

E. Lansing wins girls' swim title

Mercy, NFHS score in finals

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, North Farmington and Southfield-Lathrup managed to score team points in the girls' state high school swimming championships held last weekend at the University of Michigan's Matt Mann Pool.

East-Lansing High won its third-straight team title by scoring 20 points, 37 more than runner-up Livonia Stevenson. Birmingham Groves was third with 80 points. Ann Arbor Pioneer had 78. Grosse Pointe South 75. Royal Oak Dondoro 44. Bloomfield Hills Lahser 42. Northville High 35. Livonia Churchill 32 and Livonia Bentley 31.

Mercy, which has won 18 straight Catholic League titles, scored 18 points at the state meet. Mercy's 400-yard freestyle relay—consisting of Carol Kolon, Kris Johnson, Mary Foley and Ann Fischer—finished seventh in 3:57. Miss Kolon took ninth place in the 500-yard freestyle in 5:34.4, a personal best.

"I had four that finished and I was very proud of them," said Mercy coach DeLoris Yager, who coached Mercy to the state championship in the first girls' state meet four years ago.

"My relay was seeded at 4:03 and they went 3:53. So you can see why I'm proud. That relay actually beat the sixth-place team, but that was in the finals and you can't move up or down."

North Farmington senior Jane MacLaren provided her team with 11 points by finishing fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke with a Farmington coach, Pat Duthie, who coached the Raiders to a Northwest Suburban League title this fall.

"WE WERE hoping for better," Duthie said. "I don't want to say we were disappointed because we're not. Jane's done a fine job for four years. We swam fairly well in both the relays we'd qualified in but we just missed scoring in both."

Lathrup, coached by Lynn Marshall, scored 10 points. Senior Laura Crosthwaite scored in two events, finishing the 100-yard butterfly (1:02.9) and 12th in the 200-yard individual medley (2:24.0). She also swam on Lathrup's 200-yard medley relay, which finished 11th in 2:00.5. The relay consists of Ms. Crosthwaite, Lisa Iles, Lisa Akerman and Cindy MacMillan.

Ms. Akerman, who was slowed by a back injury suffered just before the state meet, finished 12th in the 100-yard backstroke with a 1:04.5 clocking.

"I do just about what I hoped to do," Marshall said. "I always anticipate good times in the state meet, because we taper right."

Lathrup finished third in the Metro

Suburban Association behind Birmingham Groves and Bloomfield Hills Lahser. The MSA provides some excellent girls' swimming competition.

"Three of the top seven teams in the state meet came from our league," Marshall said. "Groves took third, Dondoro took fifth and Lahser was sixth. It goes to show you how tough the MSA is."

FARMINGTON HARRISON didn't score any team points, but junior Karen Rudel finished 18th in both the 200 IM (2:24.3) and the 500 free (5:46.9). Ms. Rudel had qualified for six individual events at the state meet.

"She wasn't in the state meet at all last year, and now she's qualified for six events," said Harrison coach Kathy Suchta. "Hopefully, she'll do even better next year. She works hard all year with an Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) team."

Harrison diver Karen Kennedy was eliminated at a diving regional held at

Bloomfield Hills Lahser before the state meet. She was the only diver from the four Farmington high schools to make the regional.

In winning the title, East Lansing took three firsts and scored to all 11 events. Livonia Stevenson took four firsts but lacked East Lansing's depth.

Stevenson's Carol Eggers, a junior, was an individual standout, winning the 50-free in a record 25.02 and the 100 backstroke in 1:02.3. She also swam on Stevenson's record-setting 200-yard medley relay.

This state meet was the fourth annual, and the times continue to drop.

"The times were very fast," said Mercy's Mrs. Yager. "Compared to other states, Michigan has always been very poor in girls' swimming. But this year, the overall picture was really great. The girls' times have really been coming down. They swim all summer, they should be coming down."



Mercy's Carol Kolon finished ninth in the 500-yard freestyle

Meet results

Girls' Championship Swim Meet

Team Finish—East Lansing 203 points, Livonia Stevenson 166, Birmingham Groves 80, Ann Arbor Pioneer 78, Grosse Pointe South 75, Royal Oak Dondoro 44, Bloomfield Hills Lahser 42, Northville High 35, Livonia Churchill 32, Livonia Bentley 31.

Individual Results

200-yard Medley Relay—Livonia Stevenson, Smith, Hatfield, Eggers, Hein; 34:21 state record; East Lansing, Birmingham Groves, Grosse Pointe South, East Grand Rapids, Livonia Bentley, Rochester High, Holland, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, Northfield-Lathrup, Livonia Churchill.

200-yard Freestyle—Huggins, Pioneer 2:04.34, Waldron (East Lansing), McDaniel, Saginaw, Eastwood, Quares, Dondoro, Hughes (Portage Central), Cairns, Warren Woods, Stevenson (Dondoro), Rutledge, East Lansing, Stannard, Plymouth Salem, Olson, South Haven, Hendrix (Groves), Dunn (Grand Blanc).

200-yard Individual Medley—Heath, East Lansing, 2:14.95, record; Montague (Grosse Pointe South), Pratt (East Lansing), Hein (Livonia Stevenson), Lagerkvist, Lahser, Witucki (Grandville), Hatfield, Livonia Stevenson, Kotte (Livonia Stevenson), Cox (Livonia Churchill), Sherri Rutledge (East Lansing), Dyer (Portage Central), Crosthwaite (Lathrup).

50-yard Freestyle—Eggers (Livonia Stevenson), 1:02.92, record; Rutledge (Northville), Stanley (Livonia Stevenson), Trahan (Bay City Central), Hink (Pioneer), Leake (Pioneer), Connolly, Bishop (Gallagher), Montague (Grosse Pointe South), McCarroll (Groves), Emerson (East Lansing), Red (Livonia Churchill), Steaver (Rochester Adams).

Diving—Mike (Mount Clemens), 340.05 points, Malark (Fruitport), Nickolls (Livonia Churchill), Hazard (Lahser), Dressbach (Bloomfield Hills Anderson), Baum (Groves), Schmidt (Grand Rapids Union), Luner (East Grand Rapids), Freely (Lahser), McDonnell (Detroit Dominican), McRider (Birmingham Marian), Chaffee (East Lansing).

100-yard Butterfly—Hein (Livonia Stevenson), 1:06.06, Hughes (Portage Central), Kotte (Livonia Stevenson), Pratt (East Lansing), Makaloni (Northville High), Crosthwaite (Southfield-Lathrup), Piper (East Lansing), Dondoro (Kalamazoo), Lox, Norris, Carmil (Bay City Central), Flood (Niles High), Keeley (Ann Arbor Huron).

100-yard Freestyle—McDaniel, Saginaw, Eastwood, 55.04, Val Rutledge (East Lansing), Huggins (Pioneer), Olson (South Haven), Hendrix (Groves), Shepard (Rochester High), Trahan (Bay City Central), Leake (Pioneer), Montague (Grosse Pointe South), Quares (Dondoro), Heuser (East Lansing), Stanley (Livonia Stevenson).

500-yard Freestyle—Waldron (East Lansing), 5:20.35, Stevenson (Dondoro), Cairns (Warren Woods), Gregory (Northville), Kimball, Grentled (Milan), Stanwood (Plymouth Salem), Loomis (Livonia Stevenson), Dinan (Grand Blanc), Carol Kolon (Farmington Our Lady of Mercy), Huggins (Birmingham Groves), Hagerson (Birmingham Groves), Seh (Livonia Stevenson).

100-yard Backstroke—Eggers (Livonia Stevenson), 1:02.25, record; Heath (East Lansing), Cox (Livonia Churchill), Lagerkvist (Lahser), Smith (Livonia Stevenson), Piper (East Lansing), Shepard (Rochester High), Dondoro (Groves), Dondoro (East Lansing), Sherri Rutledge (East Lansing), Milajovic (Northville), Akerman (Southfield-Lathrup).

100-yard Breaststroke—William (Niles), 1:12.05, Brown (Livonia Bentley), Russell (MacLaren), Jane MacLaren (North Farmington), Emerson (East Lansing), DeSantis (Grosse Pointe South), Launier (Grand Rapids Northwest), Lundquist (East Grand Rapids), Richards (East Lansing), Goyert (Dearborn High), Hallman (Grosse Pointe North), O'Malia (Grand Blanc).

400-yard Freestyle Relay—East Lansing (Thorow, Waldron, Heath, Sherri Rutledge), 3:42.02, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Birmingham Groves, Grosse Pointe South, Holland, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, Dondoro, Milan, Ferndale, Okemos.



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