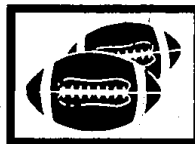


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Doran ends career as state champion

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Kerry Doran had been pointing for the state meet all season, and the North Farmington senior realized a swimming bonanza Saturday in the Class A finals.

Doran won the state championship in the 200-yard freestyle, was second in the 500 freestyle and helped the Raiders score in the medley and 400 freestyle relays.

Furthermore, her individual swims and the relays produced school-record times in the Michigan State University pool.

"It sure was nice that an athlete as outstanding as she has been for North Farmington could go out with a state championship," Raiders coach Patrick Duthie said.

"Only three swimmers in North history have won state titles, and she's the first girl. She certainly had an outstanding high school career."

BRIAN GOINS won consecutive

butterfly championships in 1984 and 1985, and Mike Tunney was the 1987 boys winner in that event.

Doran swam 1:51.26 in the 200 freestyle to edge Kathleen Wilcox of Ann Arbor Huron, who had a 1:51.32 time.

"Wilcox is an outstanding swimmer," Duthie said. "It's not like nobody was in the event. It was a great race, and Kerry swam fantastic splits."

Doran dropped more than four seconds off her previous best time of 1:55.38, which she swam earlier this year to break Jennifer Rowe's 1988 school record of 1:56.97.

Rowe, now a senior on the U.S. Naval Academy swim team, had another record fall to Doran in the 500. Doran, who dropped more than 10 seconds in the event, went 4:58.42 to shatter Rowe's All-America time of 5:00.9.

"You don't get too many kids like that to work with," Duthie said. "And the thing about Kerry Doran is that she's a very, very hard worker."

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"She's not some kid with phenomenal talent who can fall in the water and get by without much effort. She worked real hard to get where she has, and we're real proud of those efforts."

JULIANNE MARKEY, Anna Palmer, Doran and Karrie Kranz gave the Raiders a third-place finish in the medley relay with a 1:50.93 time, which has a chance to earn All-America recognition as does North's time in the 400 freestyle, Duthie said.

The Raiders went 3:38.98 in that relay and finished fourth with Markey, Sherri Richardson, Kranz and Doran swimming.

North had the best team finish among Observerland teams, too. The Raiders were sixth with 82 points,

and Farmington Hills Mercy was 10th with 53. Ann Arbor Pioneer defended its title with 165 points, and Ann Arbor Huron was the runner-up with 144.

"Looking back here and there, we might have been able to move up," Duthie said. "It's not worth worrying about, because sixth place is a real nice finish. It's a nice way for the kids to cap the season."

Mercy hoped to do better, but the meet started poorly for the Marlins when their top-ranked medley relay was disqualified. A victory in that event might have pushed Mercy as high as sixth place.

"We were ready physically and emotionally for the meet but DQs happen," Mercy coach Teri Eudi-Teeters said. "In the next event, the 200 freestyle, our captain Michelle McCaffrey and Polly Tenuta swam great to get us back on course."

MERCY JUNIORS Linda Goldstein and Katie Knipper and sopho-

mores Erika Smith and Jenny McCombs placed in individual events. Goldstein's and Knipper's times qualified them to repeat as All-Americans.

Goldstein went 2:07.58 in the IM and 58.43 in the butterfly, both times good for third place. Both were lifetime bests, and the IM time broke the school record formerly held by Kara McGrath (2:08.5).

"Linda is back swimming fast," Eudi-Teeters said. "She is one of the state's very versatile swimmers. In three years, she has never placed lower than third in four different events."

Knipper, also a three-year finalist, took fourth in the breast stroke (1:07.08) and led off Mercy's 200 freestyle relay, which took eighth place, with a 25.3 split.

"Katie was with some fast competition in the breast and she had an excellent swim," Eudi-Teeters said. "I was impressed with her 29-plus



Kerry Doran
state champion swimmer

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Marian sweeps Mercy with tournament victory

By Dan O'Meara
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Birmingham Marian basketball coach Mary Lillie-Cicerone was understandably anxious before Wednesday's regional championship game.

The Mustangs had beaten rival Farmington Hills Mercy three times, and the teams were about to cross paths again at Southfield-Lathrup High School.

"I was nervous, the girls were nervous," said Lillie-Cicerone after Marian made it a clean sweep against the Marlins, 54-49. "They, we had three — no, four — rough games against them. We're evenly-matched teams; I just think we're a little better."

The road to a possible second state title in three years gets even tougher next week.

The Mustangs (21-3) will play Public School League champion Detroit Murray-Wright in a quarterfinal game at Lathrup on Wednesday, Nov. 28. The Pilots (19-9) defeated Dearborn Fordson 66-49 Tuesday to win the Southfield regional.

"THESE KIDS have amazed me," Lillie-Cicerone said. "I never would have thought at the beginning (of the season) this team could have won 21 games. They pull together, they're intense, they play hard and they know the game."

Marian had beaten the Marlins twice in overtime and by seven in regulation, and the Mustangs managed to hold Mercy at arm's length again with solid team play.

Trina Govan scored a game-high 16 points, and point guard Jamie Racine, despite 4-of-16 shooting, made three triples and finished with 11 points. Center Carmela Garofalo tossed in another 10.

Forward Stephanie Storen had eight points to go with a game-high 11 rebounds, and guard Dana Hudson added six points and made six steals.

"We're a great team," Govan said. "We're not a team of individuals. We work as a team, and that's why we've been successful."

Mercy (17-6) had its usual balanced scoring. Laure DeMattia led with 13 points, and Kathleen Gerlig followed with 12. Maureen Paulin contributed nine and Carrie Walton seven.

THOUGH the Marlins kept it close all the way, Marian's defense made enough stops and produced at key points to make the Mustangs 4-0 in the 1990 series.

"We played awesome defense," Govan said. "We wanted to play two feet off because they're great driv-

ers. So we had to take away the drive, and we got a hand in the face of their shooters."

The Mustangs will apply those principles next Wednesday, too.

"I feel if we play defense like we have the last 20-some games, we can come out with a victory," Govan said.

Marian rallied at the end of the first quarter to lead 13-10 and was in front 29-24 at halftime.

But the Marlins made a run in the third period. After Garofalo's basket to start the second half, Mercy scored the next eight points, taking its only lead (32-31) since the score was 8-5.

Michele Coughlin's lone field goal restored Marian's advantage, and Govan scored the next two baskets for Marian. Hudson and Storen scored on the break, and Racine ended the period with a three, giving the Mustangs a 44-38 lead.

"I NEVER FELT there was a period of time in the game when we were consistently coming up with loose balls and offensive rebounds to give us an extra possession that would have taken some of the pressure off," Mercy coach Larry Baker said.

"We changed the momentum in the third quarter, but we didn't sustain that and keep them off the boards. A couple times we made defensive changes that didn't get communicated, and we got caught out of position."

Still, Mercy kept it close to the end. Paulin's free throws with 2:18 to play made it 51-48. The Marlins rebounded a Marian miss and had some momentum when Walton scored for a charge.

"Without question, I thought Carrie's charge was the turning point," Baker said. "We're getting called for a charge at this end and taken off the ball at the other end. Suddenly, we're in a desperate situation."

Marian had a miss and a turnover on its next two possessions, but Mercy's response was a turnover and a miss, also. Govan made a free throw and Racine two to put the Mustangs up 54-48 with half a minute left.

"We knew it was going to be a barn-burner," Lillie-Cicerone said. "We knew what we had to do to beat their zone. We had to attack from the baseline, and we did that for the most part."

"We wanted to be patient on offense, get their defense to shift and punch it inside. We were a little impatient (in the third quarter) and that's when the score got close."



Kathleen Berrigan (left) and teammate Kim Reichard challenge for a rebound Monday in Mercy's first-round regional win over Royal Oak

Kimball. The Marlins tried for their first victory Tuesday against rival Marian.

Shamrocks, Crusaders to decide Class AA title

By Steve Kowalski
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Redford Catholic Central football coach Tom Mach is hoping Saturday will be a good time from beginning to end.

He already plans on having fun at night when CC's 1979 Class A state championship team gathers for a reunion. Question is, will the afternoon be to his liking?

He'll find out when the Shamrocks meet Detroit Martin Luther King in the Class AA title game at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Pontiac Silverdome.

Tickets cost \$10 for the day's four games, or \$5 for each two-game session.

Mach doesn't know if CC can match the success enjoyed a decade earlier, but he sees some similarities in the teams.

"The '79 team, at that point, played the toughest schedule ever and won the state," said Mach, who also took teams in 1987 and '88 to the final game before losing. "The state championship stays with you, and it's something you never forget because of the feeling it brings with it. This team is kind of similar in that it's played one of the toughest schedules."

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"To survive it all and put themselves in this position is a great compliment to the kids. We had some games we were supposed to win, but there were no breathers."

CC, FRESH OFF a 21-0 win over previously undefeated Saginaw, brings a 10-2 record into the title game. King is 12-0 and hasn't lost since last year's Class A title game, when Muskegon outdistressed the Crusaders, 16-13. The Shamrocks have won seven in a row, including three by shutouts.

The final is a rematch of a game played in September when King rallied for a 20-7 non-conference win. The Shamrocks enjoyed a 7-6 lead midway through the fourth quarter when King turned two CC turnovers into touchdowns.

"I remember thinking, 'We have the game won,'" said CC defensive

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