

# Mercy

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in every game who can get our offense jump-started with the speed she has," Falvo said.

Schnelder led the Marlins with a .460 batting average and .702 slugging percentage. Her 54 hits included 14 doubles, four triples and three home runs; she also had 41 RBI.

"I hope people out there will recognize Anna for the quality player she is and somebody to respect and be concerned about," Falvo said.

Junior Chloe Kraft is in line to replace Krystle Shina, the only senior on last year's team, at first base. Juniors Carly Tracey and Sarah Roman return at shortstop and third base, respectively.



Molly O'Malley



Anna Schnelder



Megan Fedluk

Tracey, a second-team, all-area player, batted .389 with 16

RBI. Roman .268 with 16 RBI. Tracey scored 29 runs and Roman 16.

"Carly should do just fine; she knows what's going on in the infield," Falvo said. "She's an extremely intelligent player. I don't have any worries about defense when Carly is on the field."

"Sarah is our quiet leader. She's a consummate team player. Any coach would like to have 10 Sarah Romans. She's a great role model."

O'Malley might move from right field to center if Lindsay Fedluk is behind the plate, and Van Cleave, a .360 hitter who had 19 RBI and scored 21 runs, would play right field. Del Corvo, who hit .351 with seven doubles, two triples and 18 RBI, returns in left field.

"With Rachel and Molly, we have a lot of speed," Falvo said. "With Holly we have a lot of stability. Holly is a gamer. She seems to adapt and just gets the job done."

"Rachel didn't receive a lot of post-season recognition, but she plays a valuable role in the fabric of the team because she's one of our spirit leaders. She's one of the players who's always making sure everybody is OK."

Completing the varsity roster is another returning team member, junior utility player Erin Agency, who was used as a designated hitter late last season. Mydlowski also will have a utility role.

The Marlins have been to the state quarterfinals three of the last four seasons and have compiled a 120-45 record during that time. The expectations are for another big year.

"We still have to keep the game fun for the kids," Falvo said. "As long as we go out and compete hard, win or lose, it doesn't matter. The only expectation I have as a coach is that we compete hard as a team every game."

Mercy begins the season Friday, April 12, at home against Catholic League rival Livonia Ladywood.

The Marlins hope the season ends with another trip to Battle Creek for the Final Four in June and one more game this time.

"To get into the championship game, you have to have a little bit of luck, and you have to have some calls go your way," Falvo said.

"Whether we make it there or not won't be the determining factor of the quality of this team. This is a good team because of all the work so many people have put into it. The team is a good team because the parents have been so supportive of the girls and the program."

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BOYS BASEBALL

Monday, April 8  
DeLaSalle at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Wednesday, April 10  
Redford Union at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Saturday, April 13  
Harrison at Lakeland, TBA.

Farmington at Huron Valley, TBA.

### GIRLS SOFTBALL

Wednesday, April 10

Harrison at R.O. Dondoro, 4:15 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Ladywood at Mercy, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Mercy at Dowagiac, 9:30 a.m.

### GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, April 8

Harrison at W. Bloomfield, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 9

Notre Dame Prep at Mercy, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 10

Stevenson at Farmington, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.

Harrison at Northville, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 11

Mercy at Mission, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12

N. Farmington at Milford, 7 p.m.

Harrison at Lakeland, 7 p.m.

Woodhaven at Mercy, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Farmington at A.A. Huron, 12:30 p.m.

N. Farmington at Berkley, 1 p.m.

### BOYS TRACK & FIELD

Wednesday, April 10

John Glenn at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 11

N. Farmington at Northville, 3:30 p.m.

Farmington at Churchill, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Hawk Relays at Harrison, TBA.

Saturday, April 13

Farmington & Harrison

at Novi Relays, 10:30 a.m.

### GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

Thursday, April 11

Harrison at John Glenn, 4:15 p.m.

Northville at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

Churchill at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Farmington & Harrison

at Novi Relays, 10:30 a.m.

### BOYS TENNIS

Wednesday, April 10

Milford at Harrison, 4 p.m.

Lakeland at Farmington, 4 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Lakeland at Harrison, 4 p.m.

Milford at Farmington, 4 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

Wednesday, April 10

Farmington at Waterford, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Huron Valley at Farmington, 5:30 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

Tuesday, April 9

Farmington at Notre Dame, 5 p.m.

Friday, April 12

Farmington at Rochester, 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Farmington at UD-Jesuit, noon.



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Veteran player: Junior Erin Agency is among eight returning varsity players on the Mercy softball team.

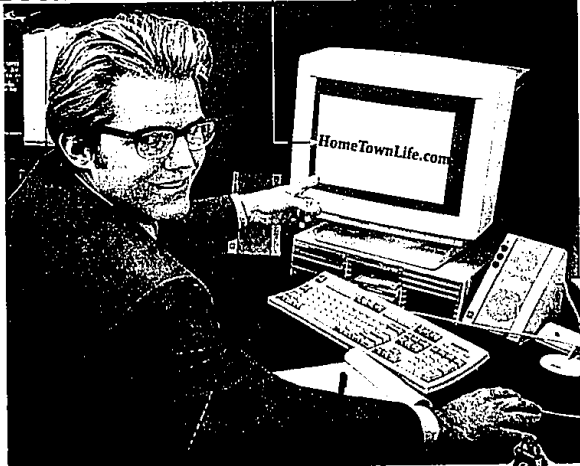
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