

SOCCER

REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Phil Laly, 19th season. League affiliation: Western Lakes Division.

Last year's overall record: 10-3-2. Titles won last year: Central Division, Catholic League and Class A District champions.

Notable losses to graduation: Anthony Verino (first-team All-Area forward); Jason Parent (second-team All-Area defender).

Leading returnees: Rich Walsh, senior midfielder (first-team All-Area); Adam Borcher, senior sweeper (first-team All-Area); Matt Kogmeyer, senior striker (second-team All-Area); Jamie Heitert, senior forward; Trevor Austin, senior defender; Matt McGivney, senior goalie; Jeremy Rodzik, junior goalie; Mike Kokoszka, senior goalie.

Promising newcomers: Brian Collins, junior defender; Andy Cigan, junior defender; Jon Zuga, junior defender.

Lalby's '93 outlook: "I feel we can play with anybody because we're strong up the middle."

"It's a strong team, a good team. I feel good about the team this year. We've got a lot of work to do, but the kids have an excellent attitude and come to work every day."

LIVONIA CHURCHILL

Head coach: John Riotta, 1st season. League affiliation: Western Lakes Activities Association (Western Division).

Last year's overall record: 11-5-3. Season opener: 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 at Plymouth.

Notable losses to graduation: Kai Kiszewski (first-team All-Area goalie); Vince Truitt (first-team All-Area forward); Brian Peters (second-team All-Area defender); Kevin DeKorny (second-team All-Area midfielder).

Leading returnees: Goren Rauber, senior center-midfielder; Vincent DeMassa, senior forward; Justin Morrison, senior defender; Charlie Roberts, junior center-midfielder; Brian O'Dairne, senior sweeper; Jared Barnes, junior midfielder; Kevin Callaway, junior defender; Paul Dostal, senior defender; Mark Harper, senior forward; Michael Marigano, junior outside-midfielder; Pete Owens, senior forward; Mark Stackpole, senior forward; Adam Stage, senior goalkeeper; Matt Todor, senior outside-midfielder.

Promising newcomers: Brian Zathy, senior goalie.

Coach's '93 outlook: "We have a lot of experience and the kids improved their play over the summer with the club teams."

"It's a well-knit group. They enjoy one another and they're enjoying the game again."

"Basically our goalkeeper is untested. (Adam) Stage has been a back-up."

"Right now we have a nice bunch of guys, but we need some senior, or even junior leadership. We need somebody to step up."

"They have roles to accept and they're doing a good job with that so far."

LIVONIA FRANKLIN

Head coach: Mary Kay Hasey, 1st season. League affiliation: Western Lakes Division.

Last year's overall record: 13-2-2. Titles won last year: WLA-Western Division and WLA-O-Charlton.

Season opener: 5:30 p.m. Friday vs. Dearborn Equal Fed at Birmingham Detroit Country Day Invitational.

Notable losses to graduation: Richard Barlette, second-team All-Area forward; Jason Emery, Andrew Hekert, David Stetson, Patrick Curtis, Guillermo Casares, Todd Freeman, Luis Dominguez, Victor Rodopoulos, senior center defender; Derek Witzke, senior defender; Byron Yankis, senior defender; Don Kulick, junior defender; Mary Smith, junior striker.

Promising newcomers: Jason Garcia, senior forward (exchange student from Ecuador); Mike Stone, junior midfielder; Robert Vesp, sophomore midfielder.

Hasey's '93 outlook: "Our goaltender is a very big question mark right now. We have three people we're looking at. They really haven't been trained, but they all have the potential to be good keepers."

"This weekend (County Day Invitational) should give me an idea where I stand."

LIVONIA STEVENSON

Head coach: Will Derritt, fourth season. League affiliation: Western Lakes (Lakes Division).

Last year's overall record: 10-4-4. Season opener: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Troy High.

Notable losses to graduation: Jeff Thomas (first-team All-Area midfielder); Adam Pichler (first-team All-Area defender); Mike Shoyt (second-team All-Area defender); Andrew Foley, Steve Weiler.

Leading returnees: Nick Deren, sophomore striker; Steve Wiltford, sophomore midfielder; Doug Nash, junior midfielder; Chris Grodzki, senior defender; Scott Sorenson, sophomore defender; Nick Denczewski, senior forward; Jim Greve, sophomore goalie; Dan Cokosimo, senior defender; Dave Green, junior midfielder; Anthony Velazquez, junior midfielder; Mike Kilber, senior midfielder; Dave Moore, senior defender; Arthur Knoch, junior defender; Mo Laspency, junior goalie.

Promising newcomers: Justin Walker, sophomore forward; Steve Ingino, sophomore defender; Ed Hertzog, senior midfielder; Shannon Lamb, freshman forward.

Derritt's '93 outlook: "We treated the whole preseason no different than any other despite the uncertainty of sports. Eighty percent of the team returns, which is far greater an advantage than '92. They know how I coach and what I expect, and that will make their attitude better."

Titans of tennis

Farmington teams plan to stay at top level

By NEAL ZIPSER STAFF WRITER

The early question in girls tennis this year is whether the Farmington schools will continue to dominate in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The three teams finished in the top four in the WLA last year, with North Farmington winning the conference before finishing second in the regional.

Before the Raiders, it was Harrison which won the conference three straight years. Now, Farmington believes it has a chance to win the title.

Farmington Hills Mercy is also no stranger to success. The Marlins captured the Catholic League title last year and, returning most of its starters, will be the team to beat again.

North Farmington

Whoopee Goldberg isn't making any special appearances on the North squad this year, but the Raiders still hope to pull a stunner.

The Raiders have three sets of sisters on the team, including Keeley and Lauren Jones, who play first and third singles, respectively. Keeley (senior) starts her second year at No. 1, while Lauren begins her promising career with a surprisingly hard shot for a freshman.

The Joneses will lead what looks to be an impressive North squad, which won the WLA last year with a 10-0-1 mark and was 12-1 overall.

The Raiders lost only their second singles player, Jennifer Reff, and one of their top doubles players, Emily Ochs. Still, North has seven or eight seniors who might start during the season.

North has a very capable second singles player in Allison Walkon, who was the top third singles player and has improved by becoming a more aggressive hitter, according to coach Norm Staniszewski.

Walkon and her sister, freshman Heidi, make up another sister combination. The third is duo is Brenda and Carrie Cio.

Sophomore Amy Marks will begin the season in the No. 4 singles spot. Staniszewski considers the success of his doubles teams last season to have been the key to North's success. The Raiders might enjoy the same this year thanks to some upperclassmen. The first doubles team of seniors Jennifer Kouflic and Jennifer Irani was at third doubles team last year.

"They play very smart tennis together and force the other team into making mistakes," Staniszewski said.

The duo of seniors Jennifer Fajewski and Lindsay Livermore return for their

second year at No. 2. Senior Renee Chou and sophomore Erica Brown will play third doubles, while junior Nicole Fletscher and sophomore Heather Cornwell team up at No. 4.

Staniszewski says junior Lisa Anastasio, seniors Kery Krentain and Dana Sterling and freshmen Danielle Wiseman, Elyse Lakritz and Jennifer Hickox may see some time on the court.

"We have some seniors but we also have some underclassmen who can help," Staniszewski said. "We have good balance and it won't be a total disaster next year when the seniors are gone."

"Are we the team to beat? I don't know. Only time will tell."

Farmington Harrison

Don't be fooled by the team's final record this season.

After three straight years atop the WLA (1989-91) and a third-place finish last year, the Hawks are rebuilding. They lost eight players, including three singles and four doubles starters from a team that was 9-2 in duals.

"Rebuilding is the key word this year," coach Bernie Goldstein said. "We have been strong over the past few years, but we will drop considerably. I still expect us to win half our matches because we're better than a lot of teams, but we'll have trouble with the good teams."

Now in his 19 year as girls coach, Goldstein should be used to rebuilding phases. Right?

"It's never been like this," he said. "But with only one senior on the team, we should be decent next year if everyone comes back. This will be a learning year."

The singles positions took the hardest hit as they lost their second, third and fourth players in Julie Heist, Jill Barringer and Kristi Comwell, respectively.

The good news for Goldstein is junior Stephanie Schwain returns at No. 1 singles. She was 7-5 last year and Goldstein believes she will challenge for the league title this season.

"She has improved," he said. "She has worked hard at her game and has developed a stronger serve. She can also hit winners this year."

Moving up from third doubles to second singles is junior Jodie Barringer. Her partner from last season, Lindsay Frank, will be at first singles. Frank is the team's most improved player, according to Goldstein.

Junior Kristin Wolters, a fourth doubles player last year, rounds out the singles lineup.

The lone senior on the squad, Amy Tobe, is also the lone returning doubles player. She will team with freshman Sara Kloosterman at the one spot.

The duo of junior Destiny Lackowski and sophomore Sheryl Wolf will play No. 2 doubles. Juniors Amy Geary and Nicole Bruni, both first-year players, are the third doubles team.

A trio of players will rotate at fourth

doubles. Sophomores Michella Rudolf, Arlene Bernas and Sarah Howe will see time on the court, Goldstein said.

Farmington

Being a special education teacher at Harrison, Brenda Payne had to hear about her team's court pain more than she wanted.

The third-year Farmington coach might get to turn the tables on her co-workers and team's rival as the Falcons return most of their starters. Farmington lost only twice in the WLA — to Harrison and North Farmington — which gives Payne an obvious goal for this season.

"My personal goal is to beat both of them," she said. "We have to get rid of the stigma they are better than we are, because they're not. We're just as good. We only lost to Harrison '92. I think this is our year to shine."

Farmington lost its top doubles player from last season and its No. 2 singles player, Julie Heist, who is studying in Scotland for one year, but returns every-body else.

Returning at one singles is senior Sarah Brad, who has a well-rounded game, according to Payne. The coach thinks she has a good shot at the league title.

Sophomore Beth Wilson moves up from third singles to the second spot. The left-hander has improved by getting stronger and is a "No. 1 singles player in waiting," Payne said.

Senior Laura William moves from four singles to third. Sophomore Korin Sopo, a surprise as a freshman at third doubles, will be the No. 4 player. Payne plans on rotating sophomores Sarah McKay, another left-hander, with William and Sopo.

The doubles teams are tentative, but Payne has a good idea who will start. Best friends Devon Woodruff and Leslie Britz are in first doubles team after a year at No. 2.

Senior Lauren Tucker and junior newcomer Kristy Mahon will pair for an second doubles team. Senior Dariana Heikl and sophomore Erin White, a transfer from Mercy, are the No. 3 team. The duo of senior Heilie Williams and freshman Jennifer Morston is the final doubles pair.

Payne expects juniors Amy Kilner, Kelly Cornwell, Lindsey Fall, Radhika Parthica and Samantha Anne to rotate into doubles during the season.

"We have a good mix of older and younger players," Payne said, "which is good because they are challenging each other for spots. I told them that just because you're a senior doesn't mean you're going to play. It's all in their attitude."

Farmington Mercy

If the Marlins repeat as league champions, opponents will point to their experience from last season when they also

won a regional. But Mercy coach Jim Kerwin believes the key to success this year will be due in part to hard work by his players during the summer.

"I don't know of anyone on the team that hasn't worked hard on her game in the offseason and that's very encouraging," said Kerwin, now in his 10th year at Mercy.

The Marlins only notable losses to graduation were Peggy Mueller, a fourth singles player, and two fourth doubles players.

Junior Kristen Kluska, a runner-up in the league finals last season, returns at the No. 1 slot and is improved, Kerwin said.

Sophomore Amy Modica also returns to the two position. Her self-discipline, in addition to her natural talent, helped her to be successful as a rookie, according to Kerwin.

Junior Jackie Rajkovich is the final returning singles player and will be in the third spot. Junior Anjali Thakur begins the season at No. 4 singles.

Kerwin said juniors Susan Mills and Maryann Miller will compete with Thakur at four singles, but Thakur, who played second doubles last season, has the upper hand.

"The doubles right now are uncertain and probably will change," Kerwin said. "I consider my first two teams interchangeable. We're still in the process of shaking things down."

The top doubles team is sophomores Julia Zimmerman and Katie Emery — the same who played No. 1 most of last season. Mills will team with junior Tina Medaj as the second team.

Junior Dana Flachini and Miller make up the third doubles duo, while junior Michelle Jolla and sophomore Tina Leo combine at fourth doubles. Seniors Heather Dunn and Dawn Green are also challenging for doubles positions.

TENNIS

NORTH FARMINGTON 7 BIRMINGHAM DROYLES 1 Monday at North Farmington

- No. 1 singles: Keeley Jones (NF) defeated Amy Hunsco, 6-1, 6-4. No. 2: Allison Walkon (NF) def. Pam Lashoff, 6-1, 6-2. No. 3: Lauren Jones (NF) def. Jessica Stevens, 6-2, 7-5. No. 4: Rachel Seligson (NF) def. Amy Marks, 6-3, 6-1. No. 1 doubles: Jennifer Kouflic-Jennifer Irani (NF) def. Lynn Eise-Marie Eise, 6-2, 6-1. No. 2: Jennifer Fajewski-Lindsay Livermore (NF) def. Lisa Kooester-Jeremy Forestry, 6-2, 6-3. No. 3: Renee Chou-Erica Brown (NF) def. Arlene Bernas-Wendy Goldstein, 6-2, 6-3. No. 4: Nicole Fletscher-Heather Cornwell (NF) def. Erin Larime-Lindsay Derritt, 6-2, 6-3. North is 1-0 overall, Droyles is 0-1.

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

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