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Marlins win golf tourney

The Farmington Hills Mercy golf team had a fast start this season and just keeps getting better.

The Marlins won their first two dual meets and then shot a six-year low 197 to win the Monroe Invitational Friday at Haines River Golf Course.

The 13-team tournament was reduced to nine holes instead of the usual 18 because of a rain delay.

"I'm really, really pleased," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "It's been at least six years since we broke 200."

Senior Kristyn Schulkins shot 45 to lead the Marlins and got an award for being the runner-up medalist. All 13 individuals who competed for Mercy received medals.

Junior Kyle Wisne finished with 48 strokes, Junior Dana Deshaw and sophomore Patty Cahill 52 apiece. Senior Jeanene Lassia and freshman Amy Schulkins had 57 each, but didn't figure in the team scoring.

"I CERTAINLY think we can do a little better, because we know Dana Deshaw can shoot under 52," Kowalski said. "We have 11 golfers who can shoot under 60 and that's great. We have some competition on our team."

The Marlins improved over last year when they were second in the invitational with an 18-hole team score of 432.

"Kristyn and Dana have improved their games, because some of the pressure has been taken off them," Kowalski said. "Last year they had to carry the team and come in with low scores. Knowing we have some other girls on the team who can shoot well, they have gotten better, too."

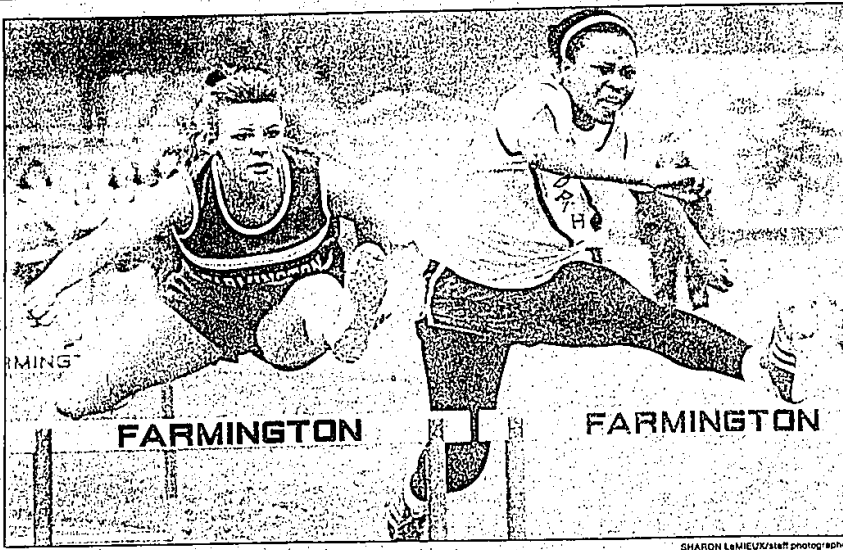
Area teams fared well in the invitational. Livonia Franklin (206) was second and Livonia Stevenson third (207). Livonia Churchill's Whitney Said was the medalist with 44 strokes, and Stevenson's Megan Johnson was third at 46.

Mercy began the season Wednesday by defeating Walpole Lake Western 203-237 at Glen Oaks Golf Course. Deshaw shot 46, Kristyn Schulkins 47, Cahill 54 and Wisne 56.

The Marlins recorded a 210 score Thursday in an easy win over Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes, which finished with a 268 total at par-35, Glen Oaks.

Kristyn Schulkins was low scorer in that match with 45 strokes. Deshaw shot 49, Amy Schulkins 54, sophomore Angie Donovan and Meredith Taylor 62 apiece.

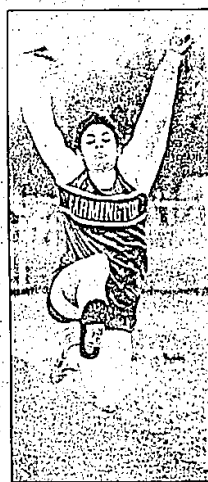
Mercy plays Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook today at Plum Hollow Country Club in Southfield.



Farmington's Sheri Ylitalo competes against North Farmington's Alisha Gordon in the 100-yard hurdles Thursday. Ylitalo won the race in 17.8 seconds, and the Falcons won the meet.

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Foursome paces Farmington



Maya Sardy gives her best effort in the long jump.

Farmington stayed unbeaten in girls track Thursday, winning its second dual meet with an 82-46 decision over visiting North Farmington. The Falcons had four individual double winners in Becky Washnock, Kay Rodgers, Liz Quenneville and Sheri Ylitalo.

Washnock won the shot put (32-4½) and discus (87-10). Rodgers the long jump (14-10) and 100 dash (13.3). Quenneville the high jump (4-10) and 400 dash (1:05.1). Ylitalo the high hurdles (17.8) and intermediate hurdles (52.6).

Washnock displayed her versatility by assisting in two of Farmington's three relay wins. Rodgers, Ylitalo and Quenneville were on one relay team each.

Rodgers anchored the 400 unit that included Colleen Wellings, Amber Reiser and Candice Enorio and finished in 55.1. Reiser and Enorio ran the first half of the 800 relay. Ylitalo and Washnock the second half as the Falcons posted a 1:58.6 time. Sara Urevig, Enorio, Washnock and Quenneville combined to win the 1,600 relay in 4:33.3.

JENNY WEIL was a double winner for the Raiders, taking first place in the 800 and 1,600 runs with respective times of 2:35.7 and 6:32.4. North's Annie Jud won the 200 dash (29.1) and Emily Shively the 3,200 run (12:22). The winning 3,200

relay team consisted of Keegan Keefover, Allecia Crossland, Amy Roberts and Lisa Wanlueck.

The Falcons are 1-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 2-0 overall. The Raiders are 0-1.

Farmington Hills Harrison, led by double winners Krista Snow and Heather Conley, whipped visiting Livonia Franklin 95-33 in girls track Thursday.

Snow won the high jump (4-6) and long jump (15-2). Conley the 100 and 200 dashes in 13.8 and 29.28, respectively.

The Hawks swept the relays and Conley was a member of two. Conley, Susan Glowacki, Lori Hubble and Jessica Johnson won the 400 relay (54.68). Snow, Glowacki, Hubble and Conley were first in the 800 event (1:58.91).

Other individual winners for Harrison were Colleen Heinemann in the high hurdles (16.5), Kristin Cornwell in the 300 intermediates (53.01), Jessica Plett in the 800 run (2:39.9) and Sheri Stolpach in the 3,200 run (12:37.7).

Harrison's Melanie Renkola, Maggie Chavez, Becky Peans and Hubble won the 1,600 relay (4:31.46). The 3,200 relay team consisted of Katie McAskin, Plett, Becky Sharpe and Renkola and finished in 10:43.5.

The Hawks are 1-0 in the Western Division of the WLAA and 1-1 overall. Franklin is 0-1 and 0-2.

Hawks win track meet

Farmington Hills Harrison won its second straight dual meet in boys track Thursday while Farmington dominated cross-town rival and host North Farmington.

The Hawks won their Western Division debut in the Western Lakes Activities Association 99-35 over host Livonia Franklin. Harrison is 2-0 overall.

Brock Gove and Steve Bruni were double winners in individual events for the Hawks, who swept first place in the relays.

Gove threw the shot put (40-11¼) and the discus (122-0). Bruni was the top hurdler with winning times of 16.7 in the high hurdles and 43.1 in the intermediates. Duane Anderson, Todd Wood and Pat Larsson had first-place finishes on the track and helped the Hawks win at least one relay apiece.

Anderson won the 100-meter dash in 11.1 and was the leadoff runner on the 400 and 800 relays.

JASON DREYER, Roy Granger and Scott Gurke followed Anderson in the 400 relay. Gil Chavez, Dreyer and Granger

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Raiders get 3-1 triumph

North Farmington earned its second victory Friday in girls soccer, defeating West Bloomfield 3-1.

The visiting Raiders scored first, but North tied 1-1 at halftime and controlled play in the last 40 minutes.

"In the second half, we crushed them," North coach Kris Galczyk said. "They collapsed (into their defensive zone) so we pressured them hard."

Freshman All Lord, scoring the first of her two goals, tied the game with an assist from Carrie Reje.

"The first half was even, but we had a few more chances to score," Galczyk said.

Reje got the go-ahead goal midway in the second half after taking a cross from sophomore sweeper Carey Perkins, who "played a tremendous game and was very strong moving toward the ball, according to Galczyk."

Lord, who had two breakaway scoring opportunities, added an insurance goal with an assist by Hadley Thurmon.

The Raiders (2-3) lost a Western Lakes Activities Association game 2-0 to visiting Northville on Wednesday, but Galczyk said he was pleased with the performance of his entire team.

"We're proving that it's no easy game (playing North) if some other top teams in the conference think so," he said. "We're playing twice as well as last year, and opponents have to employ all their skills."

Halfbacks Lisa Appel and Thurmon played smart and did a good job trying to control the midfield, Galczyk said. Lord had two breakaways and Reje also had some scoring chances.

"We created three or four opportunities and once again the goalie stopped the ball," Galczyk said.

"From my view, the game was close and they were very lucky to win the game 2-0."

MERCY 3, FOLEY 1: The Marlins didn't play one of their better games but still managed to defeat Madison Heights Bishop Foley Thursday.

Mercy is 2-0-2 in the Catholic League and 4-1-3 overall going into a non-league game today at Ann Arbor Huron.

"Somebody said a win is a win," Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said. "I suppose that's true, but I've always been the type of coach who stressed playing well."

"The players and I felt it was one of the worst games we've played. We just couldn't connect on our passes, and we were hesitant moving toward the ball."

"Everybody's level of play was down with the exception of defense and goalkeeping."

Mercy defenders Shannon Gibbons, Beth Ziebro, Lynette Santiago

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Field of dreams
Construction benefits FalconsBy Dan O'Meara
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Kevin Cosner had his Field of Dreams come true on the movie screen, but it happened in real life for Farmington High baseball coaches Kevin Kinsman and Todd Lipsa.

By a stroke of luck, they got their wish — a new field with the possibility of having all the extras they desired.

When construction began last year to widen Orchard Lake Road between 28 Mile and Grand River, Kinsman and Lipsa started thinking about a new field since the road work reduced the existing one's right-field fence by 50 feet.

The construction project proved to be a blessing in disguise since Dan's Excavating proposed building a new field, using the dirt removed from Orchard Lake and putting it behind Farmington High.

"It was a must to get another field," said Lipsa, an assistant to Kinsman. "We had to start thinking about it, because we knew we were losing one."

"WE WROTE down everything we could hope to have, and it was about a month later that Phil Davis (of Dan's Excavating) offered to move

baseball

the dirt and build a field for us."

Donating its services, the construction company moved approximately 70-80,000 yards of dirt at an estimated cost of \$200,000 last summer.

There was enough dirt to crown three practice fields and lay the groundwork for the new field just west of the former site and north of the football stadium.

"They said it would be worth their time and effort to put the dirt here and give us a field," Lipsa said. "If we had to hire somebody, it would have cost us that much."

"It might have cost them money to transport the dirt, but we got something we didn't expect. Granted, they saved money, but I think we got the best of the deal."

Consequently, Farmington got more than just the "plain diamond" we would have ordinarily had on the ground that was here," according to Lipsa.

As a result, the new field has a higher elevation to enhance drainage, and excess dirt was used to build berms behind the outfield

fence. Shrubs and trees will be planted in the outfield area.

THE VARSITY team will play on the old field until later this month, and only a few high school games will be played this year on the new field.

"In three years, I hope to be standing on one of the best fields around," Kinsman said. "Our goal is to make this one of the best fields in the state to play high school ball."

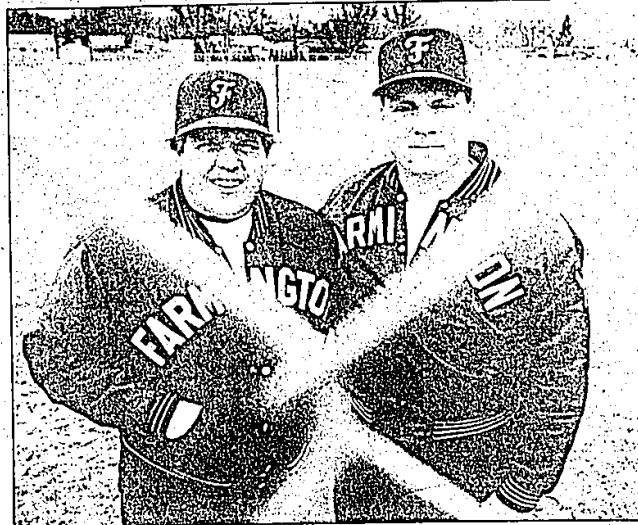
Half of the Kinsman-Lipsa wish list has been filled with the inclusion of a grass infield, an enclosed park with six-foot fence around it, a sprinkler system over the entire field, cement dugouts and the right dimensions. The distances are 305 feet down the line, 365 to center field, 340 in the gaps and 45 from home plate to the backstop.

The school district paid for the fence, sprinkler system and special infield mix. Fenit Building Supply donated the mortar and sand to build the dugouts.

But the coaches would like to see some other things added to the site and are working on several fundraising projects.

Kinsman and Lipsa hope to raise \$10,000 to construct a building on the

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Farmington High baseball coaches Todd Lipsa (left) and Kevin Kinsman got their wish — a new field with lots of extras.