

# League title eludes Marlins in loss to Wildcats

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This was supposed to be the year when Farmington Hills Mercy finally ascended to the Catholic League throne in the sport of softball.

But the Marlins were deposited before the coronation could take place Monday by St. Thomas Villanova of Windsor in a 4-2 loss.

That's right! A team from Canada, where the most famous monarch in the world is still the head of state, is the Archdiocese of Detroit champion.

Wildcats coach Kirk Hayes didn't address that irony but said, "We just have a lot of gratitude and appreciation that we're able to compete at this level in one faith with teams across the

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border."

After being the runner-up to Harper Woods in the last two years, a veteran Mercy team (24-9) figured its time was now.

But three errors, some baserunning mistakes and Villanova's timely hitting helped to make the Wildcats the A-B Division winner.

"It means a lot to us, because we don't go on to district or regional tournaments," Hayes said. "This is the end of our season (with the exception of the Operation Friendship game)."

Hayes played musical chairs with his pitchers at Memorial Field in Eastpointe, making four

changes as he rotated between starter Erin Lambros and reliever DiAnne St. Germain.

Lambros, a smaller, slower left-hander, pitched the first three innings and was the winner; she made two return trips to the mound for an additional 1½ innings.

St. Germain, a taller, faster right-hander, worked the other 2½ innings, but Hayes alternated pitchers more than usual due to a steady rain that fell during the middle innings.

"No team has seen the same pitcher all game, all season," he said. "The plan is to change the speed of the ball, so we don't give teams time to get accustomed to seeing one pitcher. But this is the first time we've gone back

and forth so much.

"St. Germain is the closer, and (Lambros) pitches better in the rain. As it drizzled on and on, it had to do with grip and how a pitcher holds the ball. (Lambros) throws a little weaker but holds the ball tighter."

The Villanova pitchers combined for nine strikeouts and nine walks. Mercy had just four hits — all of them from the top third of its order — Erin Carson (two), Dana Falvo and Carrie Brankiewicz.

Villanova had five hits off Mercy pitcher Megan Fediuk, who went the distance. She had two strikeouts and didn't issue a walk.

The Marlins scored first when Carson started the game with a

single, advanced on Falvo's sacrifice and scored on a base hit by Brankiewicz.

But the Wildcats (19-3) took the lead in the second, 2-1. St. Germain and Krista Dunn had back-to-back hits, and both scored on Kelly Bondy's two-out single.

The third-to-first throw wasn't in time to get St. Germain, and Dunn beat the throw back to home plate.

Mercy had the tying run thrown out at the plate in the third inning.

Villanova made it 3-1 in the fourth. A dropped ball in right field put Dunn aboard, and she scored on Bondy's groundout to shortstop.

St. Germain hit a leadoff triple in the sixth and scored her second run on Amanda Deneau's one-out double.

"I thought we were sloppy at times, and our baserunning was absolutely horrendous," Mercy coach Jack Falvo said.

"Our seniors were dedicated all along to playing in this game, and they're deeply disappointed to lose this game."

Despite its baserunning and fielding miscues, Mercy had chances in the late innings.

Brankiewicz and Nuverre Naami began the sixth with consecutive walks. Hayes brought back Lambros, who retired the next three Mercy batters.

"If Alex Duda (the third batter in that inning) drives the ball somewhere (she hit a flyout to deep center), we score two runs and we have a different game," Falvo said.

In the seventh, the Marlins loaded the bases with two outs on three walks off St. Germain. At that point, Lambros made another relief appearance.

A routine grounder to second off the bat of Naami was dropped at first base, allowing Marissa Lawrence to score Mercy's second run.

Lambros ended the threat and the game with a strikeout.

"Three runs is tough to overcome in one inning," Falvo said.

"If we drive the ball with Carrie Brankiewicz on second base, she was coming around. She was either going to tie the game or be out at the plate."

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Notice is hereby given to the public that a public accuracy test of the voting equipment that will be used to tabulate the ballots cast in the upcoming June 12 annual election will begin at 10:00 A.M. on May 30th at Clarenceville Community Center, 20155 Middlebelt Road.  
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## Raiders beat Falcons, capture division title

North Farmington needed some seventh-inning, last-at-bat heroics Monday to clinch a divisional softball championship.

The Raiders scored three runs in the bottom of the final inning to edge visiting Farmington, 4-3.

North finished 8-2 in the Lakes Division and will play in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game Friday.

That game will be played at either Farmington Harrison or Plymouth Canton. Those teams play a doubleheader today to determine the WLAA Western Division winner.

The Raiders (22-10) pulled out the victory Monday, scoring three runs on one hit, three walks and one error in the seventh.

"It really took the glitter off the win; it was ugly," North coach Dave Brubaker said.

Samantha McComb walked with the bases loaded to force in the winning run. McComb and Jasmine King were 2-for-3.

The game was scoreless until the sixth inning when the Falcons scored twice. North got a run back in the bottom half of the inning, but Farmington scored again in the top of the seventh.

Beth Danielewicz tossed a four-hitter and struck out seven while going the distance for the Raiders.

Kelsey Guisbert pitched a complete game for the Falcons, who were without Melissa Mytty again due to a back injury.

North had six hits and nine walks; Guisbert had four strikeouts. Each team had just one earned run.

"I have to give (the Falcons) credit," Brubaker said. "The Farmington girls rallied around (Guisbert). They hung with us and even outplayed us. They played an exceptional game."

"My girls heard Mytty was hurt and eased up. The bottom line is you have to play the game."

Farmington finished 6-4 in the

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Lakes Division after losing a doubleheader Tuesday to Plymouth Salem, 9-7 and 3-0.

**Emmett paces Hawk win**

Lindsey Emmett did about all a player can do as Farmington Harrison avenged its only division loss Monday by winning a nine-inning softball game against visiting Livonia Churchill, 2-1.

Not only did the senior left-hander dominate on the mound and get the win, but Emmett also had three hits and scored the tying and winning runs.

The Hawks (13-6) upped their Western Division record to 7-1 and came one step closer to clinching a berth in the WLAA championship game Friday.

The win also made up for a 1-0, eight-inning loss to Churchill on May 7. Churchill dropped two games behind Harrison at 5-3 in the division.

Emmett pitched a strong seven innings, but the Hawks still trailed 1-0 going into the bottom half of the inning.

So Emmett took matters into her own hands. She led off the inning with a single. With two outs, she scored the tying run when Gayle Ternes laid down a sacrifice and Churchill made a throwing error.

Two innings later, Emmett singled with one out and scored the winning run on a Ternes double.

"It was a roller-coaster game between two evenly-matched teams," Harrison coach Mike Teichman said.

Overall, Emmett pitched nine innings, gave up four hits and didn't allow an earned run. In her last six games, she has allowed just one earned run.

"Lindsey was just clutch on the mound," Teichman said.

Churchill (12-7) took a 1-0 lead after Emmett hit Carly George with a pitch; George later scored on a passed ball.

Harrison must win at least one game today in a doubleheader with Plymouth Canton to clinch the division crown.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION TO  
THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF  
CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF  
OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN**  
TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the annual election of the Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, will be held in the School District on Monday, June 12, 2000.  
THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7:00 IN THE  
MORNING AND CLOSE AT 9:00 IN THE EVENING.  
THE VOTE PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
PRECINCT 1: Clarenceville Middle School  
20210 Middlebelt Road  
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PRECINCT 2: Clarenceville Senior High School  
20165 Middlebelt Road  
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Only registered voters are eligible to vote.  
TAKE NOTICE, that there will be elected two (2) members of the Board of Education for full terms of four (4) years ending June 30, 2004. The candidates are:  
Bryan Bentley  
Jennifer Carbonneau  
This Notice is given by Order of the Board of Education of the School District.  
BRYAN BENTLEY  
Secretary, Board of Education  
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Dateline: April 19, 2000  
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**CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2000-01  
GENERAL FUND, SPECIAL REVENUE  
AND DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETS**  
In conformity with Article VI, Section 6.04 of the City Charter and Section 18 of the Uniform Budget and Accounting Act (MCL 141.436), notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 5, 2000, in the Council Chambers, 31655 West Eleven Mile Road. All interested persons will be provided an opportunity to present oral or written comments regarding the following proposed 2000-01 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds, Capital Improvement Fund and Enterprise Fund Budgets. Fiscal 2000-01 budgets and 2000 Property Tax Rate will be adopted at the Council meeting on June 5, 2000.  
**2000-01  
PROPOSED  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET**  

<b>REVENUES</b>	
Property Tax Revenue	\$23,820,778
Grants	22,000
State Shared Revenue	7,883,000
Licenses & Permits	1,166,400
Charges for Goods and Services	2,660,600
Interest Income	1,450,000
Recreation Fees	1,042,202
Fines & Forfeitures	2,170,000
Contribution From Other Funds	262,000
	<b>40,601,980</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
General Government & Administration	6,902,185
Boards & Commissions	880,881
District Court	2,321,992
Library	2,717,511
Police Department	15,180,948
Fire Department	3,169,901
Special Services	2,891,000
Public Services	6,180,511
Interfund Transfers	458,072
	<b>40,601,980</b>
The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed fiscal 2000-01 will be subject of this hearing and is allocated as follows:	
General Operating	7.2193
Drain and Capital	0.6777
Debt Within Charter	0.7785
Voted Parks	0.4965
Voted Public Safety	0.8830
Total Proposed Fiscal 2000-01 Tax Rate	<b>10.1650</b>

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**MADONNA CLASSIC:** North Farmington led to Clarkson in the championship game Sunday, 4-3.  
Coach Dave Brubaker opted to rest pitcher Beth Danielewicz in preparation for a Monday contest with Farmington.  
Christina Colombo surrendered nine hits and took the loss. Samantha McComb had two RBI.  
In the semifinals Sunday, the Raiders edged Rushing in 10 innings, 5-4.  
Jasmine King doubled, stole third and scored the winning run on a passed ball. Danielewicz was the winning pitcher.  
In the first game Saturday, North blanked Riverview Gabriel Richard, 7-0.  
King and Alyssa Stanbridge were 2-for-3 with four and three RBI, respectively.  
The Raiders scored a run on a throwing error in the bottom of the seventh to beat Caledon Airport, 1-0. Danielewicz struck out 12; King was 2-for-3.  
Danielewicz pitched a one-hitter with nine strikeouts as North defeated Southgate Aquinas, 6-0. King was 3-for-4 with one RBI; Stanbridge had two hits.  
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3: In the Metro Conference consolation final Saturday, Livonia Clarenceville earned the win behind the five-hit pitching of Amy Schiffman. Losing pitcher Heather Rose gave up just one hit but walked 11.