Lakes title this scason?
"I wouldn't go that far, just yet,"
Bartram said, "Just put it this way,—
we are better off than we've been in the
past."
The Falcons travel to Southfield
Lathrup Tuesday for their season open-

**FARMINGTON HARRISON** 

The Hawks were 5-10 last year, but coach Harry Swystun said things won't be so good this year.
When practice opened, Swystun was stunned to find just 12 players on the roster. He was even more disheartened

stunned to find just 12 players on the roster. He was even more disheartened because he has never had all 12 players attend a practice at the same time.

"It's been very disappointing," Swyotun said. 'I was expecting eight players back from last year's team, and only four ahowed up. Two of them were real

and Chris Niebrzycloski and sophomores Missy Delizynski, Judy Janitz, Jean Wassenberg and Stephanie Cobb are all cycling some playing time.

Niebrzycloski, Wassenberg and Duizynski should see some mound duit for Mercy, hacking up Ficeley.

Sampson said she has been pleased with the way the players have responded to the new coach.

"They treat me with a lot of respect," she said. "They know I have a knowledge of the game. That's something I had some trouble with at Riverside. There are some really line athletes at Mercy. I've been very impressed."

HE GIRLS high school soccer scene in the Farmington School District can be summed up in these words the resurgent, the hopeful and the degenerate.

desparate.
All three teams.— North Farmington, Farmington, and Farmington Harrison— are coming off losing seasons a year ago. Of the three, North appears to have the most reason for optimism. Farmington should also improve. But for Harrison, things may be going from bad to worse.
The scason begins this week for all three teams. Here is a brief sketch of each.

### NORTH FARMINGTON

There's a new coach and a new attltude on the borizon for the Raiders.
Cathy Cole has replaced her cousin
Debbie Pacheco as bead coach. A 1979
Roider graduate and soccer player at
Central Michigan, Cole has set out to
transform the Raiders into winners.
"The team was real weak last year,"
Cole said. The Raiders were 2-12-1. "I
think there were some attitude problems last year. There's a totalty different picture this year. I don't think you

The most important aspect of fast-pitch softball, coaches will tell you, is

Thus, Farmington Hills Our Lady of Mercy seems to have made a smart

Thus, Farmington Hills Our Ludy of Mercy seems to have made a amart move naming Martha Sampson as new head softball coach.

Sampson, prior to coming to Mercy, was an assistant coach at Deacborn Heights Riverside, Allen Park and several other schools. Prior to that, she was a standout pitcher for Wayne State University, Her expertise, obviously, is in the area of pitching.

Farmington Soccer Cli teams for many years.

Cole is banking on framen Kristi McMinn, Jean Anzional and Sandy Spahn to step in and maka large contribution to the Raiders't season.

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But hings should be better this year excite to contribute to I Raider for tunes.

"Our strength is in middleld," Cole said. "(Livonia) Syenson and (Livonia) Bentley are yerry tough teams, but I think we are long to give them trouble because ober defense.

Hopefully, our defense where us in games and help build our confidence."

Cole said the tougheshing will be for the Raiders to shed the tougheshing will be for the Raiders to shed the tougheshing will be for the Raiders to shed the tougheshing will be for the Raiders to shed the terman are seniors, they are got to be awe-some, she said.

Think by the time the freshman are seniors, they are got to be awe-some, she said.

## soccer

Ed Bartram is in his fourth year as the Falcons' head coach. Last year, his club sulfered through a dismal 2-12 season.

softball

(Ed's daughter) and Karen Pennywict are the anchors in the middleid. Farmington has more depth this sea-son. Bartram said he has 11 returning players on 23-person rosten. Will the Falcons contend for Western. Lakes title this season?

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Marlins to start from scratch

But, the rookle coach is her work, cut out for her in trying rebuild the Marlins. They were 6-14st scason. Basically, Sampson saledeb will be starting from scrach thiser.

"I really can't comparthis team to last year," she said. "We improving, but they have a lot to lea, We have a lot of newcomers and soot of the older players are having to len new positions.

"I see a lot of talent at its up to them and me to prove ut we can win with it," Sampson said.

SEVEN PLAYERS e returning from last year's squad:enlors Mary

Costa, Lois Kaminski, Margeret Kelley, Colleen McGrail, and Michelle Reed, plus junior Sue Scott and sophomore Michelle Fryatt.

Kelley will be the mainstay on the mound for the Marlins, white talented Kaminski will do the catching. Scott, a three-sport athlete at Mercy, will play shortstop and Costa will play in the outlield. Those may be the only locked positions, thus far.

Fryatt and Reed, outlielders last year, are being converted into initielders. McGrail will play either outlield or first base. Sampson is also trying to find posi-tions for a slew of promising new-

comers.

Jenny Calishan, a senior, has looked good at both third base and shortstop.

Juniors Johnn Morelly, Jennifer Maise

Don't expect a Catholic League title from the Marlins this season, but ex-pect some marked improvement over last year's team.



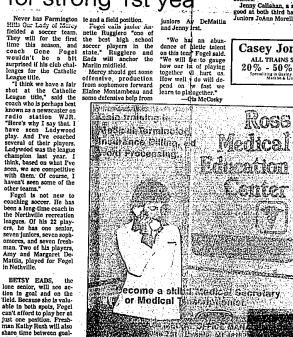
# Mercy kickers hope for strong 1st year

other teams." Fogel is not new to coaching soccer. He has been a long-time ceach in the Northville recreation leagues. Of his 22 players, he has one senior, seven juniors, seven juniors, seven juniors, and seven freshman. Two of his players, Amy and Margaret De-Mattia, played for Fogel in Nothville.

BETSY EADS, the lone senior, will see action in goal and on the filed. Because she is valuable in both spots, Fogel can't afford to play her at just one position. Freshman Kathy Rush will also share time between goal-

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