

# Mercy skiers clinch division championship

Farmington Hills Mercy junior skiers Dianne Hartsock and Christina Dabringhaus traded places for one race Thursday, but the team standings pretty much remained status quo at the Southeastern Michigan Ski Association Mount Brighton Division championships.

Mercy, which won all but one of the regular season races, finished first overall with 50 points.

Brighton placed second (46) and Okemos third (44). East Lansing (35), Pinckney (28), Birmingham Groves (18), Howell (16) and Birmingham Seaholm (14) also finished.

Dabringhaus placed first and Hartsock second in the Giant Slalom. Dabringhaus had a combined time of 35.78 seconds and

Hartsock was second (35.93). Hartsock usually finished ahead of Dabringhaus during the regular season, but that didn't change their demeanor as they accepted their medals.

"Diane and Christie are really good friends," Gable said. "Diane won most of the races during the season, but one-two, it didn't change their demeanor as they accepted their medals. They are definitely the leaders of the team."

Mercy won the team standings in the Giant Slalom with 41 points. Okemos was second (44) and Brighton third (58).

Marlins' skier Renee Burek was sixth (37.02) and Kristen Smith was 32nd (44.87).

Mercy won the Slalom race

with 24 points. Brighton was second (49) and East Lansing third (45).

Hartsock was the top Mercy skier, taking second place (43.39). Dabringhaus was fourth (44.30) and Kristen Salla and Burek finished in a tie for ninth place (46.76). Smith turned in a time of 1:36 for 22nd place.

The Southeast Michigan Ski League championship is held Thursday, Feb. 20 at Alpine Valley.

The top three teams from the Mt. Holly, Alpine, Pine Knob and Brighton divisions have qualified.

Mercy took eighth place last year and could be one of the sleepers, according to Gable.

"We've been in the weeds," he

said. "I don't think many are paying much attention to us. We're supposed to be young and inexperienced. We love to be the underdog."

In the boys race, Detroit Catholic Central overcame key injuries to earn second place in the overall standings and also receive a berth in the Southeast Michigan League championships.

Brighton is the overall division champion (56), followed by CC (47) and Okemos (35). Seaholm (33), East Lansing (28), Howell (23), Pinckney (20) and Birmingham Groves (10) filled out the standings.

The Shamrocks' lineup suffered without the services of

Ryan Ryan, who broke his leg over the weekend, and Nick Muccino, who fell on his first run and was unable to continue.

Muccino is the defending Class A regional champion, but his season is in jeopardy now.

The Shamrocks finished third in the Giant Slalom and second in the Slalom, which is about what they accomplished during the regular season meets.

"Those guys (John and Muccino) had been placing in the top five all season and we were apprehensive going into the division, but we didn't lose any ground and held our position at second," Gable said. "Our training will be interesting to see who will step up and replace the lead-

ers."

Brighton was first in the Giant Slalom (28), followed by Seaholm (47) and CC (49).

Jason Anderson led CC with a ninth-place finish (27.14). Yale Jallous was 11th (27.44), John Robison 14th (27.55), Brad Turawski 15th (28.04) and Cortny Robison 17th (28.29).

In the Slalom, Brighton took first (21), followed by CC (56) and Seaholm (62).

Jallous again took ninth (40.05) and Cortny Robison improved his standing to 11th (40.42). Mike Hellanga was 17th (42.36), Anderson 18th (42.65) and Matt Kessler 19th (43.16). Brandon Varnos was 28th (46.23).

## Marlins on short end of scores

Catholic League opponents inflicted a pair of volleyball defeats on Farmington Hills Mercy last week.

Livonia Ladywood finished 9-1 in the Catholic League following a 15-3, 16-8 win Thursday over the visiting Marlins.

Kristen Dause and Sarah Foghts each had six kills for the Blazers, 32-3 overall.

Ladywood begins its quest for its sixth straight Catholic League title beginning tonight at home.

Mercy will play Allen Park Cabrini at 6:30 tonight in a quarterfinal match at Ladywood.

Kathy August had four kills, two aces, six assists and just one setting error in 42 chances to lead the Marlins. Gail Agacinski and Ashley Schumacher had two kills apiece.

Lis Dillon was the leader on serve receive and Lindsey Elton the top defensive player, according to Mercy coach Peggy Spengler.

"The whole team was pretty quiet in the first game," she said.

**VOLLEYBALL**

"We got our feet under us in the second and kept it close until the half-way point."

The Marlins lost at Birmingham Marion on Tuesday, 15-2, 15-4.

"It was nothing like the first time we played them when we played really hard and ended up losing in three," Spengler said.

"The first match was a good, strong effort, and (Tuesday) was not. We played a pretty weak game all the way around."

Sophomore Mary Gignac had four kills out of six attacks with no hitting errors. Dillon was the team's top passer and played a strong defensive game.

Half of Agacinski's 10 spikes went for kills. August was flawless setting the ball and chipped in four kills.

North Farmington lost in five games Wednesday to Northville — 18-16, 9-15, 1-16, 16-12, 9-15.

"We played four very good

games," North coach Kevin Patrick said. "We had a mental lapse in Game 3, but the team really came together in Game 4."

"Kristina Kraljevic did a great job coming off the bench to help give us a boost with her serving. We sided out well and worked Tricia Trevisky a lot in the middle and outside. She had 53 attacks and averaged 5.6 kills a game."

"Vivian Cheng did a great job of distributing the sets and playing good defense. However, we still need to get Kelly Brannack more sets on the outside. She can hit really well when she gets comfortable in the game."

Farmington defeat Walled Lake Western in five games Wednesday.

The Falcons won the first two (15-7, 15-11) but lost the next two (13-15, 12-15). Farmington rallied to win the fifth, 15-11.

Jenny Neale led the Falcons with 20 kills. Sarah Mikel did well running the offense and playing defense, coach Julie Ingalls said.

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<p><b>PREP BOYS BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>Monday, Feb. 10</p> <p>Agape at W. Highland, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Luth. Westland at Hamtramck, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Luth. West at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, Feb. 11</p> <p>PCA at St. Field Christian, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Huron Valley at Warren Zee, 7 p.m.</p> <p>St. Agatha at Redford Union, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Fordson at Garden City, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Southgate at Redford Union, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Salem at Franklin, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Stevenson at Harrison, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.</p> <p>N. Farmington at Churchill, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>John Glenn at Canton, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Farmington at Salem, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Bellevue at Redford CC, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Feb. 13</p> <p>Woodhaven at Wayne, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Feb. 14</p> <p>Agape at Western Wayne, 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>Luth. Westland at Det. Union, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Luth. North at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Edsel Ford at Garden City, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.</p> <p>W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.</p> <p>PCA at St. Florian, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Huron Valley vs. D.H. Fairlane at Marshall J. High, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>PREP HOCKEY</p>	<p>Wednesday, Feb. 12</p> <p>Churchill vs. W.L. Western, Franklin vs. Okemos at Edgar Arena 6 &amp; p.m.</p> <p>Redford CC at A.P. Cabrini, 8 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Feb. 14</p> <p>Stevenson vs. Churchill at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Feb. 15</p> <p>Redford Union vs. Lakeland at Redford Ice Arena, 1 p.m.</p> <p>Redford CC vs. A.A. Pioneer at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.</p> <p><b>GIRLS VOLLEYBALL</b></p> <p>Monday, Feb. 10</p> <p>Agape at W. Highland, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Churchill at W.L. Western, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>W.L. Central at Franklin, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Farmington at Stevenson, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Canton at Salem, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Northville at Harrison, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Carlson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Allen Park at Thurston, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Clarenceville at Hamtramck, TBA.</p> <p>Tuesday, Feb. 11</p> <p>Luth. Westland at PCA, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Huron Valley vs. Fairlane at Luth. St. Paul's, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, Feb. 12</p> <p>PCA at Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Franklin at Northville, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Huron Valley at John Glenn, 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Salem at W.L. Central, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Stevenson at Churchill, 7 p.m.</p> <p>W.L. Western at Canton, 7 p.m.</p> <p>N. Farm. at Farmington, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thurston at Garden City, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Highland Park at RU, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Hamtramck at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Harper Woods at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Feb. 13</p> <p>(Catholic League Finals at Madonna)</p> <p>C.D. Division final, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>A.B. Division final, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Friday, Feb. 14</p> <p>Macomb at Agape, 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Feb. 15</p> <p>Bedford Invitational, 8 a.m.</p> <p>G.R. Creston Classic, 8 a.m.</p> <p><b>MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>Wednesday, Feb. 12</p> <p>UM-Dearborn at Madonna, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Oakland CC at Macomb CC, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Feb. 13</p> <p>Madonna at Mich. Christian, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 7:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL</b></p> <p>Tuesday, Feb. 11</p> <p>Madonna at Siena Heights, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday, Feb. 12</p> <p>Schoolcraft at Flint Mott, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Oakland CC at Macomb CC, 5:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday, Feb. 13</p> <p>Madonna at Cornerstone, 7 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday, Feb. 15</p> <p>Schoolcraft at Oakland CC, 1 p.m.</p>

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(55.95).

Farmington's Pete Bosler and Patrick Duthie were double winners, too.

Bosler won the 50 and 100 freestyle races with respective times of 23.65 and 51.10. Duthie earned first place in the 200 freestyle (1:52.57) and the butterfly (55.16).

The Falcons had two other winners: Todd Benivenga in the 500 freestyle (5:16.97) and Chris Owen in the breaststroke (1:04.46).

Zald was second in the 50 freestyle (24.07) and Digia third (24.22); the swimmers switched places in the 100 with Digia finishing second (52.64) and Zald third (53.43).

North had additional seconds from Aaron Rycroft in the 500 (5:33.01) and Swartz in the breaststroke (1:07.89).

Chris Rands had a pair of thirds for the Raiders in the 200 freestyle (2:01.1) and butterfly (1:01.15).

North's Joe Lebovic was third in diving (201.6), Oz Pearlman in the 500 (6:34.58), Jim Gabriel in the backstroke (1:03.7) and Swartz in the breaststroke (1:07.89).

John Hawkins provided Farmington with two of its five indi-

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Pat Duthie

N. Farmington swim coach

vidual seconds in the IM (2:10.3) and butterfly (58.29).

Benivenga was second in the 200 freestyle (1:56.7), John Lowry in diving (203.2) and Shawn Hopper in the backstroke (1:11.78).

Finishing third for the Falcons were Matt Beuchler in the IM (2:15.41), David Hartman in the breaststroke (1:08.12).

Owen, John Falak, Benivenga and Nick Katcherian were second in the 200 freestyle relay (1:42.46); Hawkins, Bosler, Benivenga and Beuchler were runners-up in the 400 (3:33.26).

"We had a real good swim meet," Duthie said. "The job our kids in the 50 and 100 was just amazing. They weren't the only ones, but they were certainly good swimmers for us."

"I thought it would be a real tough meet and it was. It was our last home meet, so it was for the seniors to go out with a win — all two of them (Duthie and Swartz)."

## WRESTLING

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 53 FARMINGTON 19

Feb. 8 at Livonia Franklin

203: Jim Vinson (LF) won by void; 152: Don Hoke (LF) won by void; 138: Sean Gahner (F) dec. Walt Dietz 17-4; 128: Aaron Haddad (LF) dec. Tony Lema 13-0; 120: Jerry Lema (F) pinned Dave Fry, 2:34; 118: John Gittis (LF) pinned Matt Weaver, 0:20; 140: Charlie Jaeger (F) dec. Jeff Job, 12-5; 148: Alan Stakarian (LF) pinned Dean Gorkow, 0:39; 171: Steve Mysinski (LF) pinned J.R. Guth, 0:40; 186: Steven O'Connor (LF) dec. Andy Wood, 5-2; 195: Jeff Myrand (LF) pinned Jenkin Edwards, 1:35; 278: Matt Lawson (LF) pinned Josh Kins, 1:13.

Coach's quotes: "They're a good team," Farmington coach Al Beyer said of the Patriots. "They have a strong lineup; there isn't any weak spots in there."

"When we give up 12 points and with all the freshmen in our lineup, it makes for a tough row to hoe. We'll take our lumps this year and hope to do better next year when we're more experienced."

Farmington record: 5-11-17.

FARMINGTON HARRISON 83 NORTH FARMINGTON 37

Feb. 8 at Farmington Harrison

103: Justin Shaffer (H) declared dead loss; 121: Scott Richmond (NF) pinned Jason Shaffer, 3:04; 138: Dave Ladegre (NF) pinned David Hoke, 1:20; 150: John Taylor (H) pinned Travis Carter, 1:30; 130: Blake Taylor (H) won by void; 140: Travis Moore (H) won by void; 148: Sam Matlock (NF) dec. Gary Kurzynski, 15-13; 152: Brad Peterson (H) pinned Steve Farnik, 1:30; 180: Joe Dionovic (NF) won by void; 210: Joe Parfity (H) won by void; 188: Mike Klein (H) pinned Justin Slack, 0:12; 231: Chris Gajewski (H) pinned Sean Cich, 1:17; 278: Mike Fisher (H) pinned Brad Krug.