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Murphy sets records

Ill Murphy of Farmington Hills and Harrison High School set records in three individual events for the Alma College women's swimming team during the 1993-94 season.

She established new standards in the 1,000-yard freestyle (11:13), the 1,500 freestyle (18:31.86) and the 400 individual medley (4:54.18). She also was a member of the record-setting 800 freestyle team (8:13.49).

Murphy is the daughter Andrew and Karen Murry.

College hockey duo

Farmington Hills brothers Rob and Mike McDonald (North Farmington) were part of the most successful season in Fredonia State University of New York hockey history in 1993-94.

The Blue Devils, making their first NCAA post-season appearance, finished third in the Division III tournament, won their first New York Athletic Conference title and posted a 29-4 record.

Fredonia lost to eventual champion Wisconsin-River Falls 4-3 but defeated Salem State 7-4 in the consolation final. The Blue Devils advanced to the semis by taking a two-game series from Rochester Institute of Technology, 3-0 and 7-0.

Senior and assistant captain Rob McDonald had his best season, scoring a career-high 19 goals — seven on power plays and three game-winners — and making 28 assists. Mike McDonald completed his freshman season.

"Mike is one of our toughest defensemen," Fredonia coach Jeff Meredith said. "He has a world of hockey in front of him, and I can't wait to see him play next year."

Hawks-Warriors rematch

In what has become a fast-developing rivalry, Farmington Hills Harrison and Birmingham Brother Rice will meet for the third in four years next fall in the football season opener.

They will play Saturday, Sept. 3, as part of a double-header at the Silverdome. Redford Catholic Central will play a Canadian team in the other game.

Harrison defeated Rice 32-0 in the 1991 opener at the Dome, and Rice won the rematch 35-0 in the 1993 regular-season finale. The Hawks won their next four games last November and captured the Class A championship, however.

"It'll be a lot of fun because we'll be playing a super program, and there will be a lot of interest in the game again," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"Rice has six (starters) back on offense, six on defense and their quarterback; so they'll be very good. We're going to have a good team, and it will be a good test right away for our kids."

Spiker picks Henry Ford

Livonia Clarenceville's Jaime Zemke has signed a binding letter-of-intent to play volleyball next fall at Henry Ford Community College.

The 5-foot-10 senior had 228 kills, 239 digs, 119 blocks and 61 aces for the Trojans, who finished 28-6 overall this season.

Zemke helped Clarenceville win the Metro Conference and district championships.

All-State spikers

The Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association announced its 1993-94 All-State teams.

In Class A, Farmington Hills Harrison's Amanda Ault, a senior setter/outside hitter bound for Central Michigan University, made the second team.

Honorable mention honors went to Livonia Stevenson setter Angie Pippo, who will play next fall for Northwood Institute; and Garden City middle hitter Vette Sibbs, who will attend Oklahoma.

In Class C, Livonia Clarenceville junior middle-outside hitter Tracy Sieds made the first team and senior middle-outside hitter Jaime Zemke third team.

Gymnast contributes

John Jones of Farmington was a member of the second-place Class IV team (ages 10-11) from Conrad's Gymnastics Academy (Farmington Hills) at the state championships March 19-20 in Kalamazoo.

Jones teamed with Kyle Dahl (Warren), Brian Lara (Wyandotte), Andy Subadya (Dearborn), David Sutton (Redford) Dan Carpenter (White Lake), Brian Vauter (Grand Blanc) and Steve Isabel (Livonia) for an overall score of 172.25.

Jones was second in the age group with an all-around score of 38.03. He was second on pommel horse (6.0) and parallel bars (6.4), fourth on vault (6.25), fifth on floor exercise (5.7) and high bar (6.2) and seventh on rings (6.0).

Mercy on track for 5th title in row



Graduation last year depleted the ranks of Mercy High School's perennially strong track team. You think that's going to make a difference? The Marlins still return enough talent to make a run for their fifth straight Catholic League title.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Nobody will be surprised if Farmington Hills Mercy wins another Catholic League championship in girls track this year.

Certainly, nobody should since the Marlins have already won the last four and probably have the talent to do it again.

Mercy lost three standouts to graduation who continue to compete in college — Dawn DiPonio (Alma), Nicole Pryor (Howard) and Sharnita Prasad (Michigan).

But the Marlins also return some top-notch athletes such as junior Eileen O'Connell and seniors Amy Freund and Renee Arceno.

O'Connell, one of the most versatile runners around, is the defending league champion and all-area selection in the 800-meter run, was fourth in the state in that event and holds the school record of 2:17.5.

"She had a heckuva cross country season, and we expect big things from her," Mercy coach Gary Servais said.

"She can run anything from the 200 to the 3,200 and run it well."

"I've probably gotten more mail for her than I have for any other junior. She runs 5,000 meters in cross country and the 3,200 in track, and most college coaches look for that because they can get more for their money."

Freund is another reason the distance events (400 and up) are the strength of the Mercy team. She was second in the 3,200 and third in the 1,600 at the league meet, and she qualified for state in both events.

"She's been real solid and consistent," Servais said. "She's the first two-time all-stater I've coached, and she also ran in the Midwest Meet of Champions in cross country (finishing 27th out of 60 runners)."

Arceno placed second in the discus and shot put at the league meet, and she was third at the Oakland County indoor meet last month in the shot. She threw the discus 104 feet and the shot 34 feet last year.

The Marlins have a good one-two punch with the return of senior Teasa

Copprue, who qualified for state as a sophomore in the discus but didn't compete last year.

"I think the throws will definitely be a strong area, and we're hoping to develop something in the long jump and high jump," Servais said. "We hope to get a 5-footer in the high jump and a long 15-footer in the long jump."

Junior Julie Angell and sophomore Amy Buhl have done 4-8 in the high jump, and Angell was fifth in the league last year.

Sophomore Candice Turpin went 15-2 in the long jump, and freshman Tarrle Smith "is really something," Servais said. "She jumped 14-10 (Tuesday) in a scrimmage meet with Farmington) and I was pretty impressed with her."

Buhl was fourth in the 110 hurdles and tied for sixth in the 300 at the league meet as a freshman and is the top hurdler since Amy Dinges (second in the 300) didn't return this year.

"She ran close to her best today in the snow, so I think she's made big strides," said Servais of Buhl. "She'll be a force in the hurdles and high jump before it's all over, because the hurdles are a wide-open event in the league."

Smith is "far and away the best



Eileen O'Connell Amy Freund

we've got" in the sprints, Servais said, but adds that's a strong event in the league since everyone seems to put their best athletes there.

Juniors Brandy Johnson and Laquette Freeman and sophomore Lisa Nobles will help in the 400 and 800.

In the longer runs, seniors Mary Thewes and senior Erin Blazewski are cross country veterans, and freshman Emily Rottinghaus, who was injured and didn't run much cross country, has a lot of raw talent.

The Marlins have their first league Tuesday at home against Riverview Gabriel Richard and Ann Arbor Huron, and they will be host to Livonia Ladywood for their first league dual April 12.

Veteran defense key for Harrison

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

A good defense might be the best offense for the Farmington Hills Harrison girls soccer team.

The Hawks lost both starting forwards and are inexperienced up front as well as the midfield, but there is no shortage of defenders.

Harrison lost five starters, but the addition of senior Carey Perkins and freshman Sara Kloosterman have helped to balance those losses, according to coach Glenn Breuhan.

Perkins, an all-area basketball and volleyball player, sat out last season after transferring from North Farmington where she had played sweeper. Breuhan might put her at center-half-back to satisfy a need there.

"We hope she's going to be the field general out there," Breuhan said. "Her leadership skill is a big asset to the team, and she will be an impact player right away."

Michelle Japenga had been the goalkeeper and was one of the players who graduated, but Kloosterman is ready to fill the void despite being a first-year high school player.

"She's the first top-notch goalkeeper we've ever had in the girls program," Breuhan said, adding Kloosterman has played high-level youth soccer. "We always had to start from square one, so this is kind of a pleasant surprise."

The Hawks return juniors Kristen Walters (one goal/two assists), Dana

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Dizon and Marla Pinsky on defense where sweeper Cassie O'Sullivan was the lone graduation loss.

Walters is a versatile player who can play just about anywhere, according to Breuhan, and might fill a need elsewhere on the field.

Sophomore Jayne Hannan, a first-year varsity player, could be the stopper, and junior defender Laura Westberg returns after missing last season.

"We think it's a pretty solid defense, but we still have to sort some things out," Breuhan said.

Caryn Price, who was the leading scorer with four goals and now plays for Schoolcraft College, and Amy Spurlock, who moved to Tennessee, had been the forwards in the 4-4-2 lineup.

Junior Julie Earle (one/two) and freshman Erica Rice are possible forwards who can also play midfield. Senior Carrie Earle (two/two) returns at a halfback position. Breuhan is counting on sophomore Kelly Parker, who was on the JV and has improved her game through indoor soccer, and senior midfielder Kim Rolak also returns.

"We're young and have to gain experience," Breuhan said. "We have to get some toughness in them. Because

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Veteran player: Senior Carrie Earle returns to play a midfield position again for the Harrison soccer team.

Perkins gets wish: Division I scholarship

BY DAN O'MEARA
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Carey Perkins received the phone call she was hoping to get last week. It was from Niagara University women's basketball coach Bill Agnolin, who was offering the Farmington Hills Harrison senior a scholarship.

The Purple Eagles were No. 1 on her list of college choices, and Perkins was quick to accept.

"When I went up there, it was almost like a gut feeling. I felt at home there," Perkins said. "It had my name on it. It seemed like the place for me to be for four years."

"The coaching staff was wonderful, and I liked watching the girls play. They're real dedicated and they get along. When they called, my heart was already set."

Niagara is one of eight small (approximately 3,000 students) Catholic schools in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference. But the Purple Eagles are a Division I program, and Perkins has always wanted to play at that level.

"It's going to be a big step, and I know my hard work has just begun," Perkins said. "I love the sport and it only makes me want to work harder. I'm going to be in the gym every day this summer, and I'm looking forward

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To the challenge."

The 5-foot-10 Perkins, who played three years at North Farmington before transferring to Harrison, averaged 13 1/2 points and six rebounds last season, leading the Hawks to a 13-8 record and earning first-team, all-area honors.

"The coaches were looking for someone who could defend and rebound well for them," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "They liked how physical she is, how well she runs the floor and how well she blocks out."

"They know Carey has some things offensively she has to work on, but Carey understands that and is highly motivated to improve."

"What they recruited Carey for she does as well as any high school player I've seen. They liked her enthusiasm, work ethic and team attitude. It's the kind of program that will be better for having Carey in it."

Perkins played center in high school but expects to be a power forward at Niagara, which is located just outside of Niagara Falls, N.Y., in Lewiston.

"I played the three, four and five

(positions) for my AAU team, so I have an all-round playing experience," she said. "Four is like five except you get to go out on the wing more. It's a good spot; you get the inside and outside action."

"There will be a senior (Anne Rudnicki) in the four spot next year. They're bringing me in to take her spot in two years. But they said I should get a lot of playing time."

Perkins started as a freshman at North when Eve Clear, who plays for Central Michigan University, was a senior. That early experience and knowing Harrison star Heather Hopkins (Lake Superior State) helped Perkins, Mantyla said.

"It helped her understand what she had to do to get to that level," he said. "Carey really wanted to play Division I basketball. She's goal-oriented and prepared to do what she needs to do to be successful."

Niagara was 15-12 this year and 17-10 last season under Agnolin, who was an assistant with the men's program since 1982 before taking over the women's team two years ago.

The Purple Eagles were 9-5 in the conference the last two seasons. The other members are Canisius, Siena, Manhattan, St. Peter's, Iona, Fairfield and Loyola-Maryland.



Carey Perkins
Niagara hoop recruit

Perkins had also considered Hilda, St. Bonaventure, Canisius, Mercyhurst (Erie, Pa.) and Ferris State.

"I'll miss home, but I'm looking forward to the new experience," she said. "It's only about 4 1/2 hours, so it's not that far. I thought it would be neat to go out to a new state for the experience."