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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Nothdurft wins 2nd title

The Nothdurft Senior Softball Team won the National ASA 55-and-over championship Labor Day weekend in Fort Payne, Ala.

Nothdurft was 5-0 in the tournament and placed seven players on the All-America first team: Bob Kaump (Redford), Jim Puckett (Eaton), Bob Dellagauw (Redford), Milo Terhu (Farmington Hills), Bill Cole (Sterling Heights), Joe Kovalick (Pinckney) and Sam Lopocolo (St. Clair Shores).

Dellagauw was the tournament most valuable player and batting champ with a .857 average. Nothdurft's Frank Pilarowski (New Baltimore) made the All-America second team (Roseville) and John Fawcett (Wixom) the third team.

Other members of the Nothdurft team are Ed Eidt (West Bloomfield), Al Gomez (Detroit), Andy Kozeb (Warren), Ed Nadoleki (Eastpointe) and Frank Pansky (Clinton Township). Pilarowski also serves as Nothdurft team manager. Coaches are Andy Kovalick and George Calota.

Nothdurft, which also won the Senior Olympics championship in June, scored 108 runs in the National ASA, defeating teams from Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee.

The next stop for the Nothdurft team is the National Senior Softball World Series starting Sept. 28 in Houston, Texas.

Gibson stars for Spartans

Sophomore defender Sue Gibson of Farmington was named to the all-tournament team last weekend while playing for Michigan State in the Holiday Inn Women's Soccer Cup in Hartford, Conn.

Gibson, a four-year starter for the Falcons and former All-Observer player, earned the honor despite the Spartans losing two games to No. 11-ranked Massachusetts (3-0) and No. 4 Hartford (4-1).

The 1992 graduate of Farmington High School has started every game for Michigan and has been one of its most consistent performers. The Spartans (1-3) play Friday at No. 12 Notre Dame.

Missed opportunity



Soccer action: A collision between Harrison's Neal Mower and North Farmington's Corey Mosher (17) prevents either player from getting to the ball. The Raiders won the game 2-0. See story on Page 3B.

Hawks overtake Falcons

Harrison defeated Farmington 51-38 in girls basketball Monday with the help of a strong second half. North Farmington suffered its first loss Tuesday after four straight wins.

Senior center Carey Perkins scored two-thirds of her game-high 24 points in the second half Monday to rally Farmington Hills Harrison to a 51-38 basketball victory over host Farmington.

Perkins, who also had seven rebounds, led the Hawks to a 29-15 advantage in the second half after the Falcons finished the first half with a 23-22 lead.

"She had a great second half and, if our perimeter players would have played smarter, she would have had a better one," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said.

"It took us a long time before we recognized she was open, and then we had a hard time getting her the ball. I have to credit some of that to the defense Farmington played, but our perimeter players were not making good decisions.

"She did a great job sealing and posting and when we finally got her the ball she was able to carry us."

Erin LaCosee scored 13 points for the Hawks (4-2), and Amanda Ault played a solid game, according to Mantyla. She had six points, played good defense and had four steals.

Andrea Salyer scored 13 points and Amanda Porter nine for Farmington (2-3).

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North girls are invite champs

North Farmington won the Division II girls cross country championship at the West Bloomfield Invitational for the second time in three years Saturday.

The Raiders scored 91 points against fellow small-school Class A competition to finish ahead of the host Lakers (105), Berkeley (107), Niles (112) and Farmington (151) in the 16-team field.

Freshman Jamie Brenner led North with a seventh-place finish and 21:02 time. Keegan Keefover was 11th (21:06), Amanda Hough 18th (21:35), Alicia Crossland 23rd (21:55), Becky Naglik 32nd (22:30), Kerrie Simpson 44th (23:03) and Elaine Wolff 47th (23:11).

The top 35 individuals received medals, and all seven North runners received team medals.

"I'm very pleased with the team performance," North coach Bill Pinnell said. "Our goal was to run the same time (as the Raiders did) last week on a flat Fordale course) at Marabank, which is a little tougher course."

"All the girls were within 15 seconds of their times. Two were over and five were under."

The Raiders also achieved their

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goal of putting the top five within two minutes of each other. They were 1:28 apart and the top seven 2:09.

"Because we were able to put three girls within 30 seconds of each other, that helped us win the meet," Pinnell said. "By winning the meet, we probably did a little better than I expected, but time-wise we were right where we should be."

Marlins also do well

Farmington Hills Mercy was runner-up at Plymouth Canton in the Division III meet for large Class A schools at the West Bloomfield Invitational.

The Chiefs were runaway winners with 69 points, and the Marlins finished eight ahead of Brighton with 118.

Eileen O'Connell led Mercy with a third-place finish (19:57). Amy Freund was sixth (20:19), Mary Thewes 29th (21:17), Besty Gignac 30th (21:21), Sarah Podorssek 51st (22:19), Emily Rot-

tinghaus 54th (22:21) and Erin Blazewski 76th (23:00).

"That's the best showing (in this meet) of any team I've ever coached," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "That's as fast as we've run this early, and it's a good sign because we usually run a lot faster at the end of the year."

"Betsy and Emily are only going to get better, and Eileen (who missed last year while she recovered from mononucleosis) is hungrier because of it."

Farmington coasts

The Falcons gave new boys cross country coach Chip Bridges a victory in his debut Tuesday as the Falcons crushed Livonia Churchill 16-47 at Cass Benton Park.

Farmington (1-0) had the top four runners in Kevin Afferbaugh (18:00), Tom May (18:24), Jay Jackson (18:30) and Mike Langdon (18:41). Farmington teammates Mark Kurzer was sixth (19:21), Brett Kotrba seventh (19:31) and Mike Lane 10th (20:15).

The top Churchill runner was Steve DeLuca in fifth place (18:50).

Marlins win Brighton Relays

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With plans to do well in 1993, Farmington Hills Mercy got a start in the right direction Saturday when it won the Brighton Relays.

The Marlins won five of 10 events and scored 88 points to finish ahead of West Bloomfield (80) and Northville (76) in the nine-team meet.

"We look forward to a very good year," coach Jodie Cooper said. "We have good potential to place well within the top 10 at state."

Seniors Andrea Hoeflein and Michelle Welch, junior Heather Yagiela and freshman Kristie Cordts were on three winning relays each, junior Katie Scallen and sophomore Bethany Budde two each.

The Marlins took first in the following events:
■ 200-yard medley (Cordts, Budde, Welch, Hoeflein), 2:01.19.

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■ 800 freestyle (Hoeflein, freshman Dana Dziekan, Yagiela, Welch), 8:29.52.

■ 400 individual medley (Budde, Cordts, junior Katy Runyan, Scallen), 4:34.23.

■ Crescendo (junior Allison Machecek, senior Amy Watroba, Yagiela, Cordts), 9:23.52.

■ 400 freestyle (Hoeflein, Yagiela, Scallen, Welch), 3:55.88.

Mercy placed in every event, including fourth in the 400 medley with the team of Budde, sophomore Megan Wegmuller, Runyan and Watroba (4:37.27).

The diving team of junior Molly Johnson, freshman Amber Stephens and senior Betsy McCormick was fifth (354.05), and the 200 freestyle team of Runyan, Dziekan, senior Jasmine Murrell and Scallen was fifth (1:51.55). The Marlins also had a pair of

sixth places from Dziekan, Wegmuller, senior Sue McClellan and Stephens in the 200 breaststroke/butterfly (2:19.5) and sophomores Katie White and Jessica Bodin and freshmen Melissa Seymour and Caroline Kenne in the 200 backstroke (2:11.52).

Cooper rates Hoeflein among the top three swimmers in the state in the 200 and 500 freestyles, and Welch, Budde, Scallen, Cordts, Yagiela and sophomores Hope Harrison have the potential to score at the state meet.

"I fully expect to have no less than 10 girls qualify for state, and they will qualify in individual events as well as relays," Cooper said, adding she believes Mercy has the best distance swimmers in the state.

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