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- the 1,600-meter- and have Brother Rice finish no better than fourth place to gain the tie.

In a great race, Seaholm's Dan LaFave caught Southfield with a tremendous anchor leg and nosed out the Blue Jays at the finish line. Seaholm finished at 3:27.1 and Southfield was clocked at 3:27.2. Brother Rice was a distant sixth at 3:34.5.

Seaholm's winning team included Sebastian Lounis, Rick Paul, Alex Zucco and LaFave. The Maple quartet of Dauren Naar, LaFave, Ryan Yates and Aaron Cooper started the late rally by winning the second-to-last event - the 400-meter relay.

The Maples also captured wins in the sprint medley relay (LaFave, Parker Hotchkiss, Yates and Lounis) and the long jump relay (Mark Thompson, Hotchkiss and Cooper). "It worked out perfectly for us," said Johansson. "But we ran well overall. The sprint medley was a school record and our shuttle hurdle relay set a school record."

"It's always nice to win, but it was nice seeing the guys from both teams doing a victory lap together," he said.

Brother Rice won the long distance relays.

The Warrior foursome of Ryan Gregory, L.T. Hartmann, Marc Roulet and John Black took the distance medley relay (10:58.3) and the 6,400-meter relay quartet of Shane Giblin, Jason Hannawa, Black and Roulet won in 18:48.1.

"Our team ran very well and we won two events in a very competitive field," said Stark. "The kids put out quite a bit and did the best they could."

West Bloomfield won three relay events, including the high jump, 3,200 and shuttle hurdle relays. The winning high jump crew (16-8) included Andre Barnes, Derek Vermeulen and Keith Kochan.

North Farmington won the shot put and discus relays, recently crowned Oakland County champion Southfield won the 800-meter relay and Farmington won the non-scoring Heavy Men's Relay. West Bloomfield placed third in team scoring with 57 points, followed by Southfield (42), North Farmington (40), Troy Athens (32), Farmington (25), Troy (20) and Rochester and Bloomfield Hills Lahser (16).

AMBROSE RELAY RESULTS

36TH ANNUAL AMBROSE RELAY TRACK AND FIELD RELAYS May 27 at Birmingham Seaholm

Team standings: 1. (11) Birmingham Seaholm, Birmingham Brother Rice, 60; 2. West Bloomfield, 57; 4. Southfield, 42; 5. North Farmington, 40; 6. Troy Athens; 7. Farmington, 25; 8. Troy, 20; 9. (16) Rochester, Bloomfield Hills Lahser, 16.

Long jump relay: 1. Seaholm (Mark Thompson, Parker Hotchkiss, Aaron Cooper), 56:2.5; 2. Farmington, 55:7; 3. Lahser, 55:0; 4. West Bloomfield, 54:5; 5. Athens, 53:8.25; 6. Rochester, 52:9.25; 7. Brother Rice, 51:6; 8. North Farmington, 49:2.

High jump relay: 1. West Bloomfield (Andre Barnes, Derek Vermeulen, Keith Kochan), 16-8; 2. North Farmington, 16:6; 3. Southfield, 16:4; 4. Brother Rice, 16:2; 5. Athens, 15:6; 6. Farmington, 15:3.

Shot put relay: 1. North Farmington (Sallet Cummins), Will Halkaway, Kyle Coleman), 36:19.2; 2. Troy, 35:7.3; 3. Seaholm, 34:6; 4. Brother Rice, 33:9.2; 5. West Bloomfield, 33:2; 6. Troy, 32:5.1; 7. Farmington, 31:3; 8. Lahser, 25:1.

800-meter relay: 1. Southfield (Ross Weaver, George Cunningham, Derrick Hunter, Chris Howell), 13:0; 2. West Bloomfield, 13:40; 3. Troy, 13:5; 4. Brother Rice, 13:7; 5. Farmington, 13:5; 6. Athens, 13:7; 7. Rochester, 13:7; 8. North Farmington, 13:3.

6,400 relay: 1. Brother Rice (Shane Giblin, Jason Hannawa, John Black, Mark Roulet), 18:48.1; 2. Rochester, 19:15; 3. Athens, 19:16.4; 4. Troy, 19:18.5; 5. North Farmington, 19:53.3; 6. Farmington, 20:11.4; 7. West

Bloomfield, 20:34.4; 8. Lahser, 21:41.9; Southfield, 22:20.4. Sprint medley relay: 1. Seaholm (Dan LaFave, Parker Hotchkiss, Ryan Yates, Sebastian Lounis), 3:34.5; 2. Southfield, 3:39.3; 3. Brother Rice, 3:48.6; 4. Troy, 3:50.2; 5. Athens, 3:53.7; 6. Lahser, 3:54.5; 7. Rochester, 3:56.2; 8. West Bloomfield, 3:57.0; 9. Farmington, 3:57.2; 10. North Farmington, 4:06.8.

3,200 relay: 1. West Bloomfield (Matt Koerleyknecht, Colin Orr, Mark Shwin, Lance Davis), 8:20.6; 2. North Farmington, 8:41.2; 3. Brother Rice, 8:44.7; 4. Southfield, 8:50; 5. Athens, 8:50.8; 6. Lahser, 9:35.4; 7. Farmington, 9:47.5; 8. Seaholm DQed.

Shuttle hurdle relay: 1. West Bloomfield (A.J. Rice, Alex Procassey, Kevin Lucht, Brett Scalfuri), 10:42; 2. Seaholm, 10:42; 3. Brother Rice, 10:42; 4. Athens, 10:61.5; Troy, 10:8; 6. Rochester, 10:7; 7. North Farmington, 12:25; 8. Lahser, 13; 9. Farmington, 14; 10. Southfield DQed.

Heavy men's relay (non-scoring): 1. Farmington (Justin Sloan, Sherman Taylor, Ryan Dunn, Courland Bartlett), 1:42.7; 2. North Farmington, 1:47.3; 3. Brother Rice, 1:47.4; 4. West Bloomfield, 1:51.0; 5. Seaholm, 1:51.0; 6. Athens, 2:02.2; 7. Troy DQed.

Distance medley relay: 1. Brother Rice (Ryan Gregory, L.T. Hartmann, Marc Roulet, John Black), 10:58.3; 2. Lahser, 10:49.5; 3. Rochester, 11:25.6; 4. West Bloomfield, 11:31.2; 5. Troy, 11:42.5; 6. Athens, 11:45.8; 7. North Farmington, 11:57.0.

400 relay: 1. Seaholm (Dauren Naar, Dan LaFave, Ryan Yates, Aaron Cooper), 44:2; 2. Farmington, 44:5; 3. Southfield, 44.6; 4. North Farmington, 45.8; 5. Troy, 46.4; 6. Rochester, 46.7; 7. Athens, 47.4.

1,600 relay: 1. Seaholm (Sebastian Lounis, Rick Paul, Alex Zucco, Dan LaFave), 3:27.1; 2. Southfield, 3:27.2; 3. North Farmington, 3:31.6; 4. West Bloomfield, 3:33.1; 5. Farmington, 3:33.9; 6. Brother Rice, 3:34.5; 7. Troy, 3:35.8; 8. Athens, 3:41.1; 9. Lahser, 3:43.3; 10. Rochester, 3:48.6.

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themselves, and they knew Mercy had not been doing that well this year," he said.

"I think they were a little overconfident and didn't expect them to come down and put us under pressure like that. "Mercy came to play. They know, at this time of year, it doesn't matter what your record is. If you win, you keep playing and, if you lose, you go home."

The Falcons settled down and began to pass better, and they eventually got the tying goal by Joyce Rose after nine minutes had elapsed.

The score remained a tie until there was 10:46 left in the first half. Lindsay Evans crossed the ball to Kristen Pietila, who scored the winning goal.

Though there was no more scoring, Farmington continued to play well in the second half, according to Montgomery.

"We were passing the ball well and putting them under pressure," he said. "We were taking control of the game."

The Falcons hit the goalposts twice, banged a couple shots off the crossbar and had some others sail wide of the Mercy net.

Farmington had 16 shots overall, Mercy five. Kale Kelly was in goal for the Falcons and Monisha Berkowski for the Marlinis.

"I told the girls today we don't have to beat every team in the state to be state champs," Montgomery said. "We just have to beat six teams."

"A lot of good teams will get knocked out over the next two weeks. We have to keep scrapping and striving for the top."

Erica Rose and Erin Deroo were standouts at center midfield, according to Montgomery. Deroo won a lot of air balls and helped the Falcons possess the ball, he said.

Maggie Vaillancourt and Chrissy Feick, who played sweeper for just the second time, did a really good job on defense, Montgomery added.

Mercy coach Thina Macioce was pleased with the performance of her team in the season finale.

"It was a great game," she said. "The girls brought it together and played tough the whole time."

"(The Falcons) have a really good player up front (Evans), and Julie Heider shut her out almost the whole game."

"The defense did great; we kept pulling them offside. Mo had a great game. Farmington is a good team and we held them scoreless in the second half."

"A lot of the same (Mercy) kids will be returning; hopefully, it will give us some momentum for next year. We only graduate two girls. Lauren Longley was the only senior who played today."

SEAHOLM & N. FARMINGTON © Despite the loss in a Division III district opener Tuesday, North Farmington coach Tim Russell was "absolutely giddy" about how well the Racers played.

North, a member of the Oakland Activities Association Division III, acquitted itself well against an OAA Division III opponent that won the 1999 state title.

The Racers (11-3-4) held the Maples to a 1-0 halftime lead before giving up two goals late in the second half.

Mallory Thomas scored the first goal. Sara Moore and Katie Mulrhead accounted for the next two. The score stayed 1-0 until nine minutes remained in the game, and Seaholm got its first goal in the final minute.

"For a good 30 minutes of that (second) half we were dead even with them," Russell said, "and we had Seaholm afraid a good part of the half."

"You could hear it in their voices and see it in the way they were playing. (When the Maples got their second goal, you could feel the relief from their team and their crowd. By that point, we were worn out. We had been playing a lot of defense. But the kids were incredible."

The Racers played much of the second half without two starting defenders, Lou

Arts captain was hit in the head by a baseball from an adjacent field, but she managed to finish the first half before feeling weak. She went to a hospital and was expected to stay overnight for observation, according to Russell.

Christina Taylor moved back to defense and took over Kaplan's spot. But she was the victim of a head foul and also had to learn the game.

Outside defender Adileone Sandquist, sweeper Kristina Hayes and goalie Bridgette Beers were standouts for the Racers.

"Adrienne was playing against girls a head taller than her, and they couldn't get by her," Russell said.

"Kristina has been our sweeper all year, and I (usually) never have a freshman playing sweeper because it's so difficult. She and Adrienne were unstoppable."

"Kristina had nice saves, and a few were just remarkable. A ball was headed for the upper 90. All of a sudden, out of nowhere, she comes across the net and swoops it up."

The team's four seniors - middlefielder Ashley Lynch, Michele Bootsteyer and Brie Loveland and forward Chris Gabriel - played well in their final games, Russell added.

Lynch had to have the game (cooperatively with a bloody nose after being hit with the ball, but she couldn't wait to get back on the field, according to her coach.

"She had a great game," Russell said. "They went out with a lot of heart and great loyalty."

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