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key play.

"I'd say I have a pretty easy job with players like that," Vondracek said.

When the Marlins (39-10) made a kill, it was usually for a sidout, and Mercy had trouble doing the same and scoring points when it had the serve.

"We weren't able to run our offense like we normally do, Mercy coach Ed Ruhl said. "We had a lot of scrappiness and we got a lot of balls up, but we couldn't convert. A lot of that was due to Marian and our set selection. (The Mustangs) ran the middle at the first. The first four times they didn't do that. When they run the middle and open up the outside, it becomes twice as difficult."

Mercy made a late effort, trimming the Marian lead to 13-10 with a Christine Ohman kill. The Mustangs finished the win after three more rotations, scoring the 14th point on a double block by sophomore Janine Pousch and Henry and the 15th on a kill by junior Danielle Melone.

"A lot of our focus is serving," Vondracek said of the first game. "We want to get them off balance, because that makes defense a lot easier. If we're doing correctly all the things we have control over, we're in good shape."

The lead and momentum belonged to Mercy early in the second game. The Marlins jumped in front 3-0 and 5-2. But Marian chipped away and took the lead, 6-5, on three service points, including a pair of aces, by Henry. The Marlins rallied briefly to tie, 7-7, but it was all Mustangs after that.

Melone served five straight points as Marian moved quickly to end the match, taking a 14-7 lead. Six-foot junior Sarah Kreher accounted for two with a kill and a block. The Marlins hung in for a time to make it 14-9, but a Mercy attacking error off an Erin Pogits serve gave the Mustangs the winning point.

"If we win the first game, Mercy always comes back battling," Vondracek said. "We can expect, when one team wins, the other raises its level of play. Today we were just better at meeting it when they raised their level."

Henry and Kreher finished with 13 kills each and Melone four as the Marian hitters benefited from the play of Pogits, a sister of Vondracek and the team's setter who had 20 assists. Melone had 10 digs, Pogits nine, Kreher eight, sophomore Courtney Paszkiewicz and Henry seven each. Henry also made four blocks and Pousch two.

"Marian seems to have our number, and they come up with the big play at the right time," Ruhl said. It was the serve and serve-receive battle they bent us up on. It was pretty obvious they served well and we didn't."

"We're not firing on all cylinders. All six of our players haven't played well at this time, and I'm hoping that happens before the end of the season."

Falcons are big hit in victory over Chiefs

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VOLLEYBALL

Farmington had a productive night while executing its offense in a volleyball match Wednesday with host Plymouth Canton.

The Falcons were 47-of-61 on the attack and recorded a team total of 25 kills in the battle of defeating the Chiefs, 15-8, 15-7.

Canton, however, enjoyed an early lead in the first game, 6-2, but Farmington made a comeback and maintained the advantage after that.

"They had three pretty tough servers to start the match," Falcons coach Alex Perrin said, adding his team wasn't prepared to play but "came out a little flat."

"Playing any team coached by (Canton's) Steve Anderson, you're going to be in a battle. His game management is really strong; he knows how to take advantage of a lot of little things," Farmington's significant size

advantage eventually came into play. The Falcons had a lot more weapons and offensive options, Perrin added.

"When we hit the second rotation and they didn't have their best servers in there, we started surging and they didn't have an answer for us," he said.

The Falcons had a hitting percentage around .400, which Perrin said was outstanding.

"That means your setter is playing well and (setter) Randin (Brown) is moving the ball and making good choices and people are putting away the sets," he said.

Brown had 21 assists and four kills for the Falcons, who are 8-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 32-14 overall.

Douglas Gause was 9-of-9 hitting with seven kills; she also served eight points with three aces and had one block.

Jocelyn Atkins had four digs,

three kills and four blocks; Julie Kimmel had three kills, six digs and four aces; Jessica Janowicz was 9-of-11 hitting with five kills, and Meghan Young had three kills, seven digs and two blocks.

"Everyone played pretty well," Perrin said. "It was the Randin show tonight. Her level of play has really risen over the course of the season. It's rare when we don't have an advantage at setter. (Brown) has become a strong contender for all-conference at the setter position."

"Her play has been outstanding. She makes good choices and is unpredictable. She understands how the game works and how to take advantage of certain matchups."

"It makes life easier when you have a senior setter who's playing that well."

The Falcons play their last WLA match Monday at home against Livonia Churchill, and the WLA tournament will be Saturday at Walled Lake Central.



Setting the stage: Randin Brown had a big game as the setter for Farmington in its match Wednesday against Canton.

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BOYS BEST SWIM TIMES

200-YARD MEDLEY RELAY

(state cuts - A: 4:43.99; B: 4:49.86)

Redford Catholic Central 1:40.96

Plymouth Salem 1:41.89

Plymouth Canton 1:44.30

North Farmington 1:47.11

Livonia Churchill 1:48.02

200-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts - A: 2:49.39; B: 2:55.99)

Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:47.27

Mark Markow (Redford CC) 1:47.46

Ben Dyallo (Salem) 1:49.10

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 1:50.75

Ryan Ahern (Canton) 1:51.63

Joe Le (Canton) 1:52.28

Nick Dixon (Salem) 1:52.82

Shermet Alver (H. Farmington) 1:52.84

Andy Grant (Churchill) 1:53.05

200-YARD INDIVIDUAL MEDLEY

(state cuts - A: 2:03.99; B: 2:13.59)

Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:59.24

Andrew Garin (Redford CC) 2:02.97

Ben Cylek (Redford CC) 2:04.23

Ben Dyallo (Salem) 2:06.64

Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 2:07.04

500-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts - A: 2:28.99; B: 2:35.69)

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 22.15

Eric Lynn (Salem) 22.44

Mark Markow (Redford CC) 22.65

Mike Johnson (Salem) 22.71

Byant Steele (Redford CC) 22.85

Joe Le (Canton) 22.93

Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 23.03

Nick Markow (Redford CC) 23.25

Brad Nixon (Canton) 23.40

Ryan Ahern (Canton) 23.58

DIVING

Joe Rohde (Redford CC) 230.60

Tyler Flood (Redford CC) 215.20

Ken Stanford (Stevenson) 209.15

Dan Reis (Franklin) 205.20

Andrew Dikasta (Stevenson) 189.60

Ryan Campbell (Redford CC) 183.10

Rob Hoppe (Redford Union) 181.85

Brad Sokolowski (Salem) 176.20

100-YARD BUTTERFLY

(state cuts - A: 58.49; B: 58.99)

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 52.24

Byant Steele (Redford CC) 52.46

Ben Dyallo (Salem) 53.52

Mark Winiawski (Canton) 54.31

Yuhel Uno (Canton) 54.41

Justin Golt (John Green) 56.06

Rob Cylek (Redford CC) 57.31

Brad Nixon (Canton) 57.62

M. Bachrouche (H. Farmington) 58.76

Mike Johnson (Salem) 58.87

100-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts - A: 48.49; B: 48.99)

Brett Meconis (Redford CC) 48.75

Eric Lynn (Salem) 48.75

Mark Winiawski (Canton) 48.80

Kevin Ryan (Redford CC) 49.40

Byant Steele (Redford CC) 49.43

Nick Markow (Redford CC) 49.70

Joe Le (Canton) 50.12

Mike Johnson (Salem) 50.14

Rob Cylek (Redford CC) 50.83

Brad Nixon (Canton) 51.06

500-YARD FREESTYLE

(state cuts - A: 4:58.99; B: 5:17.59)

Nick Markow (Redford CC) 4:58.39

Ben Dyallo (Salem) 4:59.31

Nick Dixon (Salem) 5:05.23

Paul Haapanen (Farm. Unified) 5:07.28

Ryan Ahern (Canton) 5:13.86

Tim Ryan (Redford CC) 5:14.48

Yuhel Uno (Canton) 5:14.60

Andy Grant (Churchill) 5:15.01

Jeff Matysa (H. Farmington) 5:15.80

Shermet Alver (H. Farmington) 5:18.30

200-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cuts - A: 1:31.99; B: 1:37.48)

Redford Catholic Central 1:29.50

Plymouth Canton 1:30.93

Plymouth Salem 1:31.56

Eric Lynn (Salem) 1:38.03

Farmington-Harrison 1:38.29

300-YARD BACKSTROKE

(state cuts - A: 36.99; B: 37.00.99)

Eric Lynn (Salem) 33.85

Zach Fellman (Redford CC) 35.33

Brad Nixon (Canton) 36.29

Nick Dixon (Salem) 37.59

Nick Markow (Redford CC) 37.79

100-YARD BREASTSTROKE

(state cuts - A: 1:02.99; B: 1:07.89)

Mike Kruszewski (Redford CC) 1:04.47

Matt Newman (H. Farmington) 1:05.72

Matt Showalter (Salem) 1:06.18

Andrew Garin (Redford CC) 1:06.36

Rob Cylek (Redford CC) 1:06.87

Dennis Speck (Canton) 1:06.80

Josh Raub (Wayne) 1:07.05

Brian Clayton (H. Farmington) 1:07.44

Jeff Annonian (Redford CC) 1:07.92

Andrew Diannan (Wayne) 1:08.41

400-YARD FREESTYLE RELAY

(state cuts - A: 3:23.39; B: 3:38.99)

Redford Catholic Central 3:16.57

Plymouth Canton 3:20.22

Plymouth Salem 3:24.85

North Farmington 3:29.87

Wayne Memorial 3:34.17

Spring skiing offers value and fun!

When the weather begins to warm and signs of spring abound, Michigan's ski slopes and shops offer some great programs and discounts. "We really want people to continue to think skiing," says Steve Kershner, president of the Michigan Ski Industry Association and Director of Skiing at Shanty Creek. "To keep people in the ski and snowboard frame of mind, Michigan's ski areas offer some special events and reduced rates. Ski slopes get into the picture too, by dropping prices on most of their inventory, making it a great time to shop for clothing and equipment. Here is a rundown of spring specials offered by some of Michigan's ski areas and shops.

Apple Mountain, in Prentiss, 989-791-0110 is holding their Spring Fling Festival on March 2 and their Caribou Chase Race on March 3. During the Caribou Chase, contestants race down the hill in homemade cardboard vehicles.

A ski package more commonly offered at popular western ski resorts is now available through Borne 1-800-GO-BORNE, and Shanty Creek, in Pellston, 1-800-674-1111 in northern Michigan. This season, Borne USA Ski and Shanty Creek present the "Pak Plan." Five nights of lodging at any combination of the resorts plus daily lift tickets. Prices start at \$55 per person, per day based on double occupancy. "Skiers and snowboarders can now have that best winter week experience close to home," said Stephen Kurbier, Principal of Borne USA Resorts. "We feel Borne and Shanty Creek are an unbeatable combination for offering fun, value and service. The special deal will also offer an alternative to ski travel for those choosing a winter vacation close to home." Guests will experience their favorite amenities at each Michigan ski resort. From easy-on-easy skiing on Shanty Creek's White Skansie run trail to tubing part in a snowboard exhibition at Borne Mountain in Borne Falls, we're enjoying a snowboard tour and complete lunch at Borne Highlands in Harbor Springs. It's all about getting the most out of each winter sports vacation. In addition, Borne USA is holding its annual Spring Race and Caribou Chase March 18 and 17 with costume parties, live bands, ski contests and more. Borne will continue to offer its "Super Value Ski Week" package of five days, four nights, two lift tickets, lunch, and more. Borne will also offer its "Super Value Ski Week" package of five days, four nights, two lift tickets, lunch, and more. Borne will also offer its "Super Value Ski Week" package of five days, four nights, two lift tickets, lunch, and more. Borne will also offer its "Super Value Ski Week" package of five days, four nights, two lift tickets, lunch, and more.

Chautauque State, in Cadillac, 231-862-3000 will host a Hawaiian Tropic event March 2, 2002. The event features Chautauque and Bixby's contests, live music and prizes. Look for contestants on the slopes and in the lodge throughout the weekend. The fun begins at 6:00 pm in the Blackhawk Lodge. Lift tickets are required for admission.

Cross Country Ski Headquarters in Rosemarie, 1-800-832-2662, is hosting the Catin Gumbo Music Fest. Feb. 24, 2002 at 2 p.m. They're holding learn to ski five lessons at 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 2 and March 9. On Friday, March 8, they held the Brown Bow Derby Ski and Frost Evening Music Fest for just \$5 per person.

Crystal Mountain, 1-800-YOUR-MTN, offers a ski package from \$49 per adult/per night. The rate includes double occupancy in a studio accommodation. 10-day start at \$59 per adult. Room tax is additional. This offer is valid midweek in March and anytime from March 17-April 6, 2002. Mention this article and receive a free upgrade from hotel to the luxurious Inn at the Mountain Suites from 1000 accommodations. Canadian Ski is available midweek, 7/18-14, 2002. Guests staying Canadian Week are eligible for special discounts on lodging, ski packages, meal packages, lessons, kids programs and more. Call reservations for details 1-800-868-7666.

Nube Nub, in Harbor Springs, 1-231-526-2131, begins their late season discount rates March 18. Their annual March Grass Spring Fling will be held March 23 with fun and games for all.

Pine Mountain, in Iron Mountain, 1-877-533-PINE, is holding a Spring Beach Bash on March 2, a Luncheon in the Snow on March 8, and March 23-24. They're holding their 3rd Annual Broom Bash April 6-7. Customer Appreciation Weekend at Pine Mountain.

Shanty Creek, 1-800-674-1111, celebrates spring from March 18th to Season's End with its "Sunshine Special." Lift tickets rates are reduced when you buy by the early bird. On March 18-19 Shanty Creek is holding an In-House Getaway with special maintenance, crew beer and snack runs. The \$100 lift ticket and includes two nights lodging, two superlatives. Children 17 and under sleep at \$15 per night in same accommodations with parents (up to 4 children). Shanty Creek weekend in March 2, 2002. Enthusiastic skiers & boarders can race across a 40' peak. Contests are used to draw in their skiers' skills for the fun race. Other events include Ski Slides, Ski Slalom, Pretty Ski Race & Pajama Race and a NASTAR style race.

Ski Borne, in Iron River, 1-800-DO-BORNE, plans to celebrate Easter Weekend March 30-31. Skiers who ski or snowboard in Borne area or an Easter weekend will receive 10 percent lift tickets. The Borne has even planned all weekend including an Easter Egg Hunt, Egg Race and Snow Borne Race and where find the Golden Egg while on 2002 season pass. On April 13-14, it's the Live A Mountain weekend. Ski Borne has beach areas and receive 10 percent lift tickets. They'll be holding events all weekend including snowmobiling, night skiing and snowmobile. Starting April 6, Ski Borne offers a \$25 Lift & Lodging package, which includes 1 night lodging and 1 day lift for \$25 per person.

Snow Valley, in Jones, 1-818-244-5633, has extended the popular Thruway Mountain Ski program through the end of the ski season. They call it Thruway Ski Valley. The program includes a ski pass, rental equipment and breakfast for \$50 for adults and \$25 for kids. 5-11 year olds. They also offer the following daily specials. Thursdays are Ladies Day with \$5 off all lift and \$5 off all rental if purchased before 11:00 pm. Wednesdays are Men's Day with the same discounts as Ladies Day. Thursdays are Take a Friend Skiing Day. Get all three lift tickets and rental for the day for the price of two. Snowboarders (if available) may be purchased before 1:00 PM. Fridays are College Day with \$4 off lift rental and \$4 off lift lift, (must present college ID). From 6:00-10:00 pm on Saturdays, always get 2 for 1, must come in pairs. \$10.00 for lift and \$10.00 for rental per person. The Valley Ski Shop has 70% off conventional skis. At Snow Valley Stratahite are 50% off, while supplies last and all baseball caps are 50% off.

Thunder Ridge, in Gobles, 1-800-253-2929, is holding their Winter Fest, an all area party with fun for all the family. The event will be a ski race on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24. Next month, they celebrate March Madness, with \$10 off lift tickets and \$35 for a two-day pass for adults (18 and up) for \$25 per person.

Treopex, in Gaylord, 1-800-444-6711, is holding learn to snowboard for adults (18 and up) for \$25 per person. All groups of three or more at 11 am on Feb. 22 and 23. All groups of three or more at 11 am on March 10. Ski and snowboard are offered midweek in March beginning March 9 for \$55 per person, based on double occupancy. Kids 17 and under ski and sleep free with a midweek package.

For more information, check the MSA website, www.mtsa.com, which has links to most all areas.

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