

Mercy boasts good swim team again

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Following another successful year in girls swimming, Farmington Hills Mercy expects more of the same in 1992.

Though the Marlins lost several fine swimmers from a team that won the Catholic League title and finished 10th in the state, they also return a number of outstanding athletes.

The most notable graduation losses were Katie Knipper and Mandy Speer, a pair of state placers who now swim for the University of Michigan.

Mercy also is under the direction of new coach Judith Cooper, who replaces Tori Eudy-Tractors following a two-year stint. Cooper has coached the Taylor Pool Sharks in the USS program the last three years.

"I think we're looking at a very strong team," she said. "We have at least one swimmer in each event who will be very strong not just in the league but the state. I think we will be ranked high and should have a very good season."

Swim coaches call with times

Plymouth Canton coach Hooker Wellman will compile a weekly list of Observers' best swim times and diving scores. Coaches are asked to call Wellman between 2:50 and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 451-6600, ext. 313.

The top returnees are senior Erik Smith, senior Jenny McCombs and junior Andrea Hoeflein, all of whom are league champions and either qualified or scored at the state meet.

McCombs is the defending league champ in the individual medley and butterfly. Smith won the 200 and 500 freestyle titles.

At the Class A finals, Smith was fifth in the 200 freestyle and 11th in the 100. McCombs captured fifth place in the backstroke with a

school-record time of 1:00.77. Junior Michelle Welch and sophomore Katie Scallen will have increased roles this year. In the league, Welch was second in the 100 and 500 freestyle, Scallen the 200 freestyle. Hoeflein, Welch and Scallen qualified for the state meet but did not score.

Other returning swimmers are senior captain April Kula; juniors Patty Cahill, Lori Kelly, Susan McClellan, Allison Strand, Amy Vetroh and (diver) Jen Buckley; sophomores Allison Machacek, Katy Ryan and Heather Yaglia.

The Marlins also have some promising freshmen, according to Cooper, in the persons of Hope Harrison and Bethany Budde.

Mercy began the season Sept. 12 with a fifth-place finish at the Brighton Relays. Northville won the meet.

"We didn't swim our powerhouses in every event," Cooper said, adding she wanted to experiment and give others experience. "We could have padded it and finished high up, but that's not our goal right now."

The Marlins won three events and qualified for state in two. Hoeflein, Welch and Smith combined with McCombs in the medley relay (1:56.42) and Harrison in the 400 freestyle (3:50.14). Machacek, Scallen, Hoeflein and Smith won the crescendo relay with a time of 8:57.16.

Northville scored 76 points and was followed by West Bloomfield and Milan (72), Monroe (60), Mercy and Adrian (58), Fenton (14), Novi and Pinckney (10), Lansing Sexton (8), Brighton (4) and Livonia Ladywood (0).

Mercy had three state-qualifying swims Tuesday during a dual-meet loss to host Birmingham Seaholm, 111-74.

Smith made the cut in the 50-yard freestyle (25.43) and breaststroke (1:11.27). McCombs qualified in the backstroke (1:03.44).

The Marlins also had duplicate qualifying times in the medley and 400 freestyle relays.

Mercy is 0-2 in dual meets, having lost to Ann Arbor Huron last week.

TENNIS

FARMINGTON MERCY TENNIS INVITATIONAL

(Saturday at Livonia Stevenson)

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 19; 2. Walled Lake Central, 16; 3. Farmington Hills Mercy, 15; 4. Livonia Ladywood, 11; 5. Dearborn, 10; 6. Warren Hills, 8; 7. Livonia Chalmers, 5; 8. Livonia Stevenson, 4.

FLIGHT RESULTS

- No. 1 singles: Stephens Goodwood (Walled Lake) defeated Liz Gunn (Livodywood), 6-2, 6-1; consolation: Kathy Herb (Andover) def. Catherine Schmitt (Dearborn), 6-4, 6-2.
- No. 2: Rachel Canton (Walled Lake) def. Hannah Kwon (Andover), 6-2, 7-6; consolation: Nikki Foley (Dearborn) def. Jackie Deluca (Stevenson), 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.
- No. 3: Jackie Rajchman (Mercy) def. Rita Prueger (Andover), 6-3, 6-1; consolation: Cathy Harrington (Churchill) def. Sarah Grant-Hamm (Walled Lake), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.
- No. 4: Jennifer Worsch (Livodywood) def. Peggy Mueller (Mercy), 6-3, 6-1; consolation: Tracy Ogle (Walled Lake) def. Christina Grabowski (Churchill), 6-2, 4-6, 6-0.
- No. 1 doubles: Janie Chaben-Arno Kaplan (Andover) def. Mary Thomas-Maureen Smith (Churchill), 1-6, 6-1, 6-1; consolation: Kara Caswell-Heather Zupac (Livodywood) def. Jane Zimmerman-Kate Emery (Mercy), 6-2, 7-6.
- No. 2: Meghan Megge-Natasha Yates (Andover) def. Nevada Brenner-Aurea Aklay (Walled Lake), 6-1, 6-4; consolation: Karri Linda-Sarah Dorritt (Churchill) def. Senia Doves-Manisa Wardell (Mercy), 6-1, 7-5.
- No. 3: Natalie Booda-Melanie Tachen (Andover) def. Raylene Latcham-Rebecca Marko (Dearborn), 6-3, 6-4; consolation: Michele Urdaneta-Gresh (Mercy) def. Rachel Eggertson-Nikki Hani (Stevenson), 6-3, 6-0.

WEST BLOOMFIELD 8 NORTH FARMINGTON 3

(Tuesday at North Farmington)

- No. 1 singles: Stacy Young (WF) def. Keely Jones, 7-5, 6-2.
- No. 2: Jennifer Reff (NF) def. Monica Van Sprons, 3-5, 6-0, 6-3.
- No. 3: Michelle Cuevas (WF) def. Alison Wall, 6-0, 6-3.
- No. 4: Jenna Mims (WF) def. Heather Stoneham, 6-4, 6-2.
- No. 1 doubles: Amy Schawien-Rita Takahashi (WF) def. Emily Ochs-Renee Chou, 6-0, 5-7, 6-2.
- No. 2: Lindsay Lhemores-Jennifer Paewick (NF) def. Lindsay Jacobson-Jennifer Marko, 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.
- No. 3: Jennifer Ivan-Jennifer Kosciuk (NF) def. Melissa Marben-Mary McGovern, 7-5, 6-2.
- No. 4: Ann Maddux-Sarah McGovern (WF) def. Amy Maria Brandt-Che, 6-3, 6-0.
- North's dual meet record: 4-2 overall, 2-0 in the Western Lakes.

NORTH FARMINGTON 8 NORTHVILLE 2

(Monday at Northville)

- No. 1 singles: Keely Jones (NF) def. Jerry Lower, 6-2, 6-1.
- No. 2: Jennifer Reff (NF) def. Kyle Mas, 6-3, 6-1.
- No. 3: Allison Washon (NF) def. Ellen Song, 6-2, 6-2.
- No. 4: Heather Stoneham (NF) def. Alissa Mader, 6-2, 6-1.
- No. 1 doubles: Renee Chou-Emily Ochs (NF) def. Lisa Wagner-Jennie McCormick, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6.

Hawks take 3rd at Huron Invite

The Farmington Hills Harrison boys finished third and the North Farmington girls sixth Saturday in respective cross-country competition at the New Boston Huron Invitational.

Monroe won the boys race with 27 points, putting five runners in the top 10. Toledo St. John scored 80, the Hawks 109 and Belleville 140.

Harrison was led by Justin Dreyer, who finished eighth in 17:03. He also was fourth at the West Bloomfield Invitational with a 16:59 time.

Todd Haney was 20th (17:35), Justin Koonce 23rd (17:42), Chad Koonce 24th (17:43), Roger Stadler 34th (18:22), Steve Quarterman 55th (18:54) and Steve Swartz 53rd (18:52).

The Raiders scored 109 points in the girls Division I, which also was won by Monroe (54). The top five teams got trophies, and North was just two points out of fifth place

and 13 away from third.

The top 30 runners received medals, and that number included North's Emily Shively, third (20:33); Alicia Crossland, 14th (22:10); Kerrie Simpson, 20th (22:43); and Elaine Wolff, 30th (23:35). Lisa Biederman was 42nd (24:24), Erin Janssen 44th (24:42) and Robyn Berach 55th (27:54).

"Believe it or not, the top two did not run their best times of the season and the other five did," North coach Bill Pinnell said.

"Emily ran a good race, and the other two ahead of her were all-staters who beat her at the state meet. Alicia also had a good race, and Kerrie has been coming on strong."

The Raiders were minus Keegan Keefe (torn leg muscle) and will be again today for a key Lakes Division dual meet against Livonia Stevenson.

"That's going to put us at a dis-

advantage, because Stevenson is going to be pretty tough," Pinnell said. "They should have seven girls under 22:30."

FARM. MERCY

By taking the top three places Tuesday, Farmington Hills Mercy won a key Catholic League/Central Division dual meet over Dearborn Bixie Child, 20-27.

Sharmila Prasad (20:52), Amy Freund (21:22) and Mary Thewes (22:17) took the top three spots in the race at Cass Benton. The Marlins improved to 2-0 overall and 2-0 in the league.

Erin Blazewski's 24:15 was good for 11th, while fellow Mercy runner Sarah Podorske took 11th place (24:22).

On Saturday, the Marlins finished 13th at the Holly Invitational, which was won by Brighton. Freund (21:14) and Prasad (21:34) were eighth and 15th.

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SOCCER

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by noon Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and noon Friday (for Monday edition). Items run one edition only.

■ **HAWKS WIN TITLE**

The Michigan Hawks, an under-16 girls soccer team, beat Livonia Youth Soccer Club United, 2-1, to win its division recently at the Troy Classic VII Tournament.

The Hawks, coached by Paul Scicluna and Ken Hammon, also defeated the Troy Chargers in a semifinal match, 3-1. They added wins against the BSCF Blazers of Birmingham, the Rochester Hills Rockets and the Guelph, Ontario Royals in pool play.

Members of the Hawks include: Aimee Cousins, Michelle Fatute, Laura Felipio, Amy Marcoe, Angie Siggins and Elizabeth Szepkhalo, all of Livonia; Jenny Bazzarelli and Mari Hoff, both of Canton; Kelly Lukasiuk, Plymouth; Kari Westveer, Troy; Kathryn Soltero, West Bloomfield; Heather Huizing, Jessi-

en Jones and Katie Hohl, all of Northville; Kelly Hamann, Milford; Muthoni Muiruri, Okemos; and Charlene Ramsey, Belleville.

■ **LYSC UNITED 1ST**

Livonia Youth Soccer Club United, an under-13 Little Caesars Premier League girls team, recently captured the under-14 division (I) at the Romeo Peach Festival.

LYSC United, coached by Mario Galindo, defeated the Northville Sting (2-0), USL Vitesse (3-0) and the Pointe Mustangs (1-0) en route to the title. (United also tied the Mustangs '79 squad, 0-0.)

Members of United include: Melissa Beckus, Lisa Fobirkiewicz, Andrea Galindo, Lanette Moss, Stacy Nastase, Terri Owens, Jenny Schmidt, Kelly Travis and Crystal Wright, all of Livonia; Tinn Albaugh and Mandy Paton, both of Redford; Angela DeDominico, Farmington Hills; Sarah Pezzati, West Bloomfield; Yvonne Rimescu and Lydia Ruhn, both of Novi.

The team manager is Kathy Nastase.

■ **'81 HAWKS VICTORIOUS**

The Livonia Y Michigan Hawks '81, an under-12 girls soccer team co-coached by Kelly Taylor and Jennifer Hough, captured a divisional title recently at the Troy Classic VII tournament, scoring a 2-1 win in the finals over the Troy Dynamite.

The Little Caesars Premier League team outscored its five opponents, 17-1.

Members of the Hawks '81 squad include Carrie DiBasio, Mary Gignac, Becky Peterson, Kristina Stanclura and Sarah Wittrock, all of Livonia; Shannon Konarski and Dana Manteuffel, both of Redford; Danah Tomasso, Canton; Erin Cain and Heather Pedersen, both of West Bloomfield; Bethany Bryant and Kristin Shea, both of Northville; Janelle Harwood and Sara McDonald, both of Brighton; Melissa Lawson, New Hudson; Jeanne Vaquera, South Lyon; and goalie Beth Quiney, Milford.

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