## SOCCER

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from Joe Russo, got behind the defense and put the ball past the goalie. Andrew Martin was in net the whole way for the

Falcons.
"Our goal was to win it this year," Juncaj said. "We weren't going to be happy with anything less than a champi-

onship.
"I think we were the best team there, even though the first game we didn't play as well as wanted to play."
Farmington had a close call

in its first game Friday with West Bloomfield, pulling out a 3-2 victory in overtime.

Following a corner kick by Helisek in the ninth minute o

Helisek in the ninth minute of overtime, Okopny scored the winning goal.

The Falcons had 1-0 and 2-1 leads on goals by Okopny, who converted a penalty kick after he was fouled, and Russo, but the Lakers rallied each time for a 2-2 halfitme tailly.

We dominated the second half, Junea said. "We had several golden opportunities to score and couldn't get one."

Okopny had a second penalty shot with two minutes left in regulation but had to wait a while longer for his second goal.

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ball in their half of the field about 80 percent of the time, Juneaj said.

After a foul on Helisek, Russo nailed a penalty kick for the only goal of the first half. He made it 2-0 in the second; Lopata scored on a free kick from 35 yards, and John Amis got the fourth goal.

Konopinski had two assists. Martin and fellow goalle Andrew Amis made two saves each and shared the shutout. The Falcons made their OAA debut Monday with a 9-0 win over visiting Waterford Mott, a member of the OAA Division II.

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Okopny and Russo scored two
goals apiece and Adrian
Adams one. Okopny and
Konopinski had two assists,
and Lopata, Helisek and Russo

Farmington was ahead 5-0 in the first 10 minutes and 7-0

in the first 10 minutes and 7-0 at halftime.

Martin was in goal the first 25 minutes and Andrew Amis 125 minutes and Andrew Amis the last 55.

We were very sharp tonight; we executed very, very well.

Juneaj said. We had a lot of gruss involved in the scoring.

We have quite a few people who can score goals on this team. We don't just count on Konto to score goals, but 1 think he's the guy who's going to get goals for us in tight games against tougher teams.

The next game at Rochester on Sept. 3 should be one of them. Farmington is ranked No. 2 in Oakland County and Rochester No. 3.

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"Rochester is one of the better teams in the state this year,"
Juncaj said. "They're a very talented team, and it should be a

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Farmington's Jeff Durow puts a foot into the ball while Mott's Jim Coyne ponders his next move. The Falcons rolled to 9-0 victory.

## **MARLINS**

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summer and are out for the

scason.

The Marlins also lost Megan Gamgiola, one of their leading rebounders, and Ashley Hambell to graduation. "One of our mothers said great stories come from adversity," Guinn said.

come from adversity," Gunn said.

"This year we have the makings for a great story with everything that has happened to our tean. We'll have our ups and downs, but we'll do just fine in the end.

"Everything happens for a reason. We don't know what that reason is now, but maybe, by the end of the season, we'll figure it out."

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Despite its losses, Mercy still returns serve seniors, including 5-8 guard Whitney Johnson, an All-Observer player who averaged to points, three rebounds, 2-4 steals and two sasists.

Seniors Barb Maczka, Anne Roosevelt and Samantha Foggio will have larger roles this year and will be in the starting lineur.

Maczka, a 5-5 point guard, is smart, scrappy and will play the entire game right in your face, according to Guian.

Roosevelt is a 5-9 senior forward and another volleyball star. She earned a starting position near the end of last season. Foggio will help to offset the loss of Kuykendall. The 5-10 senior center/forward has a dawners of study and supposed to the senior center/forward has a dawners.

senior center/forward has a show-no-fear style and gung-ho attitude, Guinn said.

The other returning seniors are 5-5 guards Dior Harris and Abby Hunter and 5-10 center Erica Elliott, who missed all of last season following knee sur-

last senson following knee sur-gery.

Moving up from the JV are six juniors - 6-5 guard Natasha LaGrande, 5-7 forwards Candace Mallard and Monisha Berkowski, 5-6 guards Valesha Turner and Nicole Gonzales and 6-0 center Andrea Whalen, Lindsay Loridas, a 5-9 fresh-man forward, completes the varsily roster.

The Marlins, who were 10-10 last year, plus their first game

The Marilins, who were 10-10 last year, play their first game tonight at Southfield-Lathrup. These girls are in a nice spot, because everyone is talking how they're just going to walk over Mercy, Guinn said. These girls love to play baskeball. They play all year long; they're gym rats. "On any given night, any player can be the star. We'll use it to our advantage, because teams won't know who that is going to be. "Somehow we'll survive. The bottom line with this team is the girls really want to be in the gym. They want to be there and want to do well."

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