

# Mercy, CC prevail in giant slalom meets

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Farmington Hills Mercy and Redford-Detroit Catholic Central were winners Tuesday in a Mount Brighton Interscholastic Ski Association giant slalom event.

"Both teams have been training really hard and taking advantage of this cold spell with the ski conditions being extremely fast," said Tom Gable, who coaches both teams.

It was the fourth time in five league meets the Marlinns have finished first. Mercy had 23 points, Brighton 39 and Birmingham Groves 53.

Mercy's Liz Kujala was the girls winner with an overall, two-

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run time of 31 seconds.

The Marlinns had four in the top 10 with Nicole Zaleski in fourth place (31.96), Margot Spers eighth (33.05) and Rachelle Beazley 10th (33.12).

In addition to them, Nikki Cwirka was 18th (37.59) and Kelly Martin 26th (38.56) to round out the Mercy team performance.

"Liz Kujala had two outstanding runs today in posting a very solid first-place finish," Gable said. "She's skiing 24 or 25 points in strong. With each meet, she skis faster."

"Nicole Zaleski continues to show steady improvement and

consistency. She has now posted all top-five finishes. Margot Spers and Rachelle Beazley were in the top 10, and that's a tremendous team effort."

"Even though Cwirka and Martin didn't place for team points, their finishes put them in position to help if one of the top runs was theirs."

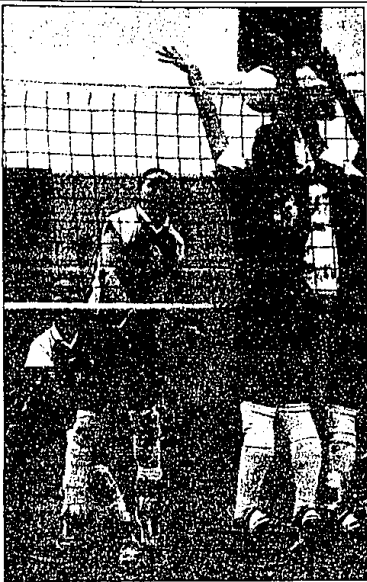
In the boys race, Catholic Central had 38 team points, Brighton 47 and the University of Detroit-Jesuit 65.5. CC's Pat Repasky was second (28.47), Mike Martinez fifth (29.71), Craig Camden 13th (30.64) and Eric Ciechan 18th (31.26). Eric Kasprovic was 26th (32.84) and Vic Ansara 35th (33.28).

"On the guys side, this was an excellent effort," Gable said. "It

proved that hard work and concentration can pay dividends. "Brighton has been leading this season, but I think CC served notice today it's for real and plans to make it a dogfight for top honors all the way through. Pat missed first place by one-tenth of a second. Combined with the Marlinns, these two guys are definitely taking over as the proven leaders for the team."

"Craig Camden turned in another solid performance. Eric Kasprovic faltered with trouble on his second run, but what was nice to see was Eric Ciechan pick up the slack and ski to 18th place. That type of effort helped the team outpoint Brighton by nine."

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Mercy's Anne Roosevelt has a spike attempt blocked by Rachael Malenfant and a Ladywood teammate Tuesday.

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all," Ladywood coach Erin Craggs said of the third game. "We were missing Bachor, but that shouldn't have had anything to do with it."

"We needed kids to step up, and it didn't happen. I just think Mercy wanted it a lot more, and they showed a lot more guts and determination in the third game."

"I just hope the girls can pick up some intensity to finish out the Catholic League. We put ourselves in a hard spot to make a run for it."

Roosevelt had 15 kills, Tessa Kuykendall eight and Meredith Doyle seven for the Marlinns. Kuykendall also had five blocks and McDonald seven digs.

Most of the Mercy sets went to the outside hitters, and the Marlinns didn't exploit the presence of the 6-foot-3 Kuykendall in the middle.

"We've been having issues with setting her," Ruhl said. "We need to find the range a lot faster and better. It took us to the third game before we were setting the right spot."

"We have two young setters we're working with, and we need to get better at setting to a certain spot. Otherwise, the hitters want to wait and hang out and see where the ball is going."

Ruhl was pleased to see his team recover from the second-game collapse to win the match, however.

"We started playing a little more relaxed (in the third game)," he said. "I don't know why, but we seem to relax when the pressure is on. "The Marlinns understand the system works. They just have to get the job done and, in the third game, they were."

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# Trojans triumph over Warriors, 55-48

It was a game of streaks between these two Metro Conference regional rivals, but it was Livonia Clarenceville that had the last and most important run of the night.

After taking a 9-0 lead in the opening moments of the game, the Trojans saw Lutheran Westland respond with a 13-0 run, all within the first quarter. But in the third quarter, Clarenceville was able to pull away and took home a 55-48 win at Livonia.

The Trojans improved to 6-4 overall with the win, including 2-1 in Metro Conference play, while Lutheran Westland is now 0-9 overall and 0-3 in the league.

After all the crazy first-half runs were over, the Warriors clutched a 24-22 halftime lead. But the Trojans reinstated their lethal pressing defense to win the third quarter 17-9 on their way to the win.

Clarenceville coach Kevin Murphy said the team did a good job of overcoming its own "rotten" quarter and a-half of basketball to get the win.

"We went back to the press and got three dunks, which energized our guys," Murphy said. "Those lifted our spirits a little bit after playing some pretty rotten basketball in the first and second quarters."

Center Glenn Garratt led the Trojans with 16 points, with Pete Show contributing 14. But Murphy pointed out the play of guard Josh Silvernail as key to

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the win.

"Josh probably played the best game of his career," the coach said, after watching Silvernail go off for 14 points, nine rebounds, eight assists and no turnovers.

Jun McLaughlin led Lutheran Westland with 20 points, and Doug Haller added 15.

Clarenceville will try to keep up its winning ways with a game at home against Lutheran North Friday.

## CC routs Brother Rice

If Birmingham Brother Rice had any hopes of coming back from an 18-10 deficit after the first quarter, visiting Redford Catholic Central dashed them in the second, using a 26-13 lead to wind up with an 84-64 win.

"We were up 24 or 25 points in the second half," said CC coach Rich Coratti as the Shamrocks moved to 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the Catholic League Central Division.

"We played extremely well in the second quarter. We picked things up on the defensive end and scored in transition."

"We had a little lull in the third quarter, but picked it back up to start the fourth."

"We played a solid two-way game, offensively and defensively."

Don Waterstradt led CC with 19 points and added 14

rebounds, while Doug Creighton had 18 points, Jim Cash had 17 and Dave Herberholz had 15 with seven assists.

Brad Drinkman led Rice (0-4 Central, 5-5) with 19 points, while Aaron Simpson had 14 and Tony Jackson had 10.

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