

Mercy has all-area golf trio

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STAFF WRITER

The girls golf coaches from Oberlin gathered recently to pick the best players for the All-Area first and second teams.

Although there was no superstar, such as Livonia Stevenson's Megan Johnson of last year's graduating class, seniors led the 1993 first team.

Farmington Hills Mercy, the Catholic League champion, has three players on the first team. Livonia Franklin also had a fine season and placed two on the first team.

Presenting the 1993 All-Area girls first team:

FIRST TEAM

Nancy Noechel, Liv. Franklin: Noechel closed out her career by making a repeat showing on the first team. Franklin, the medalist in six of 14 dual matches, averaged 49 per nine holes. The Franklin Athlete of the Year finished seventh in the Western Lakes Activities Association meet and tied for seventh in the Class A regional with a 93.

Noechel is a four-year letter winner and a member of the national honor society.

"Nancy's a fine example of a leader," Franklin coach Darlene Marohnic said. "Nancy never gave up, and she's an excellent thinker on the golf course."

Amy Schulkins, Mercy: The sophomore recovered from a shaky Class A regional tourney 96 in the state meet. She was ninth place in the Oakland County Meet and took third in the Catholic League with a nine-hole total of 60.

Schulkins averaged 61.4, improving by four strokes in the last year, according to coach Vicki Kowaleki.

"Amy is very easy to get along with and to work with," Kowaleki said. "She always encourages the other team members to do their best. She's well on her way to being a top golfer in the county and the area."

Dana Deshaw, Mercy: A repeat performer on the first team, Deshaw took first place in the Catholic League (48) and was second at the Oakland County Meet. She was third in the Monroe Invitational, fifth in the regional and shot 93 in the state final.

Deshaw is a two-time captain and has been on the varsity four years. "Her leadership will be missed," Kowaleki said. "She was a good competitor to work with and to motivate the other team members."

Erin Quinn, Stevenson: Quinn took third place in the



Dana DeShaw
Mercy



Kyla Wisno
Mercy



Amy Schulkins
Mercy



Erin Quinn
Stevenson



Nancy Noechel
Franklin



Nicky Meehan
Franklin

WLAA meet and was the medalist at the '93 Stevenson Invitational. Quinn placed 13th at the regional, had a 61.9 average and led the Spartans to a 7-2 dual match record.

"Beyond her skill as a golfer, Erin set an example of determination and as a positive role model to her team," Stevenson coach John Wagner said. "Her work ethic and enthusiasm in spite of a preseason and lingering injury was a factor of obvious importance in relation to the success of our team this year. She's a quality athlete that will be missed next season."

Nancy Meehan, Franklin: The four-year varsity letterwinner placed fifth in the WLAA and shot a 106 in the Class A regional. "Nancy was very competitive and inclined to get the team going," Marohnic said. "Woods are the strong part of her game."

Kyle Wisno, Mercy: Wisno, who has played three years for the Mercy varsity, placed ninth in the Catholic League and helped the Marlies to second place in the Monroe Invitational and third in the Class A regional. She had identical rounds of 108 at Monroe and the regional.

"Although Kyle does not garner many individual awards, she is an integral part of the team," Kowaleki said. "Kyle is the spirit of the Mercy team, and her enthusiasm will be missed next year."

SOCCER

FARMINGTON TRYOUTS

The Farmington Soccer Club will have tryouts for its select soccer teams between June 18 and 22.

All boys tryouts will take place at Drake Field, 12 Mile and Drake roads. The girls tryouts will be at Pioneer Field, 13 Mile and Farmington roads. For information call boys coordinator Craig Barton (476-7837) or girls coordinator Joe Pawloski (476-7899). Tryout dates and times are as follows: Under-10 boys, 5-7 p.m. June 18; under-11 boys, 7-9 p.m. June 18; under-12 boys, 9-11 a.m. June 19; under-13 boys, noon to 2 p.m. June 20; under-14 boys, 2-4 p.m. June 20; under-14 boys, 2-5 p.m. June 20. All girls tryouts (for age groups under-12, 14, 16 and 18) will be 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. June 21 and 22.

VARADAR TRYOUTS

Tryouts for the Varadar III boys soccer club will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, June 17 and 18, at Oakland University in Auburn Hills (lower fields) for the following age groups: under-10 (coach Mike Lupenec), under-11 (Monte Lupenec), under-12 (Mike Lupenec), under-13 (Matt Christensen), under-14 (Matt Paukovits) and under-15 (Mark Christensen).

Boys tryouts for under-18 (Monte Lupenec), under-17 (Mike Lupenec) and under-19 (Mark Christensen) are pending.

For more information, call Bruce Thomas (473-8650) or Mark Christensen (964-0140).

NORTHVILLE TRYOUTS

The Northville Soccer Association will hold select team tryouts for the fall 1993 and spring 1994 seasons. Tryouts are as follows: Boys under-10½ (born Aug. 1, 1983 or younger), 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 25, and 1-4 p.m. Saturday, June 27, at TCS (call coach Rich Azinger at 344-0818).

Boys under-11½ (born Aug. 1, 1982 or younger), 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 18, 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19, and 4-6 p.m. Sunday, June 20, at TCS (call Jeff Weickel at 349-0605 or Gary Vetter at 347-4377).

Girls under-11½ (born Aug. 1, 1982 or younger), 6-8 p.m. Thursday, June 24, and 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, June 26, at TCS (call Pat Melvin at 348-6443).

LIVONIA TRYOUT

Girls born after Aug. 1, 1977, June 21 and 22, 6-8 p.m. at Bicentennial Park No. 7. Players should bring a water bottle, ball and light and dark shirt. For information call 591-1161 or 569-7897.

ALL-AREA GOLF

ALL-AREA GIRLS SOUVENIR FIRST TEAM

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Kyla Wisno/Mercy

Second Team

Sarah Andersen/Ladywood
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Athens tops Canton to win 3rd state title

BY JIM TOTH
STAFF WRITER

SOCCER

There is no better soccer team at playing the underdog role than Troy Athens.

In fact, as of Saturday, there is no better girls soccer team in the state than the Red Hawks.

Coach Tim Storch's Red Hawks chalked up their third Class A crown in the last five seasons and the third consecutive by a Metro Suburban Activities Association team, getting first-half goals from Susie Anderson and Laura Montecello and some stellar defensive play spearheaded by Jamie Kallio to score a 2-0 triumph over host Plymouth Canton.

"This is what it's all about—winning a state championship," Athens senior goalkeeper Dana Russell said. "We've been underdogs all year. It's nice to go out this way."

Athens (22-2-1) claimed its first girls soccer title in 1989 and won its second in 1991.

"Our focus has been tremendous all year," Storch said. "We knew that if we kept our focus, when the time came we would play for a state championship."

"I couldn't be more pleased with what we accomplished. We literally went through the toughest road of the state tournament to get where we are today. "We (MSAA teams) have had the edge the last few years, but it's been the Western Lakes and the MSAA battling it out here, and that says a lot about youth soccer in these areas."

For the Chiefs (20-2-1), the loss marked the second time in as many years they have come up short in their bid to claim the Class A crown. Rochester Adams squeaked out a 1-0 win last year.

"I don't know what it is but it's tough to score for us in a championship game," Plymouth Canton coach Don Smith said. "You have to give Troy Athens a lot credit

because they came to play and they did a real good job."

The Red Hawks, as they have in each of their six previous post-season games, came out pressuring the opposition. The constant pressure resulted in Anderson's goal at the 20-minute mark. The junior midfielder redirected a shot from Montecello to past a diving Troy Welchman in the Canton goal.

Seventeen minutes later, it was Montecello banging in a rebound off a shot by DePerno.

Completely outplayed and outthruled in the first 40 minutes, the Chiefs stormed back to provide some excitement in the second half. It appeared as though the Chiefs had sliced the deficit in half, but the goal was quickly disallowed when it was ruled that the ball had been hit out of Russell's hands.

The call seemed to spark some life into the Red Hawks, who up until that point had been content to sit on their two-goal lead.

"It's hard sometimes when you're up 2-0 because you tend to get a false sense of security," Storch said. "They carried the play to us in the second half and that's when our defense stepped up. I know it's been said many times, but offense wins games and defense wins championships."

Not making excuses, Smith pointed to Thursday's semifinal battle with Portage as a game that may have taken more out of the Chiefs than expected.

"We won a tough one there and sometimes it's a pretty tough to come back two days later and play another tough one," Smith said. "I thought we could play over it, but we got careless in the first half and they got two in there. The girls knew they had better come back with a better second half or they would be embarrassed."

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