

Marlins repeat as league tennis champs at SC

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Farmington Hills Mercy won the Catholic League tennis championship for the third straight year Saturday at Schoolcraft College.

Mercy had 20 points in the tournament, Birmingham Marian 15, Bloomfield Hills Sacred Heart 12, Riverview Gabriel Richard 11, Livonia Ladywood and Harper Woods Regina six apiece.

The Marlins won every singles flight and were runners-up at three of four doubles flights.

Mary Atallah defeated Regina's Sarah Markiewicz at one singles (1-2), Angela Kazu defeated Marian's Amanda Nadjhir at two (3-1), Kali Blanchard defeated Regina's Allison Glowicki at three (0-1) and Sarah Rudzinski defeated Sacred Heart's Katherine

Henek at four (6-3, 7-6).

Mercy's Ashley Worford and Keri Muldowney were second at one doubles, Sarah Swintj and Lauren Walsh at three, Kriszy Crandall and Melissa Domol at four.

"It was a good win," Mercy coach Ken Stocker said. "We have a lot of underclassmen, so next year we'll be even better."

The Marlins, who tied with Marian for first place in the

dual-meet season, finished 4-2-1 overall in duals.

Mercy is at Troy for a Division I regional tournament today. Troy, which beat Mercy in a dual Monday (6-2) was favored to win again.

"Between Troy Athens, Novi and us, it will be a dogfight for second," Stocker said. "What makes it more difficult is having Clarkson in the mix. Their one and two singles are very

good." Mercy was second in the regional last year.

The top two teams automatically qualify for state, as well as any additional teams scoring 18 points.

OAA MEET INCOMPLETE

The Oakland Activities Association Division I tournament involving North

Farmington was still not complete as of Tuesday.

The meet was interrupted by rain a week ago today and was resumed Tuesday. Not all of the matches were completed, however.

North's Emily Jaffe, Amy Berke and Kelly Davis were in the finals at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 singles, respectively, along with the No. 1 doubles team of Michele Boothroyd and Chrissy

Dwyer.

The Raiders will try to defend their Division II regional title Friday. Matches will be played at all three public high schools in Farmington.

"We should do well," North coach Mark Shenton said. "We have quite a few good seeds, and we look forward to having a successful tournament."

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Ambrose added. Gauer helped the Falcons win that battle with 35 total rebounds.

Farmington led 13-8 after one quarter, but Ferndale was within one at halftime, 19-18, and took a 26-27 lead into the fourth. Coleman scored 10 of her points in the final period as the Falcons rallied and outscored the Eagles, 16-8.

"Brittany did a nice job at the end of taking care of the ball and playing under control, and that's what we need from her as a point guard," Ambrose said.

Nan Moore scored 20 points for Ferndale, which made nine of 19 free throws. Farmington was 7-of-15 at the line.

"She beat us the last time," Ambrose said, referring to an earlier 31-20 win by the Eagles. "Our goal this time was to contain her a little more, and we did a good job of knowing where she was. She had to work for her points."

The next best for Ferndale was four points.

"It's always nice getting the first varsity win, too," Ambrose said. "That was the caper on the whole thing. That's one you'll always remember."

N. FARMINGTON JR. MOTT 32: Senior Christy Stockton scored a career-high 24 points to lead North Farmington to the win over Waterford Mott.

The Raiders are 2-4 in the OAA Division II and 3-8 overall. The Goats are 0-7 and 1-10.

Brittany Pajewski added six points for North, which was 14-21 at the line. Mott's high scorer was Courtney Riga with 10 points. The Goats sank 10 of 19 free throws.

Mott led 17-10 at halftime, but North rallied with a 19-4 advantage in the third quarter in which Stockton had 14 points. Mott didn't have a field goal in that period.

The Raiders led 29-21 going in the last quarter and easily overcame an 11-9 edge in favor of the Goats.

"We just seemed to sluggish the first half defensively," North coach Tim Caruthers said. "That's all we talked about at halftime."

"If we could play better defense and fly all over the floor, the offense would come, and that's what we hoped."

"At the end of the 19 points we because we turned up the pressure defensively it got us into the flow of our offense. We started shooting with more confidence."

"We just struggled shooting the ball in the first half. It was like we were in slow motion, and the second half was a totally different story."

MERCY 12, DIVINE CHILD 08: The Marlins achieved a big Catholic League Central Division victory over the visiting Falcons Tuesday, improving to 4-1 in the division and 7-3 overall.

Azra Rosevelt led the way with 19 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Whitney Johnson had 16 points, Barb Maczka 15, Samantha Foglio 12 and Yakeha Turner six.

Divine Child took a 15-9 lead after one quarter, but Mercy trimmed the margin to 31-30 at halftime. The Marlins outscored the Falcons in the third period, 17-16, and the fourth, 25-21.

"We played a poor first quarter," Mercy coach Kristin Guise said. "We figured out how to run our press break, and we had a great second quarter."

The Marlins made 20 of 24 free throws.

SOUTHFIELD 46, HAWTHORNE 42: A chance for an OAA Division II upset eluded the Hawks Tuesday night.

Harrison took a 14-7 lead at home in the first quarter and was up 25-22 at halftime. The Hawks maintained a three-point lead going into the last period, but the Blue Jays rallied to win the game with an 18-9 margin.

"We had a great shot at upsetting them," Harrison coach Pete Marzella said. "They made some big shots in the fourth quarter, and we turned the ball over a little too much."

"They're a much more experienced team than we are. It's a hard loss in that it will be tough to have a chance to win the division now. Our goal is to finish in the top four, so we're playing in the tournament at the end of the year."

"We've got some big games ahead of us that we're going to have to win to accomplish that. I think we're working hard and continuing to get better."

Harrison is 4-4 in the division and 8-1 overall. Southfield, tied with Oak Park and Pontiac Northern for the division lead, is 6-4 and 6-2.

Karen Terres scored 12 points and Kayla Condren 11 to lead the Hawks. Jazelle and Magie Condren added seven apiece.

Jessica Condren also had 12 rebounds and Magie 10. Shantea Taylor scored 16 points and Kandice Evans 10 for the Blue Jays. Southfield made 16 of 32 free throws, Harrison 10 of 26.

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