

# Mercy wins even without home track

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy may not have a track on its property, but its Catholic League opponents are becoming aware that it has a fine girls' track team.

Mercy coach Bob Kirkland uses words like "amazing" and "incredible" to describe his second-year team. So far, Mercy has a 4-0 dual-meet record and some good times to show for the effort. And all this has been accomplished without the benefit of a track. Mercy practices on the school parking lots, and runs its home meets at Detroit Catholic Central High.

"Our girls are well aware of the problem on not having a track," Kirkland said. "They know from the shin splints they get from running on those parking lots.

"But the enthusiasm is the amazing part. It's incredible how these girls stay with it. I'm really amazed at how far the girls have come in just two years."

Mercy defeated Detroit Redford St. Mary, 114-22, last Thursday at Catholic Central. Mercy won 12 of the 14 events.

Leslie Sims, who usually contents herself with running fast times in the 100-yard dash, tried the long jump for the first time last Thursday, and turned in a varsity-record 16.0. Teammate Lynn Yadach won the 220-yard dash in :29.3, and tied with Michelle Collins at 2:32.0 in the 880-yard run.

Mercy's 880 relay (Ann Miller, Julie Basford, Jeanne Reaume and Sims) won in 1:57.8. The Marlies' mile relay (Sue Heinlen, Patty Cormile, Vickie Salloum and Collins) won in 4:57.0.

**EARLIER LAST WEEK.** Mercy defeated Royal Oak Shrine, 111-24. Sims won the 100 (:11.9) and the 220 (:27.0). Heinlen won the mile (3:36.8).

and Michelle Dillworth took the long jump (15-0).

In other girls' track meets last Thursday, Westland John Glenn defeated North Farmington, 112-22, in the Northwest Suburban League, and Walled Lake Western clobbered Farmington Harrison, 114-9-9-9, in the Western Six League. Walled Lake Central clipped Farmington High, 71-65, in an Inter Lakes League meet.

Laurel Klepinger was a double winner for Farmington, taking the mile run (6:47.1) and the 880 (2:46.0). She also finished second in the high jump. Farmington's mile relay (Sue Sterling, Pam Stienke, Mary Jo McKinnon and Barb Harding) won in 4:35.3. The loss dropped Farmington to 1-5 overall and 0-4 in the ILL.

North Farmington, now 1-5 overall and 0-3 in the NSL, didn't take any firsts against Glenn. Margaret Topolewski finished second in the discus (85-7), and Debbie Hatch took second in the discus (27-11).

"It's the same old story every time out—we just don't have enough people," said North coach Pat Riley. "We can't take our 17 girls up against Glenn's 35."

Harrison ran against powerful Walled Lake Western with only six girls. Nine other Hawks were injured. Harrison's Sharon Hollata finished second in the 220 with a time of :28.6, and teammate Ruth Grabowski finished fourth in the 880 in 2:38.0. Harrison is 1-6 overall and 0-3 in the WSL.

Mercy runs next on Monday at Bishop Gergens. North Farmington travels to Garden City East on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Farmington entertains Milford Lakeland, and Harrison moves to Northville. All meets begin at 4 p.m.



Harrison's Barry Leshman hard at work against Lathrup. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

# NF, Falcons win net meets

Farmington High's No. 3 doubles team won when it counted and helped the Falcons defeat Waterford Township, 4-3, last week in an Inter Lakes League tennis meet. Farmington is 3-9 overall and 3-2 in the ILL.

In other area meets last week, North Farmington stopped Garden City East, 5-2, in the Northwest Suburban League. Livonia Churchill blanked Farmington Harrison, 7-0, and Southfield-Lathrup downed the Hawks by an identical score.

No. 3 doubles was the last match off in the Farmington-Waterford meet, and Farmington's Dave Jameson and Chris Renner defeated Dave Harmon and Fred Edward, 6-3, 7-6, to ensure the meet victory. In No. 3 singles, Farmington's Doug Williams slipped Bob Garver in three sets, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4. "Doug Williams is playing super, and I'm very pleased with his tennis," said Farmington coach Richard Burgess.

North Farmington, now 4-3 overall and 3-1 in the NSL, has a strong player at No. 1 singles in David Epstein. Against Garden City East, Epstein beat Steve Cielski, 6-0, 6-2. In No. 1 doubles, North's Steve Chapinsky and Bob Schaffer downed Kevin Garvin and Tom Zwick, 6-2, 6-1.

East's Garver brothers, sons of East coach John Carver, both won matches. Tom Carver beat Lahrs Johansson, 6-1, 6-3, in No. 2 singles. Scott Carver beat Bruce Alibani, 6-3, 6-4, in No. 4 singles.

Injuries to several key players, have clouded the tennis scene at Farmington Harrison, which had been given a chance to win the Western Six League title before the season

Against Churchill, Harrison's Danny Green lost a three-setter to Bill Fitzpatrick, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Lathrup's Sheldon Katz bested Green, 6-2, 6-1.

## Meet summaries

### LATHRUP - HARRISON

**SINGLES**—Sheldon Katz (SL) defeated Danny Green, 6-2, 6-1. Paul Warden (SL) defeated Chris Fitzpatrick, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Lathrup's Sheldon Katz bested Green, 6-2, 6-1.

**DOUBLES**—Mark Brent and Peter McNight (SL) defeated Max Busche and Chuck Miller, 6-0, 6-0. Greg Murtland and Keith Farny (F) defeated Jim Haggard and Ken Griffin, 6-1, 6-1. Dave Jameson and Chris Renner (F) defeated Dave Harmon and Fred Edward, 6-3, 7-6.

### FARMINGTON - WATERFORD

**SINGLES**—Paul Hickey (W) defeated Tom Bang, 6-2, 7-5. Steve Amen (W) defeated Brian Ziegler, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. Ryan Cammen (W) defeated Chuck Amos, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5. Doug Williams (F) defeated Bob Garver, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

**DOUBLES**—Dave Krima and Jeremy Dando (F) defeated Tom Jackson and Doug French, 6-1, 6-0. Greg Murtland and Keith Farny (F) defeated Jim Haggard and Ken Griffin, 6-1, 6-1. Dave Jameson and Chris Renner (F) defeated Dave Harmon and Fred Edward, 6-3, 7-6.

### N. FARMINGTON - G.C. EAST

**SINGLES**—David Epstein (NF) defeated Steve Cielski, 6-0, 6-2. Tom Carver (GC) defeated Brian Johnson, 6-1, 6-1. George Smith (NF) defeated Dan Collins, 6-0, 6-3. Scott Carver (W2) defeated Bruce Alibani, 6-3, 6-4.

**DOUBLES**—Steve Chapinsky and Bob Schaffer (NF) defeated Kevin Garvin and Tom Zwick, 6-2, 6-1. Rick Karpov and Kevin Hawley (NF) defeated Dismar and Brian Hickey, 6-1, 6-2. Dave and Ray Adams, 6-3, 6-2.

### CHURCHILL - HARRISON

**SINGLES**—Bill Fitzpatrick (LC) defeated Danny Green, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Dan Clark (LC) defeated Brian Johnson, 6-4, 6-3. Ralph Rosen, (LC) defeated Barry Leshman, 7-5, 6-3.

**DOUBLES**—John Brecchi and Clint Hodner (LC) defeated Chris Fieberg and David Forberg, 6-1, 7-6. Bob Forberg and Gordon Vider (LC) defeated Barry Savel and Richard Walk, 6-3, 6-1. John Weeh and Jan Neumann (LC) defeated Mark DeMan and Al LaForest, 6-1, 7-5.

# Falcons, Hawks post victories

Farmington High, showing its usual strength in the field events and the distance runs, defeated Walled Lake Central, 83-73, last Thursday in an Inter Lakes League track meet at Central. Farmington has a 5-4 overall record and a 3-1 ILL mark.

In other boys' track meets last Thursday, Farmington Harrison defeated Walled Lake Western, 87-70, in the Western Six League, and Westland John Glenn bested North Farmington, 84-73-2-4, in the Northwest Suburban League.

Farmington won four of the five field events. Kevin Hansen won the shot put (51-4-2). Rick McKibben took the high jump (6-2). Tracy Curtis topped the pole vault (11-0) and Dan Hickey won the discus throw (138-10).

Farmington's Harold Rutilla won the two-mile run in 9:47.0, and teammate Hugh Leitelin finished second. In the mile run, Farmington's Stu Glatfelter won. The Falcons' 880-yard relay (Al Abdou, Chris Titus, Dan Jameson and Mike Dana) won in 1:55.2.

The trackmen ran the old 180-yard low hurdles, even though that event has been replaced by the 330-yard low this season. Reason: the Central coaches hadn't marked off the 330-yard course.

North Farmington has been getting some excellent times from senior hurdler Brad Miller, and the meet against John Glenn was no exception. Miller, who has turned in times of

:38.0 in the low hurdles and :14.6 in the 120-yard high hurdles, won the lows in :40.7 and took the highs in :15.7.

Miller has done a great job for us," said North assistant coach Ed Davis. "He's ranked in the state in both the highs and the lows, and he has one thing in mind—the state finals."

North's Robb Henderhan, a sophomore, won two field events, the high jump (5-8) and the long jump (20-2). Doug DeHuff won the pole vault (12-6), and Jeff Cohen won the 100 dash (:10.6).

Glenn's Ted Unold won the 880 in 2:06.9 and the mile run in 4:36.5. North Farmington has a 9-5 overall record and a 1-2 mark in the NSL.

Harrison, now 5-4 overall and 1-2 in the Western Six League, won nine of the 16 events. Mike Bowden and Tom Reynolds each won two individual events for Harrison.

Reynolds won the 100 (:10.1, a varsity record) and the 220 (:24.1). Weightman Bowden won the shot put (45-11) and the discus (135-9), and then ran a :10.5 anchor leg of the 440 relay, which won in :47.6.

On Tuesday, North Farmington runs at Garden City East in an NSL meet. On Wednesday, Northville travels to Harrison, and Farmington High moves to Milford Lakeland. All meets begin at 4 p.m.

# Baseball teams win league games

Farmington High rallied for four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to overcome a two-run deficit and down Waterford Township, 4-2, last week in an Inter Lakes League baseball game at Farmington.

The victory lifted coach Richard Roy's Farmington club to 8-3 overall and 4-1 in the ILL.

Farmington's rally started when it loaded the bases on singled by Marty Bona, Kevin Delp and Bill Philip. Tim O'Malley then reached first base on a fielder's choice which allowed Bona to score. Randy Meier, Rob Patrick and Dick Radatz delivered run-scoring singles.

Meier was the winning pitcher, going all the way to up his win-loss record to 3-1. He allowed five hits, struck out five and walked three.

Farmington plays next on Monday (May 16) at home against Walled Lake Central. The ILL game begins at 4 p.m.

### N. FARMINGTON - G.C. EAST

Barry Balbes did it all last week in North Farmington's 7-4 victory over Garden City East in a Northwest Suburban League contest on East's diamond.

Balbes, a junior transfer from Oak Park, was the winning pitcher. The Raider righthander allowed eight hits, struck out seven and passed four to lift his pitching record to 4-1 this season. Balbes also helped the team with his bat, going three for three, including a homer, double and single, and drove in four runs.

Teammate Tom Meggas had a triple and a single. Mike Thomas had three hits, and Dan Gasser went two for three and drove in a run.

North, now 9-5 overall and 4-4 in the NSL, plays next on Wednesday (May 18) at home against Livonia Franklin.

### HARRISON - CHURCHILL

Harrison pitchers Brett Homovec and Gregg Mathiak combined to toss a six-hitter at Livonia Churchill last week in a Western Six League game at Churchill. Harrison won, 5-5, to remain unbeaten in the WSL.

Homovec worked the first 4 innings, allowing three earned runs and five hits. He struck out 10, and walked three. Mathiak, who has not allowed an earned run this season, finished up, giving up one hit, striking out four and walking none.

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