

# Mercy skiers roll over competition in season opener

Detroit Catholic Central and Farmington Hills Mercy opened the Southeastern Michigan Ski Association with strong showings Tuesday at Mount Brighton. The Shamrocks were second overall in the boys race, finishing with 31 points. First-place Brighton had 24 and third-place Okemos 79.

Mercy dominated the girls standings, taking first place with 15 points. Brighton was a distant second with 44.

## SKIING

Mercy juniors Denise Hartsock and Christy Dabringhaus finished first and third respectively in the girls giant slalom. Hartsock had a combined time of 32.54 seconds, while Dabringhaus finished the two courses in 34.19.

Juniors Kristen Smith and fifth (35:53) and sophomore Renee Busch were sixth (35:57).

The top four skiers on each team were counted in the final standings, but the Marinas also had a strong time from their fifth skier, Jamie Borowiec, who took ninth place (35:06).

"What a shot of confidence for the girls," CC and Mercy coach Tom Gable said. "It's going to be a jumpstart for an excellent season. The two juniors (Hartsock and Dabringhaus) definitely skied to their potential. 'Were we hot or what? You couldn't ask for better. The rest of the league will be looking up now.'"

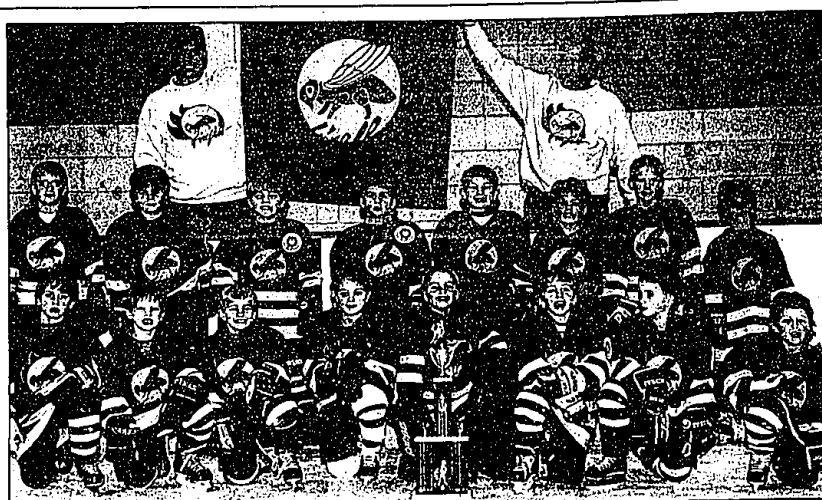
Senior Kim Dodson also had a respectable time, placing 30th (39:56).

In the boys race, senior Ryan John was the Shamrocks' top skier, taking fifth overall (30:03). Senior Nick Muccino was sixth (30:56), Junior Jason Anderson was seventh (30:72), and senior Yale Jales was 13th (31:08). Cory Robison, a senior, was 17th (32:43) and senior Brandon Vamos was 27th (34:12).

"It was a great start for the CC guys," Gable said. "They showed they can be consistent. The season is definitely shaping up as a competitive dual between Brighton and CC. As a coach this should really build up some determination to ski their very best."

The temperature was in the teens and the snow was out, which made for great skiing conditions, according to Gable.

"When the sun is shining, the cold doesn't bother you," Gable said. "Conditions were great, times were very fast. The sun puts a smile on your face." So does winning.



**Tourney champions:** Members of the Fire Flies team are (front row, from left) Steven Stahl, Kevin Rogers, Tommy Hamilton, Eric Nahat, Sean Legg, Christian Blick, Christopher Newton, Andy Bray, (second row) Michael Bourgon, Benjamin Lapham, Caleb Downs, Garrett Kennedy, Kyle McKee, Evan Jones, Emery Jacques and Ben Shaham, (back row) coaches Art Jones and Rich Hund.

## Fire Flies capture tournament title

The Farmington Hills Fire Flies mini-mite hockey team won the upper division of the Detroit Skating Club's Christmas Tournament with a 4-1 record.

After losing their first game to the Mount Clemens Canadians (2-1),

the Fire Flies rebounded with victories over the USA Diamonds (4-2), USA Stingers (5-0), Royal Oak River Rats (2-1) and Canadians (2-1).

The Fire Flies defensive style helped them outshoot their opponents 48-28 and

outscore them 14-6. The leading scorers in the five-game series were Garrett Kennedy with five goals and Kyle McKee with three. Goalie Christian Blick earned a save percentage of 87.5.

The Fire Flies lost the

tournament opener when the Canadians scored a goal in the final 28 seconds, but they came back to avenge the defeat in the championship game.

Kennedy was named the most valuable player of the tournament.

## Bowling returns at Vision Lanes

Call it a resurrection, or even a minor miracle, but like the "Phoenix" that arose from the ashes, Fiesta Lanes on Ford Road in Westland has been taken over by new owners and new management.

They have reopened for business as of last weekend, but it was a monumental task to get this building back in shape.

No more leaky roofs, no more automatic pinsetters that didn't work half the time. Under the direction of Greg Sicilia, this is now a very nice facility.

It was not expected by some to ever be a full-scale bowling center again. The building and facilities were badly run down, the last of the leagues left with bad feelings and even Channel 2 gave it some unfavorable publicity, naming it in the "Hall of Shame."

There were numerous attempts to sell the business and none worked out, so it stayed vacant.

It was up to the owner of the property, Mike Paglia, to make a decision. His choice was right on, as he hired some very experienced bowling people to operate the facility.

One of the first orders of business was to get a new name to go

along with the new image. Thus, we now have Vision Lanes added to the bowling community.

One of the very first tasks was to get a new roof. The old one leaked so badly that league bowlers had to get a ball that would react well in water instead of oil.

Automatic pinsetters were installed; the 32 lanes were stripped and re-surfaced; new masking units were installed.

The ceiling tiles were replaced, the carpets were good, just needed a cleaning, and a separate room was set up for the video games. They were kept separate so the electronic beeps, pings and zings would not disturb the bowlers.

At Vision Lanes, the bowlers come first, ahead of all other functions. The cocktail lounge and food service has been improved and all facilities have been designed to suit the needs of the customers.

There are still a few kinks to work out, and they are looking for more help in the food service and lounge, need a pin jumper and snack bar help as well.

Since this is really a season opening, there are new leagues being formed. This will be something for everyone. From Youth Leagues to Senior Citizens.

There will even be an instructional league for beginning bowlers of all ages.

Greg Sicilia grew up in the bowling business, having the erstwhile Casa Sicilia for a father. Casa is well remembered by oldsters for having been the proprietor of Great Lanes, and later serving the bowling community for many years as Executive Director of the Bowling Center Association (BCA).

In recent times, the Sicilia family has owned and operated Airport Lanes in Jackson. Greg knows that a good house needs a lot of hard work to restore a good public image and he knows just what it takes to bring back the bowlers.

They will be treated with all due respect, the facilities will be nicely kept up and maintained. Perhaps the two most important factors will also be there - a good lane condition and decent food in the snack bar will be the rule.

Vision Lanes is starting out with a short season league on Monday and Thursday nights. There will be plenty of open bowling time available, a great opportunity to get some extra practice, or just go out and have some fun bowling.

### BOWLING HONOR ROLL

Country Lanes (Farmington): Loni Lane - Brian Schade, 245/587; Leon Griebek, 237/645; Robert Stedler, 239/620; John

Munn, 237; Don Wagner, 237; James Saling, 235/379.

Sunday Goodtimes - Mike D'Angelo, 245/200; Al Harrison, 234/220/608; Mike Kovacs, 234/215/524; Todd Worthington, 234; Mark Silvestri, 234; Jay Weiss, 214.

Wednesday Knights - Dan Cohen, 200/260/150; Rick Balkin, 257/257/150; Scott Wright, 200; Tom Jenkins, 258/675; George Kassa, 235/231/675.

Wednesday Night Ladies - Anita Caltchary, 202/527; Bob Faccinelli, 201; Susan Dunn, 539.

Advanced Youth (seniors) - Chuck Berntson, 192; Ron Pease, 195.

Country Regals - Dave Kalligowski, 258/690; Joe Magner, 255/690; Walt Uhl, 255/700; Bob Skomo, 247/641; Ken Richardson, 245/650.

Spares & Strikes - Kevin Joy Landacre, 201/571; Brian McMahon, 207/558; Pat LaPrade, 200/521.

Ladies Singles - Tina Schaefer, 224/219/634; Susan Pash, 258/653; Michelle Gill, 200.

Greenfield Mixed - Roman Supron, 257/246/212/71; Debbie Vanmeter, 224/603; Jim Taylor, 255/233/647; Mike Sirtan, 253/212/647; Debbie Blanchard, 223/612.

St. Paul's Men - Kevin Kmet, 244; Lorie Davey, Jr., 237; David Dixon, 234; Mark Cies, 229.

Country James - Lorraine Kulawa, 203/523; Joyce Patterson, 202/634; Joe Huber, 201/552; Diane Walsh, 201; Katie Scomey, 190/512.

Westside Ladies - Kathy Jones, 214/548; Laurie Glasman, 209/550; Elaine Gaudin, 192/661.

Suburban Propletties Traveling - Janet Doolittle, 247; Sabine Jones, 214/575; Lil Vandervent, 210; Pat Derry, 207; Willie McFarland, 207/510.

Bellevue Ladies (Farmington): Our Lady of Sorrows - Lloyd Hembach, 224/602; Cash Toban, 230; Lou Olson, 230; B. Theisen, 229.

Early Birds - Karen Weid, 200. Senior Ladies - Heralp Rupp, 209; Barbara, 209/720.

Phon Bowling Lanes (Southfield): Tuesday Mixed - Leon Burke, 253/300/225/684. WDBA - Marion Rometti, 243.

North Stars - Marion Rometti, 243. Little Moon Express - Steve Boyce, 235; Willie Moore, 258; Steve Williams, 253/221/701.

L.T.B. - Donna Ross, 222; Gregory Brown, 227/244/237/708; Johnnie Jennings, 257; Ryan Joy Hoop, 228/221/624; Yvonne Tubbs, 235/608; Tony Thomas, Jr., 244/234/677.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday, Jan. 20

Clinton St. at Agape, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

Luth. North at Luth. Wald, 7 p.m.

Monroe at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Lincoln Park at Garden City, 7 p.m.

Redford Union at Wyandotte, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Taylor Cent., 7 p.m.

Churchill at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

Northville at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.

John Glenn at Howell, 7:30 p.m.

ML. Carmel at St. Agatha, 7:30 p.m.

Redford CC at Brother Rice, 7:30 p.m.

U.D. Jesuit at Borgess, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Warren C.O., 7:30 p.m.

at Marshall Jr. High, 7:30 p.m.

St. Edward at PCA, 7:45 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 24

Clareville at Luth. Wald, 7 p.m.

Wayne at Dearborn, 7 p.m.

Garden City at Southgate, 7 p.m.

RL at Taylor Cent., 7 p.m.

Trenton at Thurston, 7 p.m.

Northville at Churchill, 7 p.m.

Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.

N. Farmington at John Glenn, 7 p.m.

Salem at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.

W.L. Western at Centon, 7:30 p.m.

St. Agatha at Det. Union, 7:30 p.m.

Borgess at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.

Huron Valley at Fairless, 7:30 p.m.

PCA at A.P. InterCity, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25

Redford CC at Southgate, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 23

Stevenson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Franklin vs. Birmingham

at Edgar Arena, 6 & 8 p.m.

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Redford Union vs. Birmingham

at Redford Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.

Franklin vs. Churchill

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Stevenson vs. W.L. Central

at Lakeside Ice Arena, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25

Redford CC vs. G.P. South

at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.

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ML. Christian at Madonna, 7:30 p.m.

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## LAKE AREA YOUTH SOCCER LEAGUE

•BOYS• AGES 6-10½ •GIRLS• AGES 6-14½

The Lakes Area Youth Soccer League will hold registration for the 1997 Spring season at the ABBOT MIDDLE SCHOOL.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1997 - 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

AND

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 1997 - 7:70 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

ORCHARD LAKE ROAD at COMMERCE

This program is for boys and girls aged 6 or older as of 12/31/96. Proof of age is required for players new to the league. For more information call 539-4866.

FEE: \$40 NEW PLAYERS • \$25 FOR RETURNING FALL PLAYERS

Extra registration forms for mail available at:

• Walled Lake Community Education

Walled Lake Jr. High, Pontiac Trail near Maple

• West Bloomfield Community Education,

Orchard Lake Middle School, Orchard Lake north of Maple

• West Bloomfield Parks & Recreation,

Middlebelt north of Long

Commerce Township Hall • West Bloomfield Township Hall • Wolverine Lake Village Hall

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BASEBALL REGISTRATION

South Farmington Baseball Inc. is offering a mail-in registration for boys age 5-18 and girls age 6-16 for the 1997 season.

Registration materials will be available at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Office at Eleven Mile and Orchard Lake roads. The office phone number is 478-9570.

The registration must be postmarked by Saturday, Feb. 1, with full payment made to South Farmington Baseball Inc. and a copy of a birth certificate for all new players.

For more information call the South Farmington Baseball Inc. hotline at 474-3925.

### UMPIRES NEEDED

The South Farmington Baseball organization needs umpires for the 1997 softball and baseball season. Umpires must be at least 12 years old, male or female. Call (810) 478-2383 if interested.

### SOCCER CLUB NOTES

Anyone interested in being a player, coach or sponsor in the

Farmington Soccer Club (ages 8 through adult) should contact Randy Daigler, club registrar, at (810) 474-8588.

### COACHES WANTED

Walled Lake Schools is looking for three new youth coaches. Walled Lake Western is in need of a new head coach for the girls soccer program. Walled Lake Central is in need of a head coach for girls track and an assistant coach in boys track.

Interested candidates should contact David Yarbrough at (810) 960-8374.

### MICHIGAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The Macomb County Cardinals, a semi-pro football team, are looking for players and coaches. For more information, call Rick Desmet at 852-8143.

### BEST AREA SWIM TIMES

Observerland boys swim coaches are asked to report their best times and diving scores to Livonia Churchill coach Ken Stark. Coaches can phone results to Stark at the Churchill pool (623-9231) Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m.