

Mercy wins Jackson Invite title

Farmington Hills Mercy won the 23rd Annual Jackson Invitational for the second time in three years Friday, topping the nine-team field with 104 points.

East Lansing (91) was second, Kalamazoo Central (80) third and Jackson (73) fourth.

Mercy's Alexandria Marshall and Whitney Johnson were double winners.

Marshall was first in the 100-meter dash (12.7) and the 400 (58.5). Johnson won the 100 hurdles (15.6) and the 300 (48.9).

Anne Roosevelt won the discus competition (121.6) and was second in the shot put (33-10.5).

Marshall was the runner-up in the 200 dash (25.7) and teamed with Johnson, Sharifa Crawford and Roosevelt for

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second place in the 1,600 relay (4:20.2).

Crawford also was third in the 100 hurdles (17.9). Valesha Turner was third in the shot put (32-8.75) and fourth in the discus (104-1).

Ashley Foster was fourth in the long jump (16-2.75) and anchored Mercy's fourth-place 400 relay team that included Ashley Smith, Crawford and Kyle Wright (54.9).

The Marlins were fifth in the 3,200 relay with the team of Shannon LaFave, Teri Rhodes, Megan Andrzejak and Cathy Shubert finishing in 11:13.6.

LaFave and Johnson also had individual fifth places in the 1,600 run (5:46.9) and the 200 dash (26.6), respectively.

Shamrocks 3rd at Jackson

Redford-Detroit Catholic Central got back to work in fine style, taking fourth place at the Jackson Invitational Friday.

"Jackson was very good for us, and we had excellent times," CC coach Tony Magni said. "Our kids responded very well. I thought we could have been third, but it didn't go our way in the end."

CC had 68 points overall in the nine-team meet, trailing East Lansing (86), Tortuga Northern (83) and Flint Central (75).

The Shamrocks had no firsts but had several solid showings. Bill Makela was second in the 300 hurdles (41.3); Brian Doot and Kevin Mason were second and third in the 1,600 run at

4:34.2 and 4:36.4, and Dave Lucas, Max Working and Dan Horgan were second, third and fourth in the 3,200 run at 9:55.5, 9:55.9 and 10:02.2, respectively.

Makela was also third in the 110 hurdles (15.6), Nick Barrett second in the discus (136-10) and Pat Clark fifth (130-2) and Ryan Danescu sixth (128-5).

Clark (46-5.5), John Mulroy (42-5.75) and Jon Smart (44-8.5) were fourth, fifth and sixth in the shot put, and the team of Mason, Brian Doot, Phil Snyder and Lucas was fourth in the 3,200 relay.

"Our times are coming down," Magni said. "Our distance kids responded well, and our throwers were our strong points. The sprinters are still young and need work, but they'll get stronger."

DeSutter paces OCC softball win

Kasey DeSutter went 4-for-4, scored three runs and laced in two others Tuesday to lead Oakland Community College to a 15-7 victory in the second game of a softball doubleheader.

The Lady Raiders also won the first game of the MCCAA Eastern Conference twinbill versus Henry Ford CC at King Boring Field in Dearborn, 7-5.

One of DeSutter's hits was a triple. Emily Bell had three hits, including a pair of doubles; Toni Salo, Julia Hall and Kelly Nilson contributed two hits apiece.

Bell has 11 doubles this season and Hall seven. Hall also had three RBI, Bell and Jamie Seaman two each.

Nilson (16-2) pitched the last two innings of the five-inning game to get the win after Rachel Radecki went the first three.

OCC made seven errors (13 for the day) and was outlast, 5-4, in the second game but still managed to win.

Hall had two RBI, Salo and Jackie Peplinski one apiece. OCC had a 7-1 lead and survived a four-run fifth by the Hawks.

Kristi Marszalek (13-3) pitched the first six innings and was the winner. Nilson threw an inning of hitless relief. The Lady Raiders are 20-2 in the conference and 34-7 overall; the Hawks are 3-19 and 11-20.

Marlins top Blazers to remain unbeaten

Farmington Hills Mercy improved its softball record in the Catholic League Central Division to 6-0 by winning both ends of a doubleheader Tuesday from Livonia Ladywood.

Dana Frantz pitched a one-hit shutout in the first game as the host Marlins blanked the Blazers, 2-0. She struck out 13 and didn't walk anyone.

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Carly Tracey's two-out, two-run single in the third inning scored Kelly Ferrara and Tara Karagiosian. Anna Schneider hit a triple, and Kelli Blanchard went 2-for-3.

The Marlins, who are 12-0 overall, had seven hits off

Ladywood pitcher Liz Malek, who struck out six and didn't give up a walk either. Erin Hulett had the lone Ladywood hit. Blanchard went 3-for-4 and had four RBI in the second game, which ended in a 6-4, Mercy victory. She hit a two-run single and had another run-scoring single.

Ferrara also was 3-for-4 and scored three runs. Sarah

Roman was 2-for-3 with a double and two RBI.

Frantz (8-0) was the winning pitcher in relief. She and starter Courtney Malmowski combined on a five-hitter.

Stephanie Day hit a two-run double and Malek had an RBI single for the Blazers. Cory Sandrowicz took the loss, allowing 12 hits and four walks.

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Marlins improve to 5-0 in girls golf match

Farmington Hills Mercy defeated host Livonia Ladywood in a key Catholic League girls golf match Monday at Hilltop Golf Course, 179-186.

The Marlins, who are 4-0 in the league, were led by Sam Tulbot, who shot a 43. Medalist honors went to Ladywood's Leah Andersen, who had a 42.

Mercy's Christina Cibrario and Sara Larson shot 45 each, Caitlin Kelly 46, Nicole Zaleski and Lauren Mack 51 apiece.

"As predicted Ladywood and our team will be the top two in

the Catholic League," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said.

"Obviously, it was very important for us to win this match today, because we're only playing each team in the league once. It's very important to win them all if we want to win the league."

"We were a little rusty (following spring break) but not too bad. (The Mercy girls) weren't too happy; they think they should've shot even lower. I thought we did OK for the first day back."

Rachel Thomas shot 43 for Ladywood, Lauren Dickerson

47, Erika Jamrog 54, Kristin Cebulski 64 and Erin Tulpos 68.

Mercy split its team Tuesday and won a pair of dual matches, improving to 5-0 overall.

The Marlins defeated Cranbrook Kingswood in their first non-league event at Glen Oaks, 179-185.

Cibrario shot 39, Lisa Rodriguez 44, Larson 47 and Tulbot 49. Kelly and Zaleski finished with 51 each. Sheila O'Connell was low scorer for the Marlins with a 43.

Mercy won its fourth league match by forfeit against Ann

Arbor Gabriel Richard, which had only three golfers and didn't have an official team score.

The Marlins had a 207 team total with Angela Leon and Katherine Rothermel shooting 51 each, Ashley Mascioli 52 and Pam Roxas 53.

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Cory Christenson (50), Angie DeFelo (53) and Rachel Potts (54) rounded out a balanced attack as the Falcons improved to 2-0 overall and in the OAA Division 1.

Andrea Wozniak (52), Emily Laird (54), Brittany Nuckell (55) and Angela Paltan (57) posted Farmington's top four scores.

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