# Marlins nearly upset state-ranked Vikings

It was a victory of sorts for the Parmington Hills Mercy basket-hall team in its season opener Thursday, Despite being the youngest team in Larry Baker's 21 years as coach, the Marilins nearly pulled off a major unset.

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Mercy slugged it out with one of
the top Class A teams in the
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The achievement was just an morale victory, but it was atill an impressive debut for the host Marlina.

"We're a young team, and I'm not sure we knew we could dump (Central) tonight," Baker said.

"We had a leddown after halfilme, but we certainly gave them a battle in the other three quarters."

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### BASKETBALL

time; however, the Vikings out-scored the Marilns in the third quarter 20-7 to take the lead. "We startled them early," Baker said, "but we had to live through an 18-point swing in the third quarter. It was 4½ minutes

before we scored.
"That killed us and put us in a

hole."
Freshman guard Jessie Bronnan made her high school debut
with a 19-joint performance for
Merry. She acored nine in the secoud period and eight of 16 in the
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Senfor center Kim Washnock had 11 points and 10 rebounds. Lies Knight added eight points and Any Newman seven.

Farmington (1-1) overcame a 10-7 deficit in the first questre to lead at half-time, 36-16. On the first questre to lead at half-time, 36-16. On the first questre to lead at half-time, 36-16. On the first questre to lead at half-time, 36-16. On the first questre to lead at half-time, 36-16. On the first questre to lead at half-time, 36-16. On the first questre to lead to the first questre to lead to the first questre to be a first questre to be a first questre to be a first questre first questre to be a first questre f asid, referring to a 52-17 loss to Country Day. "Tuesday we played pretty good de-fense and had trouble scoring. Tonight

fense and had trouble scoring. Tonight were able to shoot the ball better but had a little trouble holding them down." The quality of competition helped to account for those differences, he added. "It was a positive win," Verdura said. It think we passed the ball better.

That's a good sign, to see our girls look-ing for each other and willing to pass it." Eding able to possess the build also en-abled the Palcons to get so many free throw opportunities, he added. "We took care of the bail better, but it that we still meed to improve." Verdura soid: "We shot better from outside and Kelly McDennid scored 19 points and Heather Martin 10 for Clawson (0-2).

EN HARRISON 68, MEW DOSTON 33: The Hawks used a big second quarter Thurs-day to put a safe distance between themselves and New Boston Huron. Harrison outscored the Chiefs 19-5 in that period and led 36-15 at halftime of the South Lyon tournament consolation

game. And the second 14 points. Lina Bable 12 and Erika Greene 10 for the misser (1.1). Greene also pulled contained the second 14 points (1.2). Greene also pulled contained the second 12 points (1.2) and the second 1

20 SALEM 51, ADAMS 45: The Rocks notched their first win Thursday by knocking off visiting Rochester Adams 61-45.

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"Monique does a great lob of running the offinne, and she creates a lot of open abouts for us."

The Hersta made five three-point field goals. Givey Walcak scored 13 points for New Boston (0-2). their press and their multiple defenses pretty well. The kids did a nico job attacking their defense.'

Fred Thomann

# Farmington runners aim to have another big year

BY DAN O'MEARA
BIAJY WRITER
Inspired by its success a year ago, the
Farmington girls cross country team
sees prospects for another fine season in
1930.

Falcons return nearly the entire
team that went the West Ellisomfield Invitational, finished second in the Westtern Lakes Activities Association and
placed 14th in the state.

"That put the fuel in the first," Farmington coach Litz Zynda said. "They
knew If they wanted to be in the top five
"Nine of the 13 have been running on
their own since the end of track season
until we started preseason practices."

Zynda added each of those girls has
averaged 33-40 miles per week during
the summer, and the effort has been evidenne Grinaldt, the lone senior on the
team, and juniors Alimes Cameron and
Theresa Derwinski are toom captains
and are providing good leadership, according to Zynda.

"The captains mass each ones who took
too put in some sullenge," also said. "We need
to put in some sullenge," also said. "The
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regonal; Orlinatin instances seven in the other the league mess and 22rd in the other the league mess and 22rd in the other of the league message and worked on our weaknessee and worked on our strengths, "Zynda said. "Anne has done that, and I look for a big season from her. Falcons will be pointing toward a term ript to the states meet, but they must finish among the top three teams in a strong Ann Arbor regional. "Our regional is like a mini-state meet," Zynda said, adding six teams that placed in the top I do the state will complete at that regional. In the complete that the regional is like a mini-state will complete a that regional. In the state will now here the season. We wanted to see how we looked at the scrimmage first. We have that and know what we need to work on; wire going to take it one race at a time."

### Farmington Mercy

The Mariins hope to win a fifth con-secutive Catholic Leagus title, but they will have to do it without Eileen O'Con-sell this year. She was a perennial All-Observer as-lection, (inished second in the Class A

EI CC SOCCER VICTORY

Tom Derhaks and Tony Moucoulls scored two goals each, leading Redford Catholic Central (2-0) to a 5-2 win over visiting Dearborn Edsel Ford. CC led 4-0 at halfilms efter a pair of goals by Moucoulis and single tailies by Derhake and Lance Bethel.

Lance Bethel.

After Ford pulled to within 4-2 with two goals in the second half, Derhake scored an insurance goal with about 13 minutes remaining. Dan Mulvihill had two assists and Derhake and Jarof Fordyce assisted on one goal each.

Travis Miller, who recorded the shutout in a 5-0 victory over



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individual race and holds the school record for 5,000 meters (18.48). O'Cannell was a member of the previ-ous four champlonship teams and is now a student (only) at Arizona State University.

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Junior Betsy Gignac Inherits the role as the team's No. 1 runner and has rebounded from a hip linjuy that caused her to miss most of last season.

Gignac returned is eason. 1000 and 2000 meter championships in track. As a freshman, she was eighth in the state in cross country with a 1023 time.

"We're trying to be extra careful and get her through it," Mercy cosch Gary Servite and "I hope Betty can stay healthy; I dishat she can run as a well as the state of the state of

#### North Farmington

The Raiders also return an experienced team, losing only two seniors after pleafing fifth in the WLAA and third (3-2) in the Lakes Division. North was 5-2 and dusts.

The senior of the State of the St

meter returning are juniors Becky Na-gilk, Monica Cierwinski, Ava Lala and Katie Atto and seniors Monica Balash and Any St. Charles. Junior Hesther Burcar, an outstand-ing aprinter and middle-distance runner to track, is a first-year runner who will help the team, according to coach Bill Planell.

He also expects freshman Beth Hough till come along and contributs later in

will come along and consistent the season.
Pinnell wants Amanda Hough, Simpson, Niglik and Carreinski to be in the top 15 at most invitationals. They and Lala stayed in shape and ran e lot of miles during the summer.

#### X-COUNTRY

"They're going to have a good season, because they're going to be pushing each other in practice," Pinnell said. "Our goal is to have our top five people within a minute of each other, and Avs is looking pretty good right now.

"We have the luxury of four or five girls who could be No. 1 on any given day. Burcar should be running with that top group and eventually be up there,"

The Raiders face strong competition from defending WLAA champ Livonia Stevenson, Farmington and Plymouth Salem in the division.

"I think we're stronger because our girls are a year older and stronger," Pin-nell said. "They put in a lot of miles and are hungrier.

"We're looking to improve our finish in the conference and invitationals. We'll have some tough battles, but I think we'll be up to the challenge."

#### Farmington Harrison

The Hawks began a new season Thursday by trouncing Waterford Kettering 15-45 at Oakland Community College.

The 90-degree hest contributed to slower times, but Harrison swept the top six places. Senior Erin Schwarts was first (24:24) followed by junior Nikki Herman (24:54), asphomores Kristin Schleicher (25:56) and Amy Schner (23:11), senior Allison Gordon (23:47) and asphomore Katle Crites (25:55).

Katie Crice (25:53).

"I'm sure a lot of people are young and in the same situation as us," Harrison coach Mark Bebock and. We'r just trying to gain some variety experience. They two of our top air (Schwarts and Gordon) had any race experience coming into the season."

Pabocck has the largest group of runners (20) with which to work in his five years as coast and a way to make up the control of the control o

not no whom praduated.
"You can't replace a lid like Allison Nos," Baboock said. "You just have to like it up a step and go on, on far the Schol's lid up a step and go on, on far the Schol's lid up a step and go on, and the Schol's lid up and the schol

cock said.
"Hopefully, we'll be competitive in the Western Lakes and do well in our division. It just depends how far we come with our young kids."

# SPORTS SHORTS

items for the Sports Roundup Should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for the Thursday edi-tion) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition). Dearborn on Tuesday, allowed no goals in the first half. Matt Kes-aler played in net in the second half.

## **II** BOWLERS WANTED

The Afternoon Delights Bowling League is looking for new bowlers.

Women of all ages are welcome to participate in the league, which bowls at 1 pm. Monday at Draksahire Lanes. The league starts Sept. 11.

For information, call Laura at (810) 478-2230 or Bonnie at (810) 661-3271.

#### IN BASKBALL TRYOUTS

The Michigan Indians will have tryouts for the 1990 baseball season Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 9-10, at Massey Field in Plymouth, Plymouth and Hagger-

ty roads.
The tryout schedule: noon for Willie Mays (ages 9-10), coach Dave Sarkissian, (313) 561-7264; 2:30 p.m. Pee Wee Reese (11-12), coach Mike Reed, (313) 525-2305; p.m. Sandy Koufax (13-14), coach Nick Marrone, (313) 459-0636; 7:30 p.m. Mickey Mantle (15-16), coach Mark Minch, (313) 421-2388.

421-2388.
The Indians are a travel team and member of the Little Cassars Ameteur Baseball Federation.

#### III SWIMMING HEWS

The Clarenosville Swim Club will stage open swim tryouts for new members 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 7, at Clarenceville High. A general numbership meeting is also scheduled for 7 p.m. Worknoadsy, Sept. 6, at the Clarenceville High cafeteria. For information, call Mary Bl-len Mathie at (810) 478-6539.

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