



Mercy's Erica Campbell, the top-rated diver in Observerland, won the diving competition in a close duel with her Marlin opponent.

Another league title is goal for Marlins

The next challenge will be the Catholic League swimming and diving championships. Farmington Hills Mercy concluded an unbeaten dual-meet season Tuesday by downing rival Birmingham Marian 113-53 at Oakland Community College. The Marlins finished 9-0-1.

Mercy will be going after an incredible 24th consecutive league title Sunday, Nov. 22, when the entire league gets together at OCC. The Marlins had two swimmers with a pair of individual victories in their season finale. Becky Wiquist captured the 200- and 100-yard freestyle races in 2:04.83 and 57.8, respectively, and freshman Polly Tenuta won the individual medley in 2:28.09 and the 500 freestyle in 5:32.6.

Wiquist also anchored the 400 freestyle relay team, which defeated the Mustangs with a 3:58.0 time. Karen Neyer, Cindy Grush and Mary Quinn also were on the team.

Robert Orr started the Marlins on their way to a victory in the medley relay and also won the backstroke in 1:04.5. Amy Cetnar, Liz DeMatia and Quinn followed her in the relay and combined for a 2:00.49 time.

In the closest event of the day, Mercy's Erica Campbell outdived Marian rival Stacy Peshkopia to win the diving. Campbell had 239.75 points, Peshkopia 229.65.

Leigh Palmer won two events for the Mustangs: the butterfly in 1:02.5 and the breaststroke (1:12.6). Heather Stout was the 50 freestyle winner (26.82).

Raiders on the mend after win

Like a good patient, North Farmington followed doctor's orders Tuesday night and promptly posted a victory in girls basketball.

The Raiders snapped a seven-game losing streak with an impressive 51-48 victory over a quality Milford team, which dropped to 13-5.

"We needed it to stop the bleeding," said North coach Greg Cuppling, who saw his team improve to 8-10.

The Raiders have been beset by injuries and illness of late and have found it difficult to even conduct a 5-on-5 practice session.

But sophomore guard Kim Gurecki pumped in 18 points, and two others also reached double figures to spark North. Suzi Butcher, despite a bad ankle, had 12 points and Jennie Basford 10. Lori Montante scored a game-high 24 for Milford.

"We finally played well together," Cuppling said.

"We came back and got the job done."

"This has got to give us a lift," he added. The fourth quarter made all the difference as the Raiders trailed 23-21 at halftime and 35-31 at the end of three. But North turned it around by

girls basketball

outsourcing the visitors 20-13 in the finale.

REDFORD U. 49, HARRISON 28: The Hawks' stay in the win column was short lived as Caryn Shannon scored a game-high 27 points to lead Redford Union, 4-14.

Harrison ended a 99-game losing streak Saturday by beating Livonia Churchill, but the Hawks failed to make it two in a row despite holding the lead early in the second half.

The Panthers put the game out of reach with a 20-3 fourth quarter. RU was 8-of-23 shooting free throws, Harrison 10-of-24.

Lesley Devine scored 11 points and Darcy Pinz 11 for the Hawks, 1-18.

NORTHVILLE 58, N. FARMINGTON 34: Deb-

bie Stevens scored 17 points and Karen Baird 16 to lead Northville in a Western Lakes playoff game Saturday at Plymouth Salem.

Jennie Basford had nine points for the Raiders, Suzi Butcher and Missy Bossowen six apiece.

The Mustangs led 37-21 at the half and 50-20 after three quarters. Northville was 13-of-18 at the line, while North had only six chances and made five.

STEVENSON 58, FARMINGTON 39: Kelli Koss pumped in 20 points Saturday to lead the Falcons, but Livonia Stevenson played a diamond-and-one defense on Farmington's Stacy Swander-ski and held her to seven, all in the first half.

Sue Zatorski countered with a game-high 25 points and 14 rebounds, and Kristen Cislo had 11 and 14, respectively.

Farmington, 7-11, led 17-15 at the end of the first quarter, but Stevenson turned the game around with a 19-8 advantage in the next period. The Falcons never got the momentum back as they managed just 10 second-half points.

Kiel leads Falcons at state

Farmington High School's Jennifer Kiel saved her best for last. She ran her fastest time of the season Saturday to pace the Falcons in the Class A girls cross country meet in Lansing.

Kiel jumped out in front of the pack in the team race and was the leader for the first 100 yards. She dropped back eventually, but didn't fade as she ran a 20:33 race and had Farmington's highest finish at 42nd overall.

"I told her to go out fast," Falcon coach John Barrett said. "I said, 'If you want to have your best time, you have to get off to a fast start.'"

The sophomore has been a consistent No. 3 runner for the Falcons much of the season, but Saturday was the first time since early in the year she was ahead of teammates Bonnie Stecker and Amy Trunk.

BARRETT, despite his pre-meet instructions, was even amazed at the way Kiel blasted away from the starting line.

"I thought 'Oh, my God, she's going to hit the wall,'" Barrett said. "I saw her leading all these (Ann Arbor) Pioneer girls who run times in the 18s, but she caught hold of herself."

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do. She maintained it and did very well."

Trunk, another sophomore, was 53rd overall with a 20:46 time, and Stecker, a senior, finished 62nd at 21:02.

Also scoring for the Falcons, who were 12th out of 28 teams, were freshman Cheryl Casaroli in 75th place (21:14) and junior Maureen O'Dell in 131st (22:05). In addition, Margaret Martin was 132nd (22:09) and Judy McKeever 154th (22:46).

THE FALCONS, who were sixth in the state last year, finished one place behind Western Lakes champion Plymouth Canton.

"Actually, we did a little better than we expected," said Barrett, noting Farmington beat some teams that were ranked ahead of it in the state, such as Grosse Pointe South, and North, Brighton and East Kentwood.

"The times were not as fast as they were at the regional, but the regional course was very flat."

If the Falcons had run the same times as they did when they won the regional at Royal Oak Kimball Oct. 31, they would have finished sixth in the state again, but the state course had more hills and was more difficult, Barrett said.

"All in all, it was good year," he

said, adding the Falcons are looking forward to another good season in 1988. Farmington will graduate Stecker and McKeever, but Kiel, Trunk, Casaroli, O'Dell and Martin (junior) will return.

FARMINGTON Hills Mercy, the regional runner-up to Farmington, finished 25th in the team race. The Catholic League champion Marlins were just eight points out of 20th place, however.

Moira Kordel finished 86th with a 21:23 time, Wendy Knight was 101st (21:33), Barb Chesney 166th (21:37), Brigitte Dery 112th (21:43), and Elizabeth Galvin 136th (22:17). In non-scoring roles, Debbi Cool was 153rd (22:45) and Sande Taylor 155th (22:47).

The Marlins also will have a solid base with which to begin next season, since four of the seven are underclassmen. Kordel, Chesney, and Galvin are seniors, Cool is a junior and Knight, Dery and Taylor are sophomores.

"It's been a long season, and I think our big meet was the league meet," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "It was nice to make the trip (to state), but I don't know if we were really ready for the race."

"That was a lot to throw at them in one year, but it's a good start for next year."

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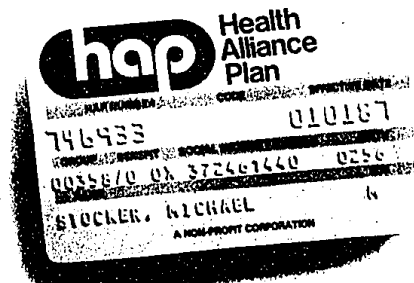
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