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Terrell, Mercy trio score

North Farmington senior Mandy Terrell and a trio of Farmington Hills Mercy swimmers scored points Saturday in the Class A swimming/diving championships.

Terrell, the Western Lakes Activities Association champion, scored 362.4 points based on 11 dives in the Jones Natatorium at Eastern Michigan University.

"The competition was good, and we're very happy Mandy scored," North coach Pat Duthie said. "There were a lot of awfully good divers who didn't get to the state meet and a lot who did but didn't score. So we're real proud of her."

Terrell is the first North female diver to score at the state meet, and Duthie believes she has a successful college career ahead of her.

"She's only been diving for four years, which is relatively short compared to most divers in the state meet," Duthie said. "I think her ability and talent exceeds her competitive experience right now."

"She'll be a real plum for a college diving program because she's right there. She's going to be a good one when her experience catches up."

Mercy senior Michele Welch finished fourth in the 500-yard freestyle (5:08.59) to lead the Marlins, who were 18th in team scoring. Sophomore Bethany Budde was eighth in the breaststroke (1:07.45) and senior Andrea Hoeflein 10th in the 200 freestyle (1:56.69).

All three individual times will receive All-American consideration.

"It was not a particularly good meet for Mercy," coach Jodie Cooper said. "The relays didn't perform to the capabilities, which cost us in the total standings."

"The individual girls swam well. Some good swimmers didn't get into the finals like I would like to have seen."

Livonia Stevenson swimmer Mandi Falk won the 100-yard breast stroke and helped the Spartans earn a tie for second place in the team standings.

Her time of 1:04.93 put her close to the top 10 nationally and All-American status.

Surging Marlins stun Chiefs in OT



Floor general: Junior point guard Glenda Lee scored six points Monday, including four important free throws late in the game.



Farmington Hills Mercy achieved one of its greatest victories in girls basketball Monday when it upset state-ranked Plymouth Canton 56-50 in a Class A regional tournament game.

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Farmington Hills Mercy learned Monday just how much it has improved as a basketball team since losing by 30 points to Plymouth Canton in early September.

And unfortunately for them, so did the No. 3-ranked Chiefs, who had beaten Mercy 56-26 in the final of the Mercy Hoops Classic.

The unranked Marlins have come a long way in two months, and they demonstrated it with a stunning, 56-50 overtime win over Canton in a Class A regional game at Southfield-Lathrup.

"We knew in our hearts — and the coaches in their minds — we had upgraded our game and tonight was the acid test," Mercy coach Larry Baker said. "I told (the players) this is one of the biggest upsides in Mercy history, and it's a real credit to their character."

"We point to the state tournament every year, but tonight was extra special. It's extremely gratifying and only so because Canton is a tremendous team. It was a remarkable turnaround to get to the point we could defeat this team."

The Marlins (12-12) take a seven-game winning streak into the regional final against Catholic League champion Birmingham Marian (19-4) at Lathrup.

The Chiefs, champions of the Western Lakes Activities Association who started Mercy on a nine-game losing streak in September, finish the season at 21-2.

"I think our kids realized (Mercy was improved)," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. "You can't go through the Central Division of the Catholic League and not get better."

"(The Marlins) hung in there after some tough losses and kept coming back. I don't think (Canton) took Mercy lightly. I think Mercy stepped up its game and did a good job."

"Mercy's improvement was most evident in its defense and rebounding. The Marlins dominated the glass in the third quarter and finished the game with a 38-28 advantage."

The momentum gradually swung in favor of Mercy, and the Marlins turned the corner in that period when they outscored Canton 14-6 and erased a 23-24 halftime deficit.

The Marlins outshot Canton 22-9 in the third quarter, and the Chiefs, known for their strong inside game, were usually limited to one shot per possession. Both teams shot 30 percent, but Mercy made four more field goals (7-9) and often got three and four tries each time.

"I would have been happy, going into this game, to neutralize them on their offensive boards," Baker said, "but there was a time tonight when we banded away."

"Holly Taylor played a big part in that. She seemed to get everyone up another notch."

"We didn't get a lot of offensive rebounds, and we've been pretty good at that this year," Blohm said. "Our kids were working hard to get it, but (the Marlins) were relentless on the boards; they went after it."

Neither team attempted to press except for an occasional time, though both are good at it, but the Marlins excelled in their half-court defense.

Canton's Britta Anderson, who scored a game-high 21 points, was able to go inside early, but the Marlins improved their post defense and

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Harrison returns to Dome in search of 6th state title

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When the football season began, Farmington Hills Harrison made "get it back in '93" its rallying cry.

The Hawks, having surpassed their modest initial goal, can get it all back at 1 p.m. Friday when they play Midland for the Class A title. Both teams are 10-2.

After a rare losing season a year ago, Harrison has rebounded to reach the finals for the eighth time in 12 playoff appearances. The Hawks hope to win their sixth state title, repeating their 1991 success when they claimed the Class BB championship.

"Truthfully, that means the division title, which we thought was a viable goal for us," Harrison coach John Herrington said of the "get-it-back" slogan.

"Once we won that, we extended it to the league and then we kinda dropped it for a couple weeks. Then (assistant coach Bob) Sutter said 'Hey, get it back — the state championship,' and the kids picked up on it again."

Midland made the playoffs this year for the eighth time and advanced to its second championship game. The Chemics were runners-up to Birmingham Brother Rice in the 1990 Class A final, 24-10.

The Hawks will face a team that is very similar to themselves in Midland, which finished third in the tough Saginaw Valley Conference.

Both are relatively small teams that have used quickness, athletic ability and team speed to be successful.

"We use different formations and have different offensive philosophies but the same type of kids," Herrington said.

"Both are aggressive on defense, well-disciplined, make a low number of mistakes and play solid football in all categories," said Midland coach Gary Jozwiak, who is 141-44 in 19 seasons.

Midland offense

The Chemics operate from a split-backs formation and use a number of variations of it. Their top running back is Rod

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MIDLAND		
24	Saginaw	7
23	Flint Northwestern	12
13	Flint Northern	6
10	Saginaw Arthur Hill	0
17	Mount Pleasant	14
22	Pontiac Central	6
13	Flint Central	24
3	Bay City Western	14
21	Midland Dow	14
CLASS A PLAYOFFS		
14	Lapeer East	7
27	Lapeer West	7
21	Jenison	6
218	10-2-0	117
HARRISON		
21	Divine Child	7
19	Westland Glenn	24
21	Northville	6
17	Livonia Franklin	6
23	Walley Lake Western	0
28	Plymouth Canton	21
36	Livonia Churchill	0
7	Westland Glenn	6
0	Brother Rice	35
CLASS A PLAYOFFS		
44	Dearborn Edsel Ford	23
23	Northville	16
35	Fraser	14
274	10-2-0	158

(The Midland-Midland Dow and second Harrison-Glenn games were decided in two overtimes.)

Bauer, a transfer from Sanford-Meridian High School who has rushed for 139 yards per game in the playoffs. He had 180 and touchdowns runs of 82 and 24 yards last week in a 21-6 victory over Jenison.

"They'll dive him, run him off tackle and pitch to him on the outside," Herrington said. "They have a good complementary back (Jake Miller), so we really have to defense both backs because they're not in an I very often."

"They run a lot of unbalanced fronts and try to get you confused with a lot of formations. So that will take a lot of work this week."

The Chemics are averaging 213 rushing yards in the playoffs, but they mix the pass with the run in the same way Harrison does.

Midland lost senior quarterback Jason Marcinik with a shoulder injury in the sixth game,

but junior Brent Wallace has done a good job of leading the team.

Wallace has completed 22 of 37 passes for 236 yards in the playoffs, and wide receiver Joe Danna has had a great year, according to Jozwiak.

"The defense was carrying us the greater part of the season, and the offense seems to be better now," Jozwiak said. "(Wallace) has continually improved and become an integral part of our success."

"We're a ball-control team. We like to think we try to find a place to move the football. A lot of teams are good up the middle and some good outside. We try to complement each of those areas."

Back eyes big game

Harrison sophomore tailback Jason Granger would like to have the kind of game his older brother did two years ago when Harrison defeated Cheboygan 34-7 in the BB final. Roy Granger set a state-finals record when he rushed for 295 yards and a pair of TDs.

A major concern for the Chemics will be containing Granger's speed, but they know Nick Williams is more than just a blocking back. They have averaged 90-plus yards apiece in the playoffs.

"The quickness of his feet can turn a minus play into a plus," said Jozwiak of Granger. "Of course, the big fullback is a concern in short-yardage situations, and they've been very successful at getting play-action passes to make big plays for them."

Like any good Harrison team, the Hawks also have their share of unsung heroes — guys who aren't stars but have been consistently good players.

Among them are guard Chad Cumiskey, tackle Matt Zimmerman, who also has started on defense in the playoffs, and defensive end Brock Gove.

"Cumiskey has always been a mentally tough kid, but he's really gotten stronger and developed his technique," Sutter said.

"He's been one of our steadiest blockers and now he's a two-way player," said Herrington of

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