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Garden City got to find out all about Mercy pitcher Dann Frantz — the hard way. Frantz shut down the Cougars on a no-hitter with four strikeouts and didn't walk a batter. If Jessica Knopff hadn't reached base on a second-inning error, Frantz would have had a perfect game. But, while she shut down the Cougars, Frantz (21-1) wouldn't take any of the credit. "Oh, please. No, it wasn't me," exclaimed Frantz when asked how she shut down the Cougars. "Our defense just made great plays."

"That game wasn't close to a perfect game. It was perfection because our defense made the easy plays. When you make the

easy plays, it makes the pitcher's job easier. The difficult plays help out, but making the easy ones help more."

Garden City didn't help its cause by only getting one ball to reach the outfield — a leadoff flyout to left by pitcher Nikki Zabkiewicz.

"We didn't challenge her at the plate," CC coach Barry Patterson said. "She threw hard, very hard."

"We've hit other pitchers who threw just as hard, but we didn't challenge her. Half of our outs were to the right side of the infield."

While the Cougars couldn't get runners on base, Mercy wasted a golden opportunity to score in the second inning when three-straight runners reached base and none of them stayed in scoring position, running themselves out of the inning.

"We didn't execute funda-

mentally at that point," Falvo said. "I wasn't worried because we can put the bat on the ball. If we did that enough, I felt that sooner or later the hits would fall in."

And an inning later, the Marlins did just that, finally getting to Zabkiewicz and the Cougars for a two-run third.

"This was going to be a game where one big swing was going to make the difference, and they got that hit," Patterson said. "Once they did, Mercy got more confidence at the plate."

After Erin Agency walked, Karagiosian reached on a fielder's choice, Anna Schneider laced a double to the gap in left-center to score Karagiosian.

Kelli Ferrara followed with a single, then Carly Tracey hit a comebacker to Zabkiewicz. But Zabkiewicz threw the ball into center field, allowing Schneider to score.

However, Garden City center fielder Ashley Talbot saved the day and snuffed the Mercy rally by pegging a throw to catcher Alesha

Ockermann, who tagged out Ferrara to end the inning.

"They had a lot of opportunities to score and we had none," Patterson said. "We dodged a bullet in the second but, for our part, we can't win if we can't score."

The Marlins added another in the fifth as Agency singled and reached second on a sacrifice bunt by Karagiosian. She then stole third, but the throw from Ockermann went into left field, allowing Agency to score.

Zabkiewicz, despite the loss, still managed to pitch a solid game. She only gave up four hits and walked one with three strikeouts.

But, when it came down to it, Frantz and her team's defense made the difference.

"As the weather has warmed up, she's become more focused," Falvo said. "Over the last three weeks, she's been on fire."

"Today, we were asking her to hit locations, and she probably hit 95 to 98 percent of them."



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Mercy's Tammi Karagiosian rounds second base in the regional final Saturday. In the background is Garden City second baseman Lynzee Smith.

CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS 31555 ELEVEN MILE ROAD, FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48330-1165 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS COLONY PARK WEST 1 AND 2 SUBDIVISIONS ROAD REHABILITATION, S.A.D. C-314 CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan at the Clerk's Office at 31555 Eleven Mile Road until 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 18, 2003 at which time and place, all proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud.

This project consists of approximately 9,600 linear feet of residential road rehabilitation. Approximate quantities are as follows:

Bituminous Pavement	7,000 Ton
Pavement Removal	23,000 Square Yards
Aggregate Base Course	800 Ton
Extruded Material	1,100 Cubic Yards
Concrete Curb and Gutter	300 Linear Feet

Plus miscellaneous items necessary for a complete project.

Plans, specifications, and proposal forms may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at the above address on or after 10:00 a.m., Monday, June 9, 2003, upon deposit of \$20.00, which is non-refundable. Proposals must be submitted on proposal forms furnished by the City of Farmington Hills. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bid Bond by a recognized surety company in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the City of Farmington Hills, as surety for acceptance of the Contract.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

The City reserves the right to waive any or all proposals, to waive irregularities and/or informalities, and to make the award, to and in the opinion of the City Council is in the best interest and to the advantage of the City of Farmington Hills.

KATHRYN DORNAN,
City Clerk

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Marlins mercy Huskies in regional tourney

BY PAUL BEAUDRY
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Hitting was at a premium for both Garden City and Farmington Hills Mercy in

their two very different wins Saturday in Division I softball regional semifinals at Allen Park.

Garden City didn't get a hit until the fifth inning against

host Allen Park in one semi-final.

But it all made a difference as the Cougars posted a 3-1 win over the Jaguars.

And Mercy didn't get a hit at all against Detroit Redford in the other game. That's right: Zip, zero, nada.

In fact, only one player, Erin Agency, managed to make contact with the ball (it was foul). But the Marlins still cruised to a 16-1, three-inning win over the Huskies.

"How?" you may ask? The Marlins got 19 walks from three different Redford pitchers and benefited from 19 wild pitches and 10 passed balls in a

16-run first inning.

Five of the six outs by the Marlins were deliberate walk-off outs at first base. The only official at-bat of the 22 batters sent to the plate was a second-inning strikeout.

The Huskies, though, did nick Marlin freshman pitcher Ashley Wrobel for a run in the second and had runners on base in every inning.

Wrobel gave up two hits, struck out seven in three innings and didn't walk a batter, although the Marlins made four errors.

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CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2003-2004 SCHOOL YEARS

Please take notice that on June 12, 2003, at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Clarenceville School District will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2003-2004 budgets.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2003-2004 budgets until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2003-2004 budgets including the proposed property tax millage rates will be available for public inspection at the Administration Office, 20210 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, Michigan from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday, June 9, 2003 through Thursday, June 12, 2003.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATES PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

JOHN KANYO, Secretary
Board of Education

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