

FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Alumni soccer games

The Farmington High School Alumni Soccer Challenge will take place Saturday, Oct. 9, as part of the school's homecoming week activities.

Any former, as well as present, Farmington High players, male and female, are welcome to participate. The event starts with warm-ups and team selections from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The women's soccer cup will be played 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The women's trophy presentation is scheduled for 12:45 p.m.

The men's soccer cup will be contested 1-2 p.m., followed by the post-game ceremony at 2:10 p.m.

Players are asked to bring something for a time capsule. The concession stand will be open. Family and fans are welcome. There is no charge for admission.

For more information, call committee chairperson Chris Kambouris at (248) 478-1977.

Co-ed bowling signup

There will be a signup meeting for a co-ed bowling league 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at Drake's Lanes (Grand River Avenue east of Drake Road in Farmington).

Bowlers of all ability levels are welcome. The league will meet every other Sunday at 6 p.m. for 12 weeks, beginning Oct. 17.

Bowlers can sign up that day, too, as long as space is available. The cost is \$13 per week. Checks can be mailed to F.S.P., P.O. Box 3162, Farmington Hills, MI 48333.

Call the information line at (248) 851-9909 or visit the website at www.fsp.org.

Michigan-MSU run

The Livonia Family YMCA will stage its annual Michigan-Michigan State Rival Run Friday.

The start and finish are at the Livonia Y, 14255 Stark Road, just west of Farmington and north of I-96.

The one-mile run starts at 7 p.m. with the three-mile at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$18. For more information, call (734) 281-2161.

Mustangs win title

Birmingham Marian placed first in five flights and captured the Catholic League girls tennis championship Saturday at Schoolcraft College.

The Mustangs placed atop the standings with 42 points. Farmington Hills Mercy finished second with 33 and was followed by Bloomfield Hills Academy of the Sacred Heart (20), Livonia Ladywood (14), Harper Woods Regina (10) and Pontiac Notre Dame Prep (9).

Stacy Kokx (No. 1), Elizabeth Evola (No. 3) and Linda Andrews (No. 4) earned singles titles for Marian. Jenny McCloskey and Kim Hopkins (No. 1) and Megan Dale and Lindsay Koss (No. 2) did likewise in doubles.

U-M grid autographs

Six former Michigan football stars will be giving free autographs and signing pictures Sunday, Oct. 10, at the sports card and collectible show at the Livonia Mall.

Appearing from noon to 2:30 p.m. will be former quarterbacks Rick Leach, Steve Smith and John Wampler. From 2:30 to 5 p.m., running backs Russell Davis, Harlan Huckleby and Jamie Morris will be on hand.

At 2:30 p.m. there will be a free photo session involving all six.

From 3-5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9, former Red Wing Hall of Fame defenseman Bill Gadsby will be giving free autographs with a purchase from the autograph table.

Twisters clinch crown

The Wayne County Twisters ended their regular season Saturday with a 17-13 Lake Shore Football League victory Saturday over the Motor City Cougars at Academy of Detroit (old Inkster Cherry Hill High School).

The Twisters, Northern Division champions, will host the runner-up of the L&L's South Division, the Lorain County (Ohio) Steelmen, 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Academy of Detroit.

The Twisters are ranked seventh in the AA Division of the National American Football Association, which has 175 registered semi-pro teams from across the country.

Marlins coast to 3rd county title

■ Farmington Hills Mercy is No. 1 in Oakland County girls swimming and diving for the third year in a row.

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If you thought Farmington Hills Mercy couldn't top its performance last year in the Oakland County girls swimming and diving meet, you were wrong.

And, if any of the other schools thought they might even challenge the Marlins, they were wrong, too. They simply had no chance.

But the Marlins were so right Saturday, scoring nearly a hundred points more than they did a year ago to win their third consecutive championship.

Mercy's team total was an impressive 313½ points, almost double that of runner-up Bloomfield Hills Lahser, which finished with 165½. The Marlins had 233 points last year and the second-place Knights 163.

The top 10 this year included Birmingham Marian (168½), Birmingham Seaholm (132½), Novi (100), Bloomfield Hills Kingswood (94), Rochester (69), Birmingham Country Day (60), Rochester Adams (59) and North Farmington (51).

"We had 31 kids going in there," Mercy coach Jim Downs said, adding he didn't recall any team ever qualifying that many girls for the meet.

"We had 20 or 21 a couple times. Thirty-one is a lot of bodies, but then again are they going to score? We had a lot of people, but we had quite a few quality swimmers, too."

While the Marlins are a veteran team and the pre-eminent power in Oakland County, the competition isn't as strong as other years, according to Downs.

"Seaholm is down a little bit this year, and they've been right up there," he said. "That allowed us to do a little more."

"Fortunately, in our situation, the timing is good for us. We have 10 seniors and 10 juniors. The timing is right for us to be strong and, based on what we've done the last few years, it's playing out pretty well."

Mercy's talent and depth is reflected by its winning all three relays — a rare and difficult feat in a meet that usually includes some of the best swimmers in the state.

Amy McCullough, who set a meet record of 1:54.16 in the 200 freestyle and also won the 500, Elizabeth Posvar, Kelly Carlin, Elizabeth MacDon-



Key performer in big meet: Senior Elizabeth Posvar was second in the individual medley and third in the butterfly Saturday, helping the Marlins capture their third consecutive Oakland County title.

ald and Joni Blacklock were on two relay teams apiece. Erin Downs and Kristin Lorida participated in one relay each.

"The relays gave us a lot of points," Downs said. "You're looking at 32 times three. (Bloomfield Hills) Andover may have done it (won all three) in the mid '70s or early '80s. That was pretty heavy duty."

"Being able to spread enough people out, that was the trick. I thought we'd be pretty competitive in two, and I didn't know where we'd stack up in the other. But we managed to do it; it worked out real well."

In the 200 freestyle, McCullough broke former Troy High swimmer Jamie Allhouse's 1993 record of 1:54.44. Mercy's only other first place

was by Carlin in the 100 freestyle.

"Carlin had a tremendous finish to win that," Downs said, adding Carlin edged Lahser's Julie Krumb by .05. "She had a great last four or five strokes to take first place."

The Marlins made their best showing in the 500 freestyle, taking six of the

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McComb tops 1,000 points; Falcons are winners

There were two major achievements in girls basketball Tuesday in Farmington.

North Farmington junior Samantha McComb passed 1,000 points in her career, scoring 35 to lead the Raiders to a 64-49 win over visiting Livonia Churchill.

Farmington was on the winning side for the first time this year, defeating host Walled Lake Western, 44-40.

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McComb, who has 1,030 career points and trails only Eve Clear on the North all-time scoring list, also had 14 rebounds, five steals and five assists. She made five threes and was 6-of-6 at the line.

When McComb passed 1,000 points early in the game, play was stopped

and she was presented with a game ball, flowers and congratulations from her coaches and teammates.

"It was a very touching moment," North coach Linda Perkins said. "It's a nice record for Sam. No one has ever done it as a junior, so it's quite a milestone."

"She's well deserving and her teammates are proud of her, too. It was a pretty nice highlight."

Junior Staci Russell chipped in nine points, three assists and two steals. Junior Christina Colombo had 12 rebounds and added eight points.

The Raiders are 8-3 overall and 4-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. The Chargers are 3-6 and 0-4.

North led 15-8 after one quarter, 36-23 at halftime and 50-35 heading into the final period.

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Daly sparks Shamrocks to victory over Warriors

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Detroit Catholic Central junior cross country standout Matt Daly tries to keep a proper balance between running and homework.

But with a grade-point average of 4.6, taking honors-level classes, there's no way he can be doing his homework as quickly as he finishes races.

He must be counting practice miles. Daly led the Shamrocks once again Monday, finishing the Cass Benton course in a time of 16:56 in an 18-37 victory over Birmingham Brother Rice.

The win gave the Shamrocks a 3-0 record in Catholic League dual meets. The Warriors are 0-3.

Daly is CC's top runner as junior all-state candidate John DiGiovanni remains sidelined with a stress fracture in his right knee.

There was no threat of rain but the temperatures were colder than normal and Daly came prepared, wearing his gloves.

"If it's cold, I like to keep my hands warm," said Daly, who finished 46th in last year's Class A state meet. "It's one

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less thing to think about. It was a little cold today, but that helps the time."

Daly received fine support as the Shamrocks snared four of the top five places and eight of the first 11. The next four CC runners finished within 50 seconds of each other.

Doug Gibbons was second (17:10), Jeff Haller third (17:13), Adam Tymowski fifth (17:33), Bryan Buchanan seventh (17:54), Robert Tymowski eighth (18:00) and Steve Bauer ninth (18:16).

Though he has led CC time wise in every race this year, Daly said seniors Haller and Adam Tymowski have done a "good job in leadership."

Haller is a good one to follow; he's senior class president.

Daly is the younger brother of Joe Daly, a former All-Observer basketball player at CC from the class of 1994.

Matt used to play basketball, too, but found out at CC his best sport is long-distance running. Joe probably wins

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