Harper Woods Regis in a Catholic League contest.

The old record was one-under 35 at par-36 Coyote Golf Course in New Hudson. Borowiec and her older sister, Jennifer, shared that record.

Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said she and the Regina coach watched from a distance and thought Borowiec, who had four birdies and two bogeys, was close to par.

"When she got to the 18th and missed her first putt, the way she went 'Uhhhh' we thought that was for par 35," Kowalski said. "We thought she must have shot 36. Then she came in and said she shot 33!"

Mercy's Christina Cibrario shot 41, Maureen McPaw 45 and Jackie Shinney 50. Kowalski added the other half who played were unhappy with their 50-plus scores.

"We know there's room for improvement," Kowalski said. "I really think they thought all eight would be under 50, and all of them have done it in practice rounds. That's why they were a little disappointed. They know they can do better. But I'm certainly not going to complain about 169."

Rockets grid signup

The Farmington Rockets football program will register returning players for the 2001 season 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 12.

There will be an open enrollment session 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 2. Youths between the ages of 8 and 14 are eligible.

The fee is \$180 per individual. Registration will take place at the blue equipment shed next to the Farmington High football field on both dates.

For more information, call either Rockets president Gary Cline at (248) 477-7871 or registrar Vince D'aw at (248) 478-8223.

OCC divides twinbill

Oakland Community College split a doubleheader with host Macomb in women's softball Thursday, winning the first game, 5-0, and losing the second, 2-1.

Rachel Racicki pitched a four-hit shutout in the first, striking out none and walking none.

The Lady Raiders had seven hits, including two apiece by Katie Snyder, Tammie Davis and Aubrey Glessey. Leanna Peters, Snyder, Theresa Flowers and Glessey had one RBI each.

OCC took a 1-0 lead in the second game on Carrie Sugden's fourth-inning RBI, but Macomb tied it in the sixth and won it in the bottom of the eighth.

Macomb's Kim Allemen allowed six hits and four walks. Peters had two hits for OCC. Racicki pitched the last two innings and took the loss.

The Lady Raiders are 3-1 in the MCCA Eastern Conference, Macomb 2-2. Both teams are 7-9 overall.

Hank Greenberg film

The documentary film, *The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg*, will be shown 5 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at United Artists Theatre in Commerce Township during the Third Annual Lenore Marwil Jewish Film Festival.

The Jewish Community Center of West Bloomfield is sponsoring the festival, which runs from April 29 through Sunday, May 6.

Directed by Detroit native Aviva Kempner, the film recalls the baseball accomplishments of Greenberg, a Hall of Fame player and former Detroit Tigers great.

Tickets are \$7 for general admission and \$6 for older adults. Series tickets are \$79 and \$69 for older adults. For tickets call the box office at (248) 788-2900.



Sophomore shortstop: Carly Tracey became a starter for Mercy last year and is now a veteran infielder and key returning player.



Led by All-Observer pitcher Megan Fedluk, Farmington Hills Mercy hopes to have a good year in softball after going 33-11 last season. Farmington Harrison and Farmington High have new coaches this year.

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Farmington Hills Mercy had its best softball season in school history last year, compiling a 33-11 record and reaching the semifinals of the Division I state tournament.

The Marlins must replace two all-aren, first-team players — catcher Erin Carson and center fielder Dana Falvo — and two second-team infielders: Nuverre Naami and Carrie Brankiewicz.

Mercy, which lost 1-0 to eventual state champion Portage Northern, has a younger, less-experienced team this year, but coach Jack Falvo isn't exactly faced with a rebuilding situation either.

The Marlins return junior Megan Fedluk, a first-team all-area pitcher who was 16-5 with 126 strikeouts and just seven walks in 145 innings.

"She continues to work on becoming a better pitcher," Falvo said. "She has added some speed and maintained her control. We look for her to have a big season."

Juniors Molly O'Malley, who will pitch the second game of doubleheaders, and Rachel DelCorvo were JV pitchers who moved to the varsity at the end of last season.

Krystal Shina, the only senior on the team, returns at first base and will serve as captain, too. Her forte is defense, but Falvo hopes to see her raise a .270 batting average.

"She's one of the best defensive first



Megan Fedluk
all-area pitcher

basemen I've ever come across," Falvo said. "Her .594 fielding percentage is fantastic, but this year we expect more offense from Krystal."

Sophomore Carly Tracey took on a starting role last year and is back at shortstop. She hit .333 and did the job defensively, according to Falvo.

"She has worked diligently with the bat and the glove," he said. "As a sophomore, she's ready to have a breakout season."

Junior Lindsey Fedluk is a varsity veteran who will replace Brankiewicz at third base. She batted .415 in a limited offensive role last season.

"She has developed into a very accomplished left-hand hitter with speed," Falvo said. "We're looking for Lindsey to be the sparkplug of our offense."

Sophomore Megan Meyers and DelCorvo are challenging each other for the job at second base.

Alternating between catcher and left field will be junior Holly Van Cleave, a transfer from Novi where she was a starter, and sophomore Chloe Kraft.

"We have Holly with a lot of experience and Chloe with a lot of potential," Falvo said, adding Kraft has a big, strong arm and will become a great catcher with time and continued work.

Junior Theresa Lawrence, another returning varsity player, becomes the new center fielder after spending all last season in left.

"Defensively, she has fantastic range, and she's coming along real well to replace Dana," Falvo said.

The right fielder is sophomore Anna Schneider, who was on the JV most of last season but broke up a no-hitter by Northern's Anna Ollgaard with a sixth-inning single in the state semifinal.

"Having Megan (Fedluk) back cer-

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Raiders entertain high hopes for '01

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SOFTBALL

In most cases, it might be difficult to top what North Farmington did in the sport of softball last year.

The Raiders had their most successful season in coach Dave Brubaker's 12-year tenure, winning the Western Lakes Activities Association title and going 24-12.

North has every starter but one back from that team, and everybody expects the Raiders to have another good year. Maybe even a better year.

"I'd like to meet (Waterford) Kettering in the regional final," Brubaker said. "That's my goal right now. And, if we got that far, who knows? It's a pos-

sibility. I like my chances."

And he should, with three first-team, All-Observer players among the top eight returnees.

Senior shortstop Samantha McComb and senior catcher Jasmine King, who played first base as a freshman, will be in the starting lineup for the fourth year in a row.

McComb, who has signed to play basketball at Northwestern University,

batted .440 with seven triples, two home runs and 24 RBIs.

King had a .392 average with two triples and 21 RBIs. Both girls had five doubles and made just five errors each at demanding positions.

"I expect them to do everything they've been doing the last three years," Brubaker said.

The Raiders have an ace pitcher in

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Raiders defeat Panthers



Soccer victory: Lauren Hogan scored an insurance goal in North Farmington's 2-0 win over host Redford Union in girls soccer Wednesday. See details on Page B5.

Farmington has near-miss in try for 3rd straight win

Farmington High just missed its third straight victory and second of the week against a quality opponent Friday.

The host Falcons succumbed to fatigue and two late goals by perennial power Trenton, suffering their first loss of the season, 3-2.

"It was a good, close game," Farmington coach Steve Montgomery said. "We just ran out of gas at the tail end."

"They had a lot of subs. They have 25 kids on their team. They all played and they're good players. They kept subbing and we just got tired."

Trenton scored first, five minutes into the game, but Farmington came back to take a 2-1 halftime lead.

Maggie Vaillancourt scored off a corner kick by Larianne DeDomenico at the 30-minute mark.

DeDomenico also assisted on the go-ahead goal, which was scored by Erica Rose with 13 minutes remaining before halftime.

The Falcons had a mental lapse early in the second half, according to Montgomery, and the Trojans scored the tying goal.

Trenton's game-winner occurred with 30 minutes left in the game.

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"We had a couple other good opportunities to score and didn't capitalize," Montgomery said, adding a Trenton field player covered the ball in the Trenton box late in the game and wasn't penalized.

"That was the only call I'd protest and say was bad. Other than that, it was a good game and two good teams playing."

Farmington is 2-1. It was the season opener for Trenton, which defeated the Falcons last year, 4-0.

Montgomery said the Trenton coach complimented DeDomenico and Rose, as well as Farmington defenders Shanna Barakme and Erin DeBoo, for their fine play.

"We're a little disappointed about the loss," Montgomery said, "but it's really no big deal. It's not a conference game."

"If we win the district, now we've had previews of both teams we would run across. We had a sneak preview of what the regional would be like."

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