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League finalist: Mercy's Kristen Kluska was the No. 1 singles runner-up Sunday in the Catholic League tournament.

Mercy depth wins league tennis title

Farmington Hills Mercy reached the finals in every flight and won a second straight Catholic League girls tennis championship Sunday at Farwell Field in Detroit.

The meet was scheduled for Saturday, but rain and cold weather forced it to be played mostly on Sunday.

The Marlins had five winners and finished with 58 points. Birmingham Marian, with two flight champions, took second place with 50 points and Livonia Ladywood, with the No. 1 singles champion, was third with 34.

Mercy coach Jim Kerwin knew it would be a two-team race, with Ladywood also providing a challenge.

"It pretty much was another dual meet (between Mercy and Marian)," Kerwin said. "We've beaten Marian twice during the season, but each one was close so I expected them and Ladywood to be difficult — and they were."

The Marlins won the Nos. 2 and 3 singles titles and were runners-up at Nos. 1 and 4. Ladywood's Jennifer Wioncek won the No. 1 singles title, beating Mercy's Kristen Kluska 6-4, 6-2 in the final.

"Jennifer played a controlled game and hit a lot of high-percentage shots," Ladywood coach Lynn Swift said.

The Marlins' No. 2 player, Amy Modica, won her flight with a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Marian's Tiffany Coury in the final.

Mercy's other singles champion was Anjali Thakur, who won at No. 3 with a 6-0, 6-1 win over Marian's Allegra Dietz.

The Marlins won three of the four doubles flights.

The No. 1 doubles team of Katie Emery and Jackie Rajkovic defeated Marian's Cheryl Copnigro and Shannon Stevens 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Tina Madel and Julie Zimmerman won the championship at No. 2 doubles with a 5-7, 6-0, 6-3 win over Marcy Lebonoff and Amy Mathews. Dawn Green and Maryann Miller won the No. 3 crown 6-2, 6-0 over Katie Chaput and Sulokina Bshaki.

Marian's two titles came from No. 4 singles player Michelle Viegas, who beat Mercy's Susie Miles 6-4, 6-7 (8-6) and 7-5 in the final, and Jana Chappell and Melissa Coury, who defeated Mercy's Dana Fischioni and Michele Uller at No. 3 doubles, 6-3, 7-5.

- FARMINGTON HILLS MERCY & BLOOMFIELD SACRED HEART 1**
Tuesday at Oakland CC
- No. 1 singles: Karen Chrovin (Sacred Heart) def. Kristen Kluska, 6-2, 6-4
 - No. 2: Amy Modica (Mercy) def. Claude DeBusto, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2
 - No. 3: Anjali Thakur (Mercy) def. Nancy Casola, 6-2, 6-1
 - No. 4: Susie Miles (Mercy) def. Jennifer Zurlo, 6-0, 6-1
- No. 1 doubles: Katie Emery-Jackie Rajkovic (Mercy) def. Erica Keller-Kerme Alinghann, 6-1, 5-7, 6-1
- No. 2: Julie Zimmerman-Dawn Green (Mercy) def. Christina Palaganos-Kelle Alinghann, 6-4, 6-2
- No. 3: Dana Fischioni-Michele Uller (Mercy) won by default.
- Mercy's overall dual meet record: 10-2.

RANKINGS

These unscientific rankings are by the Observer Sports Staff. Schools eligible include those from Livonia, Westland, Redford, Garden City, Plymouth and Farmington.

- FOOTBALL**
- Westland John Glenn
 - Redford Catholic Central
 - Farmington Harrison
 - Livonia Stevenson
 - Wayne Memorial
- GIRLS BASKETBALL**
- Livonia Ladywood
 - Plymouth Canton
 - Redford Bishop Borgese
 - Livonia Stevenson
 - Redford Union
- BOYS SOCCER**
- Livonia Stevenson
 - Redford Catholic Central
 - Livonia Churchill
 - Livonia Franklin
 - Plymouth Salem
- GIRLS SWIMMING**
- Livonia Stevenson
 - Farmington Mercy
 - Plymouth Canton
 - North Farmington
 - Plymouth Salem
- BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**
- Redford Catholic Central
 - Plymouth Canton
 - Farmington
 - North Farmington
 - Livonia Stevenson
- GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**
- Plymouth Canton
 - Farmington Hills Mercy
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- GIRLS TENNIS**
- Farmington Hills Mercy
 - Plymouth Salem
 - Farmington
 - North Farmington
 - Plymouth Canton

Madonna goes undefeated for week

It was that kind of week.

Nothing out of the ordinary, Madonna University's volleyball team won all of its matches and moved up in the NIAA's national rankings, and a Fighting Crusader collected top honors as District 23 player of the week — again.

This time it was Karl Van Deusen who cashed in. The 6-foot-1 senior middle hitter from Waterford Mont and Schoolcraft College collected 55 kills (with a .465 kill percentage) and 61 digs in 11 games for Madonna, averaging five kills and 4.6 digs per game. She also had seven solo blocks and 28 block assists, with

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five service aces and a 92.5 serve percentage.

Van Deusen was the third Crusader in a row to be named district player of the week. Julie Martin, a freshman middle hitter from Livonia Stevenson, was the first; Mazie Pilut, a senior setter from Redford Bishop Borgese, was next.

Madonna started the week with a win over non-district foe Northwood University. After that came a district victory over Spring Arbor Thursday, then another district win at Tri-State University,

15-10, 16-6, 12-15, 15-4, last Friday.

Martin's 14 kills (.465) led the Crusaders against Tri-State. Mo Paulin (Livonia/Farmington Hills Mercy) had 11 (.533). Van Deusen 10 (.303) and Marci Lauroncelle seven (.350). Pilut had 29 assists in three games (9.7 per game); Laura Fisher (Wayne Memorial) had 10 assists.

Paulin's 16 digs led the defense. Van Deusen and Julie Wood (Schoolcraft) had 14 aces.

The win over Tri-State was Madonna's fourth-straight against district competition. The Crusaders were ranked fourth in the NIAA in the latest poll, released Monday.

Walos' hat trick leads Shamrock win

Rich Walos continues to carry the scoring load for the state-ranked Redford Catholic Central's boys soccer team.

The senior All-Area forward had three goals Monday, including a penalty shot, as the No. 9 Shamrocks (9-2-3 overall) downed host Mount Clemens Chippewa Valley, 3-1.

Walos now has 14 goals and 12 assists on the season.

Dan Mulvihill and Adam Borchert drew assists in the non-league win.

Matt McGivney was the winning goaltender.

On Saturday, CC traveled to Toledo St. Francis and came away with a 4-1 triumph as Walos and Jamie Heitert each had a goal and two assists.

Mulvihill and Matt Kopymeyer also scored for the winners.

Mike Klotzka, Jeremy Podolak and McGivney shared time in goal.

Up next for the Shamrocks is a Central Division showdown Saturday against host Warren DeLaSalle (1 p.m. start). CC is 5-0-3 in the division, while the Pilots are 6-1-1.

FRANKLIN 2, FARMINGTON 0: On Mon-

day, Livonia Franklin (6-4-2) beat the visiting Falcons for the second time this year in a WLA-A crossover.

Mick Schmidt scored on a throw-in from Dave Blakiewicz with nine minutes remaining to give Franklin the victory.

Victor Rodopoulos scored on a rebound off a shot from teammate Corey Berzas to close out the scoring with four minutes to play.

Franklin goalie Scott Simpson, with help from Jason Buelow and sweeper back Dan Kulick, posted the shutout.

CHURCHILL 10, HARRISON 0: Livonia Churchill ran its overall record to 8-2-4 with a WLA-A Western Division victory Monday at Farmington Harrison (stopped because of the mercy rule).

The win increased Churchill's division mark to 3-0-1.

Eagles down Trojans in 2 OTs

Harper Woods Lutheran East scored in both overtimes to defeat visiting Clarenceville 26-20 in a Metro Conference football game Friday.

The loss dropped Clarenceville to 2-4 overall, 2-2 in the Metro. Lutheran East improved to 3-3 overall, 2-2 in the Metro.

Clarenceville's running back Mark Juneja gained 196 yards on 40 carries and scored twice in regulation.

East won the game in the second OT after Billy Green caught a three-yard pass off a fake field goal for a 26-20 lead. Clarenceville failed to score in four plays from the 10-yard line during the second OT.

The game was tied 14-14 after four quarters and both teams scored six points in the first OT.

Clarenceville's score came on a one-yard run by Jesse Lynn Green caught a three-yard TD pass for East's score.

East took an 8-0 halftime lead, scoring in the first quarter on a one-yard run by Broderick Gedala and a two-point conversion pass to Green.

Juneja had TD runs of seven and four yards in the third quarter to put Clarenceville ahead 14-8. The Trojans capped the first TD with a two-point conversion run by Juneja but they missed the extra point kick after the second TD.

The scoring drives covered 80 and 65 yards.

East tied the score 14-14 in the fourth quarter with a 34-yard TD pass to Green.

Vikings post grid victory

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Vikings JV football team defeated the Redford Rangers 34-18 Sunday for their second win in five games.

David Lusky rushed for 140 yards and scored three touchdowns, including a 73-yard run. Steven Stawick and Dale Young were leaders on the offensive line.

Johnny Rodgers and Michael Livornis completed the NFWB scoring with runs of 33 and 14 yards, respectively.

Lusky, Rand Salter and Sean Matusak recovered fumbles. Jory Hannan, Livornis, Jason O'Shany, Jason Davila and Richard Gladwin also were standouts on defense.

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).
- SWIM CLUB TRYOUTS**
- The Clarenceville Swim Club will be holding tryouts for its age-group competitive team for ages 6-18 at Clarenceville High School, located on Middlebelt just south of Eight Mile Road.
- The club also provides a Munchkin program for beginners ages 4-8.
- For more information, call Mary Ellen Mathie at 476-6659.
- CAGE COACH WANTED**
- Our Lady of Victory in Northville is seeking a girls basketball coach (grades 5-6) for the upcoming season.
- For information, call Dennis Blake at 453-5352.
- SOCCER SIGN-UP**
- Canton Soccerdome is accepting registration for its first and second sessions. Youth and adult teams are welcome. The fee is \$695 per team. The first session begins Oct. 30, the second Jan. 3. Practice time is available. Individual adults (men and women) looking for team placement are welcome, too. Call 483-5624.
- MERCY COACHES**
- Mercy High School is looking for a varsity softball coach, JV girls volleyball coach and JV girls soccer coach. For information call Athletic Director Nancy Maltowski at 476-8020.

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