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Raiders capture WB title

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North Farmington is fast emerging as a power in girls cross country.

The Raiders have routed all of their dual-meet opponents thus far and Saturday won the Division II championship at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

North junior Emily Shively has become a legitimate star in the sport, too. Her first-place finish helped spark the Raiders to the title.

Shively finished the race in 20:05.3 and well ahead of runner-up Wyandotte Roosevelt's Becky Caldwell (20:43.3).

"Emily ran by herself for the last mile," North coach Bill Pinnell Jr. said. "No one could keep up with her."

North put four runners in the top 20, and all five of its individual scorers were in the top 30.

Sophomore Keegan Keefover was ninth (21:43), senior Jenny Weh 14th (22:10), senior Lisa Wantuck 19th (22:18) and sophomore Alicia Crossland 30th (22:43).

Also running for the Raiders were sophomore Amy Roberts, who was 48th (23:49), and junior Erin Janssen, who was 51st (23:59).

"I was very proud of the girls and very pleased with their performances," Pinnell said. "They worked hard all summer and have looked real good. We just have to keep everybody healthy."

North had 73 team points and

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Mercy's aim to regain league title

By Ray Bellock
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Farmington Hills Mercy girls swim coach Teri Eudy-Teeters isn't worried about winning a state championship.

It's not realistic, she said, considering the state finals are just four days after the Catholic League meet in late November.

"Swimming is unlike any other sport," she said. "If you set your goals for something like the Catholic League title, it's real hard to go out four days later and try to win the state championship."

"I hope the Catholic League will reschedule its meet to give us some time in between."

Eudy-Teeters said right now her team is worried about capturing the league title, which it lost to Birmingham Marian after winning it for 20-plus consecutive years.

Despite losing all-area swimmers Lydia Goldstein (transferred back to West Bloomfield), Polly Tenuta and Michelle McCaffrey, the Marlins still return a solid group, led by senior Katie Knipper and junior Erika Smith.

Knipper was all-area in the breaststroke last season, finishing fourth at the state meet. She was also a member of Mercy's all-area 200 freestyle relay team.

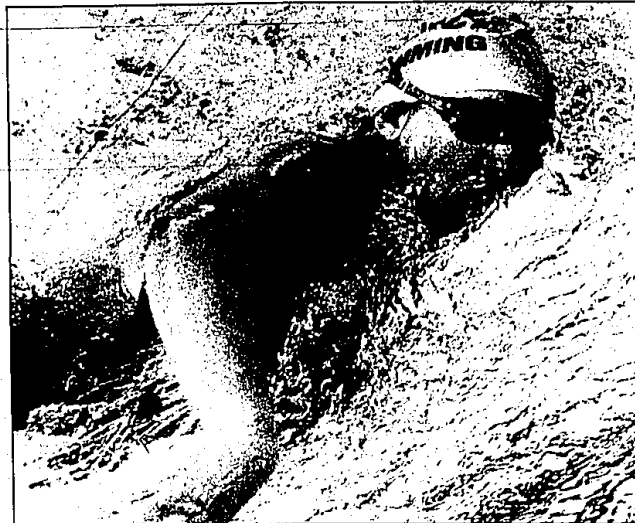
Smith excelled in the 100 freestyle, finishing 12th in the state.

"I'm real pleased with our returning swimmers," Eudy-Teeters said. "They give us plenty of experience."

Junior Jenny McCombs and sophomore Andrea Hoefflein also return for the Marlins, who didn't lose a dual-meet last season. Hoefflein will most likely swim the butterfly.

"I'm looking for a lot out of my divers this season," she said. "They could win a lot of meets for us."

Senior captain Amy Dombrowski leads the diving unit, which also con-



Junior April Kula is a veteran member of the Mercy swim team and was part of the third-place 200-yard freestyle relay at the Griffin Relays.

sists of Mary Beth Milewski, sophomore Jennifer Beckley and sophomore Ali Salamone.

"We won some meets last year because we had the necessary diving," Eudy-Teeters said. "That could be a key for us this season."

The Marlins having some promising newcomers, led by Mandy Speer, whose family moved back from Eng-

land.

"Mandy is a good kid," Eudy-Teeters said. "She has shown us a lot since she's been here."

Other newcomers include freshman Nancy Harvey, Heather Vaglie, Katie Scallen and Beth Minick.

"I would like to have a good season and be able to use all of our swimmers," Eudy-Teeters said.

"Last year we finished second in the league and did so using all our swimmers."

FARMINGTON HARRISON

Seniors Stacey Krause and Elaine Trager return, along with junior

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Marlins win relays crown at Brighton

Farmington Hills Mercy began its 1991 swimming and diving season Saturday with an impressive victory in the 11th Annual Griffin Relays at Brighton High School.

The Marlins scored 104 points — their most ever since first competing in the 12-school event in 1987.

"We entered 20 swimmers and five divers in the competition, so it was a good opportunity to see what we can expect from our team this year," second-year coach Teri Eudy-Teeters said.

"I was pleasantly surprised at the host of best times, state cuts and good dives that our athletes achieved. And this followed a week of practice which saw many swimming a little tired and sore."

Mercy got a quick start by recording a fast first-place time of 4:16 in the opening 400-yard medley relay. Junior Jenny McCombs (backstroke, 1:04), senior Katie Knipper (breaststroke, 1:10), sophomore Michelle Welch (butterfly, 1:05) and senior Mandy Speer (freestyle, 0:57). Their time was only two seconds off the meet record.

ANOTHER FIRST came from the 300 freestyle relay team of junior Erika Smith, freshman Katie Scallen, senior Amy Machacek and Welch with a time of 8:32.

Smith bettered the state cut for the 200 freestyle on the opening leg. She, along with Knipper and McCombs, are returning All-American members of the 200 medley relay as announced recently by Swimming World Magazine.

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North survives Mott rally

Carey Perkins' layup with one second remaining gave host North Farmington a thrilling, 49-48 non-league victory over Waterford Mott in girls basketball Tuesday.

Mott took its first and only lead of the game with :10 remaining. After an exchange of timeouts, North senior guard Karen Seremet drove the length of the floor but missed her shot. Perkins, a sophomore forward, rebounded the miss and put back the winner while being fouled.

The Raiders led the entire game, but poor free throw shooting and Angie Gudzinski allowed Mott to come back.

North (1-3) led 17-8 after the first quarter and 37-29 entering the final period. But the Raiders converted only four of their 22 free throw attempts for the game, enabling Mott (0-3) to rally.

"We got out to the big lead but Mott wouldn't die and mounted a furious comeback," North coach Lance Davis said. "We just couldn't put them away."

Gudzinski, whom Davis called the "spirit of their team," scored a game-high 17 points, 10 in the final quarter.

Freshman guard Alysha Gordon led North with 15 points. Perkins and Seremet added 13 and 10 points, respectively.

MERCY 35, SALEM 28: Farmington Hills Mercy regrouped in the second half Saturday to overcome a 10-point halftime deficit and defeat host Plymouth Salem.

The Marlins fell behind 11-2 in the first quarter and trailed 22-12 at halftime, but they held Salem to just six points in the second half while increasing their offensive production.

Senior center Laure DeMatteis scored 12 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Mercy outscored the Rocks 13-4 in the third quarter and 11-2 in the finale.

"Believe it or not, it was a high-tempo game; we attempted to run the break," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "We defended the break out of each other."

The Marlins struggled against Salem's zone defense in the first quarter but had the Rocks "tied up in knots with our pressure" in the second half, according to

girls basketball

Baker.

"We mounted a tremendous effort in the fourth quarter," he said. "It was a grinding type of game. Our conditioning paid off."

Seven was a good number for Mercy senior guard Kathleen Berrigan, who had seven points, seven assists and seven steals. The Marlins (3-1) shot 25 percent from the floor (13-53) but made 10 of 19 free throws.

Salem was led by Cyndi Platter's 10 points and Darcie Miller's six. The Rocks (1-2) were only 1-of-2 at the free throw line, however.

"Mercy's defense was very aggressive," Salem coach Fred Thomann said. "We just didn't close out our scoring opportunities very well."

HARRISON 44, NOVI 38: Junior center Heather Hopkins scored a game-high 23 points and ripped down 19 rebounds Tuesday to lead the Hawks.

But down the stretch it was her teammates who provided the points in the non-league victory.

Novi (0-3) double-teamed Hopkins in the game's final minutes, but each one of Harrison's starters scored a basket to put the game out of reach.

The visiting Hawks (2-2) led 20-15 at halftime but fell behind 30-27 entering the final quarter.

Sophomore guard Amanda Ault netted a three-pointer with 3:30 remaining in the game to give the Hawks a lead they never surrendered.

Freshman forward Krista Snow (eight points) scored on two post-up moves down the stretch for Harrison, which outscored Novi, 8 in the fourth quarter.

"We started rebounding and playing more aggressively in the fourth quarter," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "We turned the ball over quite a bit, so we still have some work to do. But it's good to come out of there with a win."

Shanrocks kick rival Rice

By Steve Kowalski
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Redford Catholic Central senior forward Mario Scicluna didn't start Tuesday's soccer game against Birmingham Brother Rice, but he helped get things started for the Shamrocks.

Scicluna scored CC's first and third goals as the Shamrocks opened the Catholic League Central Division schedule with a 3-0 win over Rice at Bell College Park.

Senior midfielder Kerry Zavagnin, a more familiar face, sandwiched a goal in between Scicluna's two tallies.

Scicluna played on the junior varsity last year but his play of late has given coach Phil LaJoy reason to consider leaving a spot for him in the starting lineup.

"FOR A WHILE there I started to get worried about playing time, but I go in, beat my butt and have played pretty good," said Scicluna, who has three goals

soccer

on the year. "If we get our stuff together I think we can be a top contender for the (Class A) state (title)."

Said LaJoy: "Mario has worked hard and he's a digger — and you need that."

The win makes CC 2-0 overall, but Tuesday's lineup hardly resembled the one that's been on the field the first two games. CC controlled the midfield despite playing without three key players for various reasons.

Missing were junior midfielders Clayton Campbell (who was hit and Bob Harris (who had a knee injury) and senior midfielder Scott Larner, who had to sit out because of two yellow cards he received in an earlier game.

LAJOY MOVED senior co-captain Matt McNish from his stopper position to center-midfield, next to Zavagnin, the other senior co-captain. Junior John Andreoli was moved from outside fullback to stopper and LaJoy inserted junior Jason Parent and senior Brian Maas into the starting lineup as fullbacks.

Zavagnin, McNish, Matt Kopmeyer and Steve Heiert each collected assists for the Shamrocks.

"Rice gave us a good game and you can't take anything from them, but I thought we controlled play pretty well," LaJoy said. "They all did a very good job."

Goalkeeper Aaron Angeli suffered the loss for Rice and had to be replaced late in the game by Chris Timlin after Angeli was accidentally kicked in the stomach on Scicluna's second goal.

CC's Jeff Sawicki and Tim Boler shared the shutout and neither was tested.

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