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Hold it!

Marian's Erin Shaw was safe, sliding into second before Mercy's Katie Hoffmann could make the tag. But it was to no avail; the two teams managed to get in four inn-

ings of play, then foul weather — which included rain, snow, hail and gusting winds — took control and forced the game to be canceled.

Hawks tip Western

Farmington Harrison scored three runs in the top of the fifth inning Friday to defeat visiting Walled Lake Western 6-3 in a Western Lakes Activities Association baseball encounter.

The Warriors record is now 9-2 overall and 6-2 in the Western Division. Harrison improves to 2-10 overall and 2-6 in the division.

Gary Devine went the distance, earning the victory for the Hawks. He collected five strikeouts, while scattering six hits and four walks.

Devine also sparked Harrison offensively, belting two hits, including a triple. He scored twice. "Gary is our best baseball player," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "He's our only starter from last year. I am real happy that he got the win."

Andy Smith and Daryl Ferguson also chipped in with two hits for the winners.

CHRIS SCHNEIDER suffered the loss for the Warriors, surrendering six earned runs in 5 1/2 innings. He

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mustered two strikeouts.

Offensively, Schneider contributed a single and triple. He recorded an RBI and scored a run.

Harrison managed 10 hits, while Western salvaged just six.

"We've lost six games by one run this season," Herrington said. "It's nice to finally win one. This will hopefully give the kids some confidence. They were beginning to lose their confidence."

Western coach Ken Connor said his team didn't do the things necessary to win the game.

"We had our chances to win the game," he said. "But when we had to do the things needed, we didn't do them."

Double loss sinks Mercy

Farmington Mercy (2-7, 5-13) lost a doubleheader Wednesday to host Livonia Ladywood, 6-2 and 3-2, in Catholic League Central Division softball action.

Slaci Kowalczyk tossed a five-hitter to lead Ladywood (7-5, 12-10) to a win in the opener. She struck out five and issued three walks. Maureen Paulin gave up 11 hits in suffering the loss for the Marlins. Paulin struck out six and walked five.

Mercy committed three errors, while Ladywood did not make a mistake in the field.

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Kathleen Berrigan and Amy Miller each went 2-for-3 to lead Mercy's offense. Andrea Crichton had two hits, including a solo home run, and drove in a pair of runs for Ladywood.

IN THE NIGHTCAP, Mercy outfit

the Blazers 8-5 but came up a run short. Mary Jo Kelly picked up the win, striking out nine and issuing three free passes.

Paulin was the hard-luck loser, giving up just the five hits. She struck out four and walked three.

Ladywood did not commit an error, while the Marlins were guilty of a pair.

Berrigan had three hits, and Kim Riechard had two hits, including a two-run triple in the seventh inning. Rachele Campeau had a two-run single for Ladywood.

SC signs top spikers

By C.J. Riska
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Describe Schoolcraft College's volleyball program any way you like — the best get better, winning attracts winners, or even the easiest way to get to the top is to start there — but there's no doubting nothing helps recruiting like success.

Tom Testers has had a lot of success in his tenure as coach at SC. From the looks of his newest recruiting class, it will continue.

Testers has signed a half-dozen high school seniors, including a pair of all-state players, to bolster a team that finished fifth in the National Junior College Athletic Association last year.

But despite their impressive credentials, Testers remains cautious. "I'm real pleased with it," he did admit. And which of his newcomers has the best chance to step

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in and contribute immediately, particularly since three starters (Alicia Love, JoAnn Kolnitsky, Kirsten Stelzer) and one key reserve (Cathy Cook) are gone?

"We don't make those decisions too early," Testers replied. "I don't think any of our positions are fixed."

STILL, IT could be difficult keeping some of his recruits off the floor. They include:

• Karl Domanski, a 5-foot-9 do-everything from Livonia Ladywood and a first-team Class A all-star;

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Heinzmann ignites Harrison

Wins in three relays and four more firsts by Colleen Heinzmann were enough to propel Farmington Harrison's girls track team to a 78-50 triumph over Walled Lake Western Thursday at Harrison.

Heinzmann was the difference for the Hawks, who improved to 3-1 overall and 2-1 in Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division dual meets. She collected wins in the high jump (4-foot, 6-inches), the long jump, and both the 100-meter (18.07) and 200-meter (55.8) hurdles.

In the relays, Harrison was successful in the 400 with Heather Conley, Nicole Leo, Carrie Hentnik and Nivn Hakim (50.2); in the 800 with Audra Cockerham, Leo, Hentnik and Hakim (2:03.0); and in the 1,600 with Hentnik, Hakim, Leo and Cockerham.

The Hawks also got wins in the 100 from Leo (14.4), in the 200 from Hakim (32.1) and in the 400 from Cockerham (1:04.0).

FARMINGTON GOT victories in 11 of 18 events, which proved more than enough to provide the Falcons with their second triumph in

girls track

three dual meets this season — 74-54 at Westland John Glenn Thursday.

Jennifer Kiel triggered Farmington, finishing first in two individual events and anchoring the winning 1,600-meter relay team of Gretchen Clappison, Cheryl Casaroli and Kelly Cameron (4:48.1). Kiel also won the 800 (2:38.7) and 1,600 (6:13.2).

Farmington finished on top in three of the four relays. Firsts went to the 800 team of Dawn Montrose, Carrie Maler, Amy Trunk and Kristy Bodary (2:05.1) and the 3,200 foursome of Jennifer Derwinski, Carrie Walter, Kristen Urevig and Casaroli (11:55.4).

Other Falcon firsts went to Korri Owczarszak in the shot put (30.9); Shelli Gaul in the high jump (4-9); Sue Davidson in the 100 hurdles (18.3); Montrose in the 300 hurdles (55.0); Maler in the 200

(28.4); and Urevig in the 3,200 (no time).

The loss dropped Glenn to 3-4 overall, 2-2 in Lakes Division dual meets. Farmington is 2-1, both overall and in Lakes Division meets.

NORTH FARMINGTON used a pair of wins by Adrienne Moccie in field events and a sweep of all four relays to pound Walled Lake Central 55-43 Thursday at North.

Moccie's triumphs came in the shotput (128-2) and discus (93-0). The Raiders rolled in the relays, capturing the 400-meter with Stacy Weisenfeld, Melanie Burroughs, Lisa Handiak and Julie Ewing (59.4); the 800 with Lisa Rives, Weisenfeld, Burroughs and Heather Armstrong (2:02.7); the 1,600-meter with Tracey Mitchell, Rives, Karl Pavell and Jenny Weh (5:11.1); and the 3,200-meter with Weh, Mitchell, Rachel White and Lisa Wantuck (11:35.1).

Other North Farmington wins went to Sarah Lundgren in the high jump (4-9); Kari Higley in the 100 hurdles (19.33); Lisa Wantuck in the 800 (2:45.3); Emily Shively in the 1,600 (5:58.9); and Angie Martin in the 3,200 (14:00.0).

Hawks' depth proves pivotal against Western

Superior depth enabled Farmington Harrison to repel Walled Lake Western 70-47 in a Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division boys' track dual meet Thursday at Western.

The Hawks managed wins in just six of 16 events — and two of those were by Tony Shah, in the shotput (46-feet, 8-inches) and the discus (129-5). Other wins were by Marcus Bolar in the 100-meter dash (11.1), Will Matthews in the 200 (24.9), and the team of Joe George, Roy Granger, Bolar and Matthews in the 400 (50.9) and 800 (1:43.2) relays.

Western had a pair of individual event double-winners: Rob Hoffman in the 110 (16.1) and 300 (48.4)

hurdles, and Bill Crosby in the 1,600 (5:04.0) and 3,200 (10:52.0).

FARMINGTON WAS no match for Westland John Glenn Thursday. The Rockets remained unbeaten in WLA Lakes Division duals, posting a 66-38 victory at Farmington.

The meet was called because of bad weather with four events remaining: the pole vault, the 200-meter run, the 3,200 run and the 1,600 relay.

The Falcons got wins in four of the remaining 13 events. Jason Gutting was first in the shotput (49-9 1/4), Dave Winey captured the 100 (11.8), Kevin Kowchowski won the 400 (55.9) and the Falcons were first in the 800 relay (1:41.9).

Mercy student just swims in success

By Brad Emmons
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Garden City's Michele Giza will go to great lengths to become a better synchronized swimmer.

She and her mother, Marlene, make three to four trips per week to East Lansing so Michele can train with the coach, Sandy DiMaya-Pawelak of the Sea Sprites Club.

The trips, though, are well worth the miles as Michele returned recently with a first and second place medal from the U.S. Synchronized Swim, Inc. North Zone (Section B) championships, held April 28-29 in Indianapolis, Ind.

The 15-year-old Giza, a sophomore at Mercy High School, took first in the Solo event (13-14 age division) and second with partner Madeleine Smith of East Lansing in Duet, qualifying her for Nationals, June 22-24 in St. Louis, Mo.

"Michele's a very dedicated and hard-working person," said DiMaya-Pawelak, a 1982 graduate from East

High and former University of Michigan swimmer. "She's very coachable although sometimes she gets frustrated, but she loves it. Her mother wouldn't drive her in three or four times a week if she didn't like it. She does a lot of her homework in the car."

WHEN THE GAZAS, which also include father Mike, aren't driving to-and-from Lansing, they're heading off to the Livonia Y or Ann Arbor Pioneer High so Michele can do additional training.

"I'm at a pool every night," Michele said.

"She's (Michele) never said 'I don't want to practice,'" said Marlene.

The sacrifice was made after Michele's home club, the Garden City Synchronettes, disbanded.

"I got started because my sister (Beth) did it and so did a lot of people on my street," said Michele, who began seven years ago. "When the club closed, I just couldn't sit around. I had to go somewhere else."



Many of Giza classmates and friends at Mercy can't understand why she spends so much time traveling to meets and missing school activities to practice daily.

"I've tried to explain to them it's not a vacation," said Michele. "A lot of times I have to miss things hap-

pening on Friday nights. I just tell them I've got to practice, but they can't see why."

Giza's long-range goals are to swim in college and have an opportunity to try out for the U.S. National Team. (In July, Giza will swim in

the Junior Nationals in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.)

"IT'S BEEN fun, but it's hard, too," said Michele. "It's not a wimpy sport."

Most competitive routines last four minutes. Sometimes Giza is underwater for 50 seconds. The sport combines ballet, gymnastics and swimming.

"The solo event is the hardest to swim," said DiMaya-Pawelak. "It's a difficult event, but Michele is developing nicely."

"Synchronized swimming depends on muscle development and coordination. Strength is important. You do weight training and running. Where the coach comes in is the technical part. You can practice on your own, but only a coach can see where the body should be positioned."

There are few breaks during a three-day meet competition.

"A lot of it is mental. It's not like racing at all," said Michele. "You have to do a lot of thinking and a lot

of it is repetition. It's also very tiring. But I enjoy the travel and meeting people from other teams."

Giza stays in shape 12 months a year. She trained last fall with the Mercy High School swim team.

THE COST to keep a synchronized swimmer going is not cheap.

Marlene Giza has never sat down and figured it out, but some of the expenses go toward costumes ("We're like figure skaters, we have decorative suits with glitter," says Michele), coaching, pool fees and our course gas.

Synchronized swimming is an Olympic sport looking for recognition.

And if Giza can earn a top 10 berth in one of her two events (solo or duet) in St. Louis, she may start thinking about the year 1996 or 2000.

"Michele's capable of finishing in the top 10, but it's tough competition," said DiMaya-Pawelak. "It appears Giza doesn't mind the competition. In fact, she relishes it."