

# Mercy clobbers Harrison

You'll have to excuse the Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy girls' basketball team if it felt like having a little fun Thursday night.

Certainly, the Harrison Hawks shouldn't take offense. After playing state powers Flint Northwestern, Ladywood, and Cass Tech in the last two weeks, the Marlin came home to host the state district tournament. They drew wildcat Harrison in the first round.

The result was a fun-filled 64-19

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ump — fun for Mercy, torture for the Hawks.

WITH THEIR starters on the court, the Marlin built up a 41-8 lead by half-time. Mary Rosowski scored 14 points,

10 in the second quarter. Sarah Baasford scored 11 and Terri Ford 9.

That was all the playing the starting players did.

So how did Mercy coach Larry Baker feel playing this type of game after two weeks of intensity?

"It was kind of nice. It gave us the chance to open up the offense and run the fast break," he said.

Joan Bennett and Jennifer Hughes had six points each for the Hawks. Karen Sklar had four points and nine rebounds.

The Hawks finish the season a forgettable 0-21.

Mercy will take on Livonia Stevenson at 7:30 p.m. Monday. The game follows the Farmington vs. North Farmington clash.

# A marriage with a kick(s)

By C.J. Risak  
staff writer

There's something amiss here. It's supposed to be the offspring following in the parents' footsteps. Not the other way around.

But that's the way it happened for Ralph and Judy Johnston, who discovered soccer through 9-year-old son Paul. Since their discovery, soccer has become another member of the family.

It started with Paul. And Judy Johnston's sharp eyes.

"I'd never even heard of soccer before," Judy recalled. "I saw it on a wall at Paul's school, so I wrote it down, took it home and called."

That was in Taylor three years ago and marked the beginning of Paul's playing career. Soon thereafter, soccer lured Judy and Ralph into its world.

"As soon as we went to our son's first game, people were asking us if we wanted to coach or help coach," Ralph said. Soon, Ralph and Judy weren't only coaching — they were playing.

WHEN BOTH DECIDED to go back to school this fall, they took their soccer balls and ambitions with them. Ralph, 31, and Judy, 27, enrolled at Schoolcraft College. Then they signed up on the soccer teams.

Ralph, the Ocelots' backup goalkeeper, made the trip to Triton College in River Grove, Ill., for the NJCAA Inter-Regional Tournament last weekend. And Judy returned a week ago from the NJCAA women's national tournament with the Schoolcraft women's team.

As backup goalie, Ralph doesn't get into games much, but just being a member of the Schoolcraft team has its benefits.

"I took Paul to a summer clinic at Schoolcraft and watched (Schoolcraft coach) Larry Christoff," Ralph said. "I had heard he was a good coach, and as I watched him run that clinic, I thought 'I can learn something from him.'"

So Ralph showed up for a pre-season meeting and joined the tryouts, competing with 35 younger players for a spot on the 23-man roster.

"(Judy and I) were training, riding bikes while these young kids were out going to movies and hav-

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ing a good time," Ralph said. He originally wanted to play at forward, but there was "too much competition, so I thought I'd give goalie a try."

IT WASN'T A TOTALLY foreign position to him. Ralph had played in goal during the indoor season. For Judy, tryouts were easier, simply because there weren't that many girls trying out for the first-year club.

"At the beginning of the year, we were only getting five or six girls out to practice," Judy said. As the season progressed, more girls showed up and by season's end the women's team had 17 members.

Both Ralph and Judy Garden City East graduates, love the sport. Both enjoy playing and coaching. But at present, it's the sport's future that concerns them.

When Ralph's father became ill, the Johnston family moved to Novi to care for him. Ralph gave up his job in computers simply because the hours were impossible to keep up with if he was to care for his father.

"WITH TAKING CARE of dad I couldn't work, so I thought, 'Why not go back to school?'" Ralph said. So both he and Judy enrolled, with majors in physical education. After they get their two-year degree, they plan to transfer to Eastern Michigan and complete their education.

From there, they hope to find careers in coaching soccer or in some other physical fitness field. That is why they joined the Schoolcraft teams — to learn the game.

"I joined the team for the experience," Ralph said, with wife Judy nodding in agreement. "I heard (coach Christoff) was a good teacher."

And both want to learn as much as possible so that they can pass on what they have found to be truly family fun.



DAN DEAN/staff photographer

Judy and Ralph Johnston form a wife-husband act when it comes to soccer at Schoolcraft College.

## the week ahead

Monday, Nov. 21	Tuesday, Nov. 22	Wednesday, Nov. 23	Thursday, Nov. 24	Friday, Nov. 25
<p><b>10:00 a.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p>	<p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p>	<p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p>	<p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p>	<p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p> <p><b>7:30 p.m.</b> Livonia Stevenson at Farmington Hills</p>

## Timeout buries Ocelots

With 10 seconds left, things looked promising for Schoolcraft College's men's basketball team Wednesday.

They had the ball. And the score was tied at 88-88 in their game against Siena Heights junior varsity team. But something strange happened.

Doug Gates, a Livonia Bentley grad, called timeout just after Schoolcraft inbounded the ball. Problem was, the Ocelots had no more timeouts. A technical foul was assessed, Siena hit one of two free throws and added two more with no time on the clock in beating Schoolcraft, 89-88, at Schoolcraft.

It was the second loss in three games for the Ocelots, despite superb performances by 6-1 guard Carlos Briggs.

The Ocelots play at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Madonna College.

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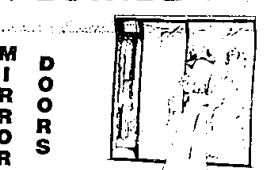
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TEAM	PTS	REB	AST	STL	BLK
Char Goven	18	106	11.0		
Lady	18	101	10.8		
Alma Shaw	18	101	10.8		
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Lady	18	101	10.8		
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Finance Director/Treasurer

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City Hall Office WILL BE OPEN for payment of taxes 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday with the following exceptions.

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