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FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Mercy in lacrosse final

Farmington Hills Mercy won its semifinal game Friday in the Division B play of the Michigan Women's Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association, defeating Grosse Pointe North, 11-7.

The Marlins (10-6-1) advanced to the championship game Saturday at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook to play top-seeded Troy, which defeated Brighton in the other semifinal.

It marked the first time in four years Mercy had reached the final game. The Marlins were semifinalists the last three.

Kaitlin Hayes and Nicole Touma scored three goals apiece Friday to lead Mercy. Lauren Berger and Rachel Holland notched two apiece and Megan Parish one. Hayes and Lauren Russell had one assist.

Grosse Pointe North had a 2-0 lead early in the game, but Mercy rallied to take a 5-4 halftime lead. Alyssa Simon scored three goals and Jaclyn Middleton two for the Norsemen.

"The girls really played hard and played together as a team," Mercy coach Kim Norton said. "They just really wanted it and showed that. They stepped up and did what they needed to do at the right time."

The Marlins also had excellent defensive play from Emilia Ward and Jackie Smith, Norton added. Mercy goalkeeper Sarah Larson made 14 saves.

Wings 2nd in tourney

The Livonia Soccer Club Wings, an under-16 boys team, finished runner-up in their division Memorial Day weekend at the Canton Cup.

The Wings advanced through the losers bracket and were defeated by the Farmington Furnace, 1-0, decided by a free kick with 10 minutes remaining in the 90-minute final game.

Members of the Wings, coached by Lou Sauer and Jim Moryc, include: Chad Dougherty, Mike Jewel and Matt Moryc, all of Livonia Stevenson High School; Jon Happ, Brad Jackson, Dan Karas, Dave Kroll, Greg Ostrosky, Ryan Raikovich and Nate Regan, all of Livonia Churchill; Jamie Luoma and Patrick Treppa, Livonia Holmes Middle School; Brendan Diehl, Canton; Joseph Lang, Walled Lake Central; Bill Navas, North Farmington; and Andy Well, Redford Catholic Central.

Hockey Challenge at STC

Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills will be the site of the Sports Radio 1130 The Fan 21-Older Summer Hockey Challenge set for June 21-23.

The tournament will feature four divisions - 21-Older A, 21-Older B, 36-Older A and 35-Older B. Teams will play a minimum of three games that consist of three 14-minute run-time periods (the last two minutes of their period will be stop time).

All participants will receive prizes, and awards will be given to players of the game as well as each division-winning team. In addition, there will be a party at Coaches Corner in Livonia on the final night and free pizza from Papa John's.

Results of the tournament will be tracked on www.wdfn.com. Call Suburban Training Center at (248) 688-1400 for more information.

Junior golfers needed

The annual Oakland County Independent Insurance Agent Junior Classic (IIAJC) will be held June 24 at Bogie Lake Golf Course in White Lake.

Event organizers hope to attract a record number of junior golfers to this year's local, state and national tournaments. Last year, more than 1,000 golfers participated in 20 local qualifying sites across Michigan.

Winners of the Oakland County tournament will advance to compete in the Michigan finals July 14-16 at the Fortress Golf Course in Franklumth. The top Michigan qualifiers advance to the national finals set for Aug. 13-16 in Houston.

For information and to obtain entry forms, call tournament organizer Jon Rutherford at (248) 624-1531.

FPS athletic screenings

Pre-participation athletic physical screenings for Farmington Public School students are scheduled for 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 5, at North Farmington High School. Screenings will be done on a first-come, first-serve basis. The cost is \$15 (cash only).

Turnquist won't be back as coach

Harrison has change at top in boys hoops

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After coaching boys basketball at Harrison High School for 13 years, Dave Turnquist won't be back on the bench directing the Hawks next season.

He resigned as boys varsity head coach recently under pressure, according to Turnquist, from the school administration.

BASKETBALL

Turnquist, who replaced longtime coach Mike Touchman on the eve of the 1999-00 season on an interim basis, was later given the permanent job and had a 26-37 record in three years.

He had been the school's JV coach for the previous 10 years, compiling an overall record at that level of 131-69.

At the end of the last season, Turnquist said he met with assistant principal Dennis Horn and requested a meeting with principal Randy Horn when it became apparent he wasn't going to be retained. The meeting with Horn confirmed that, he said.

When asked for his comment, Horn said he had a letter of resignation from Turnquist and referred the matter to Brian Swinchart, the athletic director for Farmington Public Schools.

Horn said there was an amicable break between various people and he thinks a lot of Turnquist.



Former coach: Dave Turnquist said he resigned when it became apparent he was no longer wanted as the Harrison hoop coach.

"It became very apparent I was longer wanted as basketball coach," Turnquist said, "so I offered my resignation along with some very constructive issues with regard to sports in general at Harrison."

Harrison has already hired a replacement for Turnquist; however, Horn declined to say who the new coach will

be, also referring that issue to Swinchart, who was not available Friday afternoon.

The new coach apparently will be on the teaching staff at Harrison and will have presence in the building, according to Horn.

"Turnquist was a non-staff employee who works as a financial analyst for

The Budd Company, an automotive supplier. He is a Harrison alum, lives in Farmington Hills and has been a longtime Harrison booster.

"I've always said that if the school could hire an experienced, qualified coach who is in the building every day, that's what they should do," Turnquist said. "The daily interactions between a coach and his players and their teachers is critical to the overall success of any program."

"I think there is a tremendous opportunity for basketball at Harrison. My coaches and I were looking forward to the core of young talent at this school. I wish the new staff well, and I'll always support the kids."

"I am disappointed in the way it was handled in the end. The communication between myself and the principal was never what it should have been, and for that I'll take some of the responsibility."

"(Horn) and I have had only two serious conversations about basketball over the past eight years. The first was two years ago when he said, 'Good luck; I hope you're here a long time.' The second was two months ago when he said, 'You're fired' - and even with that one, he had his assistant tell me that now."

Horn declined to comment on Turnquist's statement regarding the number of times they talked about the basketball program.

Turnquist is a 1979 graduate of Harrison who played football and basketball for the Hawks. He received a degree in business from Michigan State University in 1983.

"I've had a great association with Harrison for the past 13 years - at least," he said. "I've met a lot of great people and coached a lot of outstanding kids. I'll miss the daily interaction with them the most. I hope they all understood the big picture and left here better."

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Mercy prevails over Churchill for OT victory

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Farmington Hills Mercy overcame a number of obstacles Thursday to achieve its biggest victory of the 2002 girls soccer season.

The Marlins battled through player absences, a lighting delay and nearly two overtimes to defeat Livonia Churchill in a district tournament game, 3-2.

GIRLS SOCCER

Jessica Greaney scored the winning goal, unassisted, in the 11th minute of the second 15-minute overtime after winning the ball in the middle and taking a shot from outside the 18.

"It was great," Mercy coach Tania Macioce said. "Even though all the girls were tired, they never let down. It was hot and muggy; it was probably the first game we played in heat. But the girls kept pressuring the goal."

With graduation ceremonies taking place that night, Mercy was minus five seniors who didn't dress for the game.

Two others, Angie Trudeau and Kristen Whalen, played nearly the entire regulation game until play was stopped with about five minutes remaining.

It began to rain hard in the second half and a lightning flash caused the referee to send both teams off the field with the score tied 2-2.

Trudeau, who scored a goal to give Mercy a 2-1 lead, and Whalen couldn't wait any longer and had to leave to make the start of graduation ceremonies at 7 p.m.

"Obviously those two played the whole time they were on there," Macioce said. "They played their hearts out. They wanted so badly to finish the game. It was just great dedication from those two."

"We were playing five or six JV kids who came up near the end of the season. They were getting thrown in there

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District tournament: Mercy's Bridgette Hunt chases the ball while Churchill's Kyle LaPorte (18) tries to avoid a foul and Charity Burbridge (10) follows the action.

GIRLS SOCCER

After a pair of early-round victories, coach Tim Russell was confident his North Farmington team was primed and ready to play for a district title in girls soccer.

The Raiders earned their second straight 3-0 win in post-season play Thursday when they defeated Farmington Harrison to advance to the tournament final.

North (8-8-3) was scheduled to play Livonia Ladywood (8-4-6) in the championship game Saturday afternoon with the winner receiving a berth in the Division II regional at Fenton this week.

"We're looking forward to it," Russell said of the Ladywood game. "I think we match up well. We know

we'll have to play well to win, but we definitely have a chance. We have a solid team."

North defeated Redford Thurston in its first district game, 3-0. Ladywood was a 1-0 winner over Farmington and got to the final with a 9-0 romp over Redford Union.

The Raiders had 1-0 halftime lead against the Hawks after scoring off a corner kick in the first 12 minutes.

The ball passed through the goalmouth to Christine Taylor, who dropped the ball back for a shot by Jennifer Street, who sent it into the top, left corner.

North played a good first half but had trouble finishing on scoring chances, according to Russell.

"We had a couple wide-open nets to shoot at, and the ball went off a foot, outside the net or over the net," he said. "We were too busy watching the net and not the ball when shooting."

"As far as the play, it was very good. Harrison (3-13-1) did a lot of trapping throughout the game and, eventually, we were able to break that down by hitting the wings a little more. We had a few off-sides that slowed us down, too, in the first half."

Like Thurston, Harrison concentrated its effort on defense and stopping the Raiders, Russell added.

"It was a little hard to adjust for a team that's not used to having teams set up defensively for us," he said. "The last two games the teams basically played defense, hoping to keep the game close and try to steal one."

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Raiders down Hawks to reach district final

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