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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Duthie is All-American

Ferris State University junior Christie Duthie of Farmington Hills, former star swimmer at North Farmington High School, earned All-American status at the NCAA Division II Championships earlier this month.

Duthie finished sixth in the 200 butterfly with a 2:09.28 time and received a trophy for her performance March 13 in Canton, Ohio. She also won the 200 butterfly at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference meet in February and became the first FSU women's conference champion.

Her time of 2:10.79 was two 10ths of a second short of the NCAA qualifying time, but she swam 2:09.92 and made the cut Feb. 25.

Duthie also placed fourth in the 100 butterfly and seventh in the 500 freestyle at the GLIAC championships.

She overcame two bouts with the flu and a back injury to qualify for the NCAA meet, said Pat Duthie, her father and North girls swim coach.

"Obviously, we're proud of her," he said. "Getting to the nationals was an accomplishment and (earning) was the icing on the cake. I was real pleased for Christie. It's kind of neat that she hung in there."

Marlins excel on track

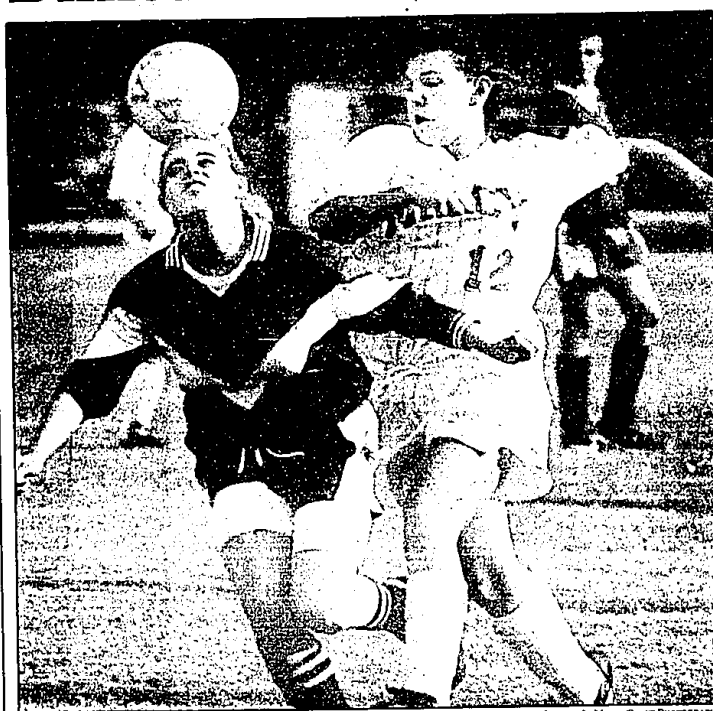
Farmington Hills Mercy won two events in the Oakland County girls indoor track championships Friday at Macomb Community College.

Nicole Pryor, Eileen O'Connell and Dawn DiPonio were on both first-place relays, teaming with Amy Freund to set a meet record of 10:39 in the two-mile and Amanda Northcross to win the 880 in 1:56.8.

O'Connell, DiPonio, Pryor and Sharmilla Prasad gave the Marlins second in the distance medley relay with a 13:48 time. O'Connell ran three quarters of a mile, DiPonio a half mile, Pryor a quarter mile and Prasad a mile.

Freund also was second in the two-mile run (12:41) and Prasad fourth (12:51). Thirteen teams participated.

Difficult schedule awaits Marlins



Soccer veteran: Senior midfielder Carrie Dziadosz (light uniform) is one of the top returning players on the Mercy soccer team.

Farmington Hills Mercy is the defending Catholic League soccer champion but could be pressed to hold the title this year.

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STAFF WRITER



League winners and three-time district champions might see changing times this season.

Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman, entering his third season, is concerned how his team will fare with a stronger schedule and against improved league competition.

"It may be a tough season for us," he said. "In the league, Birmingham Marian has several excellent players and will be very good. Bishop Foley and Livonia Ladywood are also good like usual."

"Our schedule is also very tough. We play Rochester Adams, which won the state Class A title, and will face Birmingham Seaholm."

The Marlins, who were 15-3-3 overall and 5-1-2 in the league, will be without their leading scorer from a year ago, Tanja Maciocio, who tallied 22 goals and eight assists. She plays for the University of Notre Dame.

Also gone are defenders Shannon Gibbons (Central Michigan) and Leslie Santiago.

Mercy does return senior Carrie Dziadosz, who was second-team all-area. The center midfielder, who had six goals and 16 assists, has already received a scholarship to play at Temple University.

"Her job is to set up people," Shivraman said. "She led us in assists last year, and she understands her role. She's looking very strong."

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Hoosier heaven

Basketball banzai! Trip well worth time



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has his players lay on the floor and spell out T-41-A-N-K-S. Knight, of course, is the final letter to the puzzle.

Midnight: Santa Clara upsets Arizona on CBS. My hosts, the McWhorter family, are sound asleep.

12:45 a.m. (FRIDAY): Read Indianapolis News. Time for bed.

11:25 a.m.: T-shirt, with Knight as a mascot, as General George Patton, is selling for \$10 apiece outside the Hoosier Dome. The T-shirt says: "The General marches on New Orleans (site of the final four)."

11:40 a.m.: Hoosier Dome is alive, probably 24,000 already in the building for double-header which pits Marquette vs. Oklahoma State and Louisville vs. Delaware.

12:20 p.m.: Tip-off. Let the games begin.

1:35 p.m.: Oklahoma State's 7-foot, 250-pound center Bryant Reeves throws down a dunk on the Warriors. Marquette never recovers. OSU mascot Pistol Pete leads up for the next round.

2:10 p.m.: Gabby Richards, who covers the Cowboys for the Oklahoma State student newspaper (Daily Oklahoman), says coach Eddie Sutton is a great guy to deal with. "He returns all my calls," said the aspiring journalist.

2:45 p.m.: Dwayne Morton of Louisville throws down a vicious dunk and talks some trash to Delaware's 6-11 star Spencer Dunkley, who's the Blue Hens' highly touted center from England. Dunkley can't seem to do anything right.

3:11 p.m.: Louisville's James Brewer goes crashing into the seats behind the basket. He's taken off on a stretcher. Later it's learned Brewer has a slight concussion. He sits on the bench for the second half.

4:40 p.m.: Delaware makes the final score respectable, but Louisville is in total control, advancing to the next round.

5 p.m.: Louisville press conference ends with Dwayne Morton saying "God Bless you all."

6:10 p.m.: Media buffet. Serving chicken and fish. Even choice of blueberry, cherry or apple pie. Let's face it. These reporters are all spoiled.

7:15 p.m.: There's a sea of red all the way up to Bob Uecker-land. Xavier, nicknamed the Musketeers, and New Orleans, called the Privateers, take the floor.

8:30 p.m.: The Musketeers are too much for 6-11 Ervin Johnson and New Orleans. A 30-all halftime deadlock by 8 p.m. Xavier's Brian Grant and Aaron Williams are just too strong. They pace Xavier to an impressive victory.

10:04 p.m.: Knight and his entourage take the floor. The roar is deafening. Wright State coach Ralph Unrath is dressed to the hilt. Chuck Daly watch out.

10:15 p.m.: Wright State's "Dollar Bill" Edwards is being heralded as an NBA first-round pick, an All-American. Ohio writers claim that he can do it all at 6-8. He can go inside or outside, they say. But except for a few brief flashes, Edwards looks very ordinary, even bad, the crowd shouts "Shoot!"

10:41 p.m.: Alan Henderson takes the floor. Is this the second coming? 30,000 screaming fans stand on their feet in unison.

11:07 p.m.: Indiana wins by a Midwest Regional-record 47 points. Knight's son Patrick even gets into the act with a dunk. Every time he touches the ball, the crowd shouts "Shoot!"

12:05 a.m. (SATURDAY): Knight press conference. Butler sports information director Chris Denari opens things up. "Opening comments from coach Knight."

"Yes, I have only one," bellows the king of red sweaters. "It's too damn late to play a college basketball game."

12:06 a.m.: Denari: "Questions for coach Knight."

9:15 a.m.: "Coach," asks one brave reporter. "Can you comment on how your team played tonight?"

Knight responds: "Good."

Reporter: "Can you elaborate or embellish upon that?"

Knight: "Very good."

12:38 a.m.: Back in bed at the McWhorter house. It's been a long day.

9:15 a.m.: Breakfast at Shoney's with my little buddy J.B. The bacon platter at the breakfast bar is going fast.

Going to the Indiana High School Semi-State (Sweet 16) Tournament at Hinkle Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. That's the place where the movie "Hoosiers" was filmed.

10 a.m.: Reach Butler University campus. Time to kill. Butler lacrosse team is practicing in the misty rain. Baseball infield is covered with a tarp.

10:15 a.m.: Seats are filling up quickly in the 12,000-seat barn. Tickets are only \$8 for all three games.

11 a.m.: Tip-off. High school basketball at its best. Ben Davis (24-3) versus Columbus North (17-8) in the first game. Bill Stearnman has been the North coach since 1992.

Scott George drills a three-pointer to start the game. The 10,000 or so fans go wild. Jason Montague counters with a three-pointer for North. What a start.

12:50 p.m.: Ben Davis holds off North, 67-60. Ben Davis guard Donald Mallory handles the ball just like Ish Thomas.

12:45 p.m.: No. 1 Anderson (52-2) takes the floor, led by a chief and a hawk, who stand at attention at mid-court. It's a sea of Green and Red. The Indians bring about 6,000 fans of their own. Cheerleaders do flips and actually get fans involved in cheers. New Castle

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