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All-Catholic selections

Farmington Hills Mercy placed four players on the All-Catholic girls soccer team: seniors forward Theresa Cisco, senior halfback Anita Wilhelm and junior defenders Emily Lawrence and Sienna DeAgostino.

"The hard work Theresa and Anita put into the Mercy program was incredible, and they led us to a couple (league) championships," Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said.

"Emily is a big-time, prime-time player, and Sienna kept us in the game quite a few times."

Cisco had scored nine goals and made one assist as of last week. Lawrence two goals and six assists. Wilhelm had one assist "but worked real hard all season," Shivraman said.

Senior midfielder Flannery Campbell made the All-Central Division team, and junior forward Heather Richards received an honorable mention.

Fury makes improvement

The 1979 Farmington Fury boys premier soccer team improved its division standing to 2-2-1 and overall record to 3-4-1 with a pair of recent victories over Canton (2-0) and Northville (4-0).

Farmington will have to play most of the season without captain Sagar Janveja, who suffered a knee injury in the Northville game.

"Sagar is an exceptional athlete; he can play anywhere on the field," Fury coach Tom Faro said. "It will probably be about a month or two before he's 100 percent again. He's anxious to get back so he can prepare for his fall season at Country Day."

Farmington plays Rochester (4-0-1) and Utica (3-1-1) at home next week prior to attending the Canton Invitational Soccer Tournament. The Fury will play several division games before competing in the Indianapolis Tournament in late June.

"Our keepers and defenders have played well," Faro said. "Our forwards and midfielders need to step up and make things happen up front. It's hard to win games if we don't put the ball in the goal."

Marlins end fine season

Farmington Hills Mercy completed its dual-meet golf schedule last week with a 16-1 record after defeating Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes 240-273 Thursday and Birmingham Seaholm 206-230 Wednesday.

Karen Porter shot 53 to lead the Marlins in the match with Our Lady at Silver Lake Golf Course. Maureen McDonald had 59, Jaclyn Denmore 62 and Erin Moug 66.

Porter was the team leader again Thursday with a 46 at Springdale Golf Course in Birmingham. Tina Madej finished with 51, Amy Schulkins 53 and McDonald 56.

City rivals deadlocked

Farmington and Harrison played to a scoreless tie Wednesday in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game in girls soccer.

"The good news is they didn't score on us," Farmington coach Bob Neff said, adding the Falcons had some good shot opportunities. "It was a well-played game by both teams."

Farmington attempted 23 shots and Harrison 12. The backline play of Erin Kenny and Erica Gwynn was "fantastic," Neff said. Jessica and Jodi Guilford split time in goal for the Falcons, 3-5-2. The Hawks are 3-7-3.

Churchill blanks North

Livonia Churchill, playing with a full complement of players this time, defeated North Farmington 6-0 in a Western Lakes Activities Association soccer game Wednesday.

The Chargers had to rally in the second half to tie North Farmington a week earlier when they were missing five players for disciplinary reasons and one because of injury.

Maria Specacorella, Margaret Wirth and Liza Skyhalo scored two goals apiece. Churchill was 10-3-3 prior to playing Grosse Pointe South Friday, the Raiders are 6-5-2.

"It was a huge difference," coach Nick O'Shea said about having all his players. "We dominated the game completely this time."

"With our regular sweeper, we were able to hold (North forward) Ali Lord in check. The last time we gave up three breakaways; this time we did a little better."

Summer basketball camp

Larry Baker's Summer Hoops for Girls Camp will take place next month at Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

The session for grade school players will be June 20-24, high school players June 27 to July 1. The camp runs 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily.

The cost per session is \$110. Girls who submit their registration forms with six or more friends pay \$100. Checks should be payable to OCC Institutional Basketball Camp.

Baker is the head coach at Farmington Hills Mercy High School where he has 245 career victories, has taken five teams to the Class A finals and sent 27 players to the college ranks. Baker and Mike King will serve as camp directors.

For information, call Baker at 476-8020, Ext. 242.

Marlins qualify again for state meet



Farmington Hills Mercy earned a return trip to the state finals in girls golf Friday by placing second in the Troy regional tournament. Oakland County champion Bloomfield Hills Lahser won the regional title.

BY MARTY BUDNER
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Except for some sizzling scores posted by state-ranked Bloomfield Hills Lahser, there was high drama at the Class A regional girls golf tournament played Friday at Sylvan Glen Golf Course in Troy.

The highly-favored Knights simply ran away with their first regional championship, shooting a round of 374 and winning by 26 strokes over runner-up Farmington Hills Mercy, which shot 400.

But nearly every other important result in the 16-team, five player-count four regional tournament was determined by a tie-breaker. The top three teams and top five individuals qualified for the two-day state meet set for June 3-4 at the Forest Akers Golf Course in East Lansing.

Troy and West Bloomfield tied for third with scores of 409. The Colts, however, earned the final qualifying berth based on a better score registered by its fifth golfer.

Individually, Athens' Stacey Smith and Lahser's Marcy Glenn captured low-scoring honors with rounds of 81. Smith was awarded first place on a tie-breaker (best hole-by-hole score starting backwards from the 18th hole).

West Bloomfield's Leah Trahey and Lahser's Nikki Ruddy tied for third at 92 (Trahey was awarded third place) and Rochester's Katie Collins and Lahser's Wendy Wierzbicki tied for fifth (Collins received the fifth-place medal on the tie-breaker and earned the final individual qualifying berth).

Lahser coach Bob Kefgen, whose team now has qualified for state three of the past five years, was relieved

with his team's performance. "We were concerned because we haven't been playing that well over the last week," said Kefgen, whose team captured the Oakland County tournament title last month. "And when you're expected to win it's tough."

"Just like at the county. We did what we were expected to do today. I'm very proud of the girls."

The Knights dominated action on the par-71 course as all four scorers carded sub-100 rounds. Glenn, Ruddy and Wierzbicki finished among the top five individuals, while teammates Katie Aldridge and Nancy Yassenka were just a few strokes back at 98 and 100.

"We were disappointed to lose (a dual meet to Rochester), but this makes up for it," Glenn said. "As a team, we always play real well. It's a good feeling to win this tournament, and I know we can all shoot better at state."

Mercy qualified for the state finals for the third straight year. The perennial Catholic League champion was led by juniors Amy Schulkins and Sommer Woods, who shot scores of 94 and 98, respectively. The other two

scorers were sophomore Gina Mazzoni (103) and junior Tina Madej (105).

"We wanted to break 400 and we almost did," Mercy coach Vicky Kowalski said. "I honestly didn't think we could beat Lahser, but our goal was to come in second today. All except for one of our girls was under average."

Schulkins had a solid round after some so-so outings by her standards lately, and Mazzoni came through with a clutch performance when given the opportunity.

"Amy hadn't been playing well the last week, and this was a real nice comeback for her," Kowalski said.

"Gina saved us today. It was between her and a senior. There was the prom, senior skip day and senior banquet, and the other girl hadn't had a chance to play much. A gut feeling told me I should take the sophomore, and it turned out to be a good hunch."

The Marlins figure to be contenders again next year, too.

"I think people were a little jealous today, because we had four juniors

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Putting on the brakes: Farmington's Jenny Sever was caught between bases and tagged out by Jami Grigol. Sever had three hits in the game, but Westland John Glenn won 10-4.

Mercy miscues help Divine Child win 6-3

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Nobody doubts that Dearborn Divine Child has one of the finest softball teams in the state.

Farmington Hills Mercy just wishes they had made the Falcons do a little more to prove it Friday in a Catholic League semifinal playoff game.

The Marlins assisted the Divine Child cause with eight errors during a 6-3 loss at King Boring Field in Dearborn.

"Mental errors have gotten us a few times during the season, and they got us here today because they scored six unearned runs," Mercy coach Elanda Hines said.

"It does (bother you) but not as deep as some may think, because nobody thought Mercy could hang with DC. I believed in my heart we could, and I still believe we can beat them."

Mercy (13-13) was in the game until late, recovering from a 3-0 deficit after two innings to tie.

The Marlins, known for their bunting and baserunning, showed some power to get back in the game.

Erin Wiehe sent a pitch from Jennifer Dormanin over the left fielder's head for a solo homer. In the fourth, Kim Sanders tripled after a walk to Piper Metz and scored the tying run on DC's error.

"We put the ball up in the zone and (Wiehe)

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literally pounded it," DC coach Mary Lou Jansen said. "The other girl squared around to hunt twice. We were kinda shocked when she tallied on it."

"Most teams do take us lightly (as hitters) because we have some small girls," Hines said. "For the hunt to be effective, you have to hit. You can't always sacrifice the batter."

But the Marlins managed only four hits off Dormanin, who struck out three and walked two. To their credit, the Falcons did have eight hits off losing pitcher Debbie Dziekan, who had two strikeouts and two walks.

Mercy made half of its errors in the last two innings, allowing DC to take the lead. Jenny Kowalczyk scored the go-ahead run on a passed ball in the sixth, and the Falcons (13-23) added two in the seventh on an error and Sarah Nieman's single.

"I think good teams force errors, and I think we're a good team," Jansen said. "You don't see a lot of girls striking out up there. We put the ball in play; we were putting the ball out there and they were helping us."

DC scored twice in the first inning on two hits, a walk and three errors. The Falcons scored again

without benefit of a hit in the second. Mercy's Kathy Mistelevich made two running catches in center field to keep DC from doing further damage.

"The center fielder caught a couple balls that were home runs if she missed," Jansen said. "That settled them down; they came back and it was an even game."

"We expected a tough game. I think we had a little edge, coming in undefeated and being the first-place team. Mercy showed a lot of guts. They were nervous and not settled at first."

The Falcons held firm when Mercy tied the score, Jansen said. The Marlins went down in order in the fifth and sixth, and they had just one more hit after the fourth.

"That was an opportunity (for DC) to be nervous when the game was close; we weren't," Jansen said. "We said 'It's 3-3, let's attack; let's go after it.'"

After taking a 4-3 lead, "We knew we needed just a couple innings to close it out. We moved the outfield back and played a little more conservatively."

The Marlins are looking forward to the district tournament at Redford Union and playing better defense, Hines said.

"We want to eliminate the mental errors and minimize the physical errors," she said. "(The Mercy girls) have big hearts and their desire is great, so we look for a lot of wonderful things to happen."

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Hawks are best Western

Farmington Hills Harrison did what it had to do on the softball diamond Friday and got a helping hand from Plymouth Canton.

The result was Harrison clinched its first Western Division championship three days earlier than expected.

The Hawks whipped visiting Northville 8-2 to put their division record at 7-2 with one game to play.

Harrison, which visits Northville for a makeup contest today, had just a half-game lead over Livonia Churchill, but the Chargers lost 5-1 to Canton and finished 6-4 in the division.

Erin LaCourse pitched a four-hitter for the Hawks (19-4), who anticipated a must-win situation today to claim the title. She struck out five and walked one.

Jenny Myslinski had two hits and four RBI. Holly Foster and Kathy Schneider had one RBI each.

The Mustangs led 2-0 after 3 1/2 innings, but Harrison scored three times in the bottom of the fourth. Stephanie Schwalm slid into home plate for the first run, and Myslinski followed with a two-run double.

On Wednesday, the Hawks scored 13 runs in the last three innings to break a 1-1 tie and defeat host North Farmington 14-3.

"I think it was a good wake-up call for us," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We weren't as intense as Monday (during a 7-0 win over Churchill). As the game went on, we got a little more intense. We were working from the fourth inning on."

LaCourse scattered six hits, struck out nine and walked two. Melonie Cheney pitched five innings and al-