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Marauders heading back to state tournament



Marcus senior Sam Garza's goal in the 2nd period of the 5A Region 1 semi-final game against El Paso Franklin at

BY STEVE GAMEL
 Sports Editor

The Marcus boys' soccer team is not in Austin for a vacation. The defending state champs (24-3-3) opened the first round of the Class 5A

state tournament on Thursday against Katy Cinco Ranch, and had expectations of playing in Friday's final. All games were slated for Round Rock ISD Stadium. Unfortunately, Thursday's scores weren't available at press time. "If someone had said to me at the beginning of the season that we'd be

heading back to the state tournament, I don't think I would have called them a liar but it certainly would have been hard to believe," head coach John Gall said. "We lost nine starters from last year and had a lot of new kids who had so much to live up to having gone 30-0 last year." Thus far, however, Marcus has proven to be just as formidable despite all the personnel changes. Heading into the state tournament, the Marauders boasted a 12-game winning streak dating back to Feb. 26. They also managed to extend last year's 30-0 mark to 32 games this season — a Class 5A record. Their record setting win streak was snapped back on Jan. 12 by Dallas Jesuit in the finals of the Jesuit Meinster Tournament. Jesuit won 1-0 on a penalty kick. Marcus, however, returned the favor in similar fashion last week in the Region I final at Pennington Field in Bedford when standout forward Sam Garza drilled a penalty kick midway through the second half to lift his team to a 1-0 win. Officials ruled a hand ball call against Jesuit to set up the winning kick.

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Nathanson hurls perfect game for Jags

BY STEVE GAMEL
 Sports Editor

Dana Nathanson threw a perfect game on Tuesday night while leading the Flower Mound softball team to a 10-0 win over Carrollton R.L. Turner in District 6-5A action.

Nathanson — who saw her first game action in almost two weeks due to a rotator cuff injury — only needed five innings to shut down the Lions while the

offense quickly worked in 10 runs on nine hits — including a home run from Taylor Hoagland and doubles from Nathanson and Bethany Hardzinski. "The girls played very well," head coach Wendy Massey said. "We were able to put the ball in play and Turner had some errors that helped us out. We got a lot of people some playing time, which was good to see at this stage of district."

The shutout was Flower Mound's fifth in its last nine games. They've outscored their last five district foes 60-7, including a 19-1 win over Lewisville and 18-0 victory over Carrollton Newman Smith. As for the district race, the Jags are just as dangerous. With three games left in the regular season, the team (18-6-2) has already clinched a playoff spot and still sits just one game behind Coppell (11-0) for second.

Marcus and Creekview are both close behind at 7-4 in league play. Flower Mound will close out the season against Creekview, Coppell and Lewisville. The game against Coppell will be at 7:30 p.m. on April 15 and will be played at Coppell. Massey said her team is definitely playing better. She zeroed in on Hoagland, who upped her home run total to eight in Tuesday's win. "She's been very consistent this season,"



FMHS junior 2nd baseman Bethany Hardzinski (#7).

Massey said of Hoagland. "Even when she may be in a slump, she still manages to put the bat on the ball." Just over a week ago, the head coach was a bit concerned after her team kicked around four errors in a 9-4 win over Hebron. She credited the errors to her team not staying focused for a full seven innings — perhaps looking too far ahead to a potential playoff spot in this year's race. "We are just looking forward to finishing strong," Massey said. "From there,

we can see how far we can go. I felt like Friday and Tuesday's games were a lot better and we were able to play solid through the entire game. We kept focused, and that's what I had hoped to see." The Jags are coming off a season in which they finished 27-9 overall and advanced to playoffs before losing to Irving Nimitz in a best-of-three series in the first round. They finished second to Marcus in the district standings.

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Kennewell signs with Iowa State for softball



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Basehit against Marcus by FMHS senior pitcher Lauren "Lo" Kennewell.

BY STEVE GAMEL
 Sports Editor

Senior right hander Lauren Kennewell has signed to play at Iowa St. next fall, Flower Mound softball coach Wendy Massey confirmed on Sunday.

Kennewell decided against going through with her original oral commitment to play for the Cyclones. She had gained interest from a few Division I programs, but admitted the lure of the Big 12 was too much to pass up.

"I went out there for a camp and I just loved the coaches," Kennewell said. "My sister

(Alli) played for three years at Missouri, and now that she's graduated, I've got to keep the Big 12 tradition going somehow for my family."

Kennewell is the fourth Jaguar to have signed a letter of intent this season and 14th overall since the program started back in 1999. According to an Iowa St. press release, she is one of six members of the 2008-09 class to have signed - and the only one from Texas.

"We are very happy to have Lauren joining our team in the fall," said Iowa St. softball coach Stacy Gemeinhardt-Cesler as pulled

from the recent press release. "She has good speed, all the physical attributes of a pitcher and will add depth to our staff. I think she can come in and contribute and we look forward to having her as a member of our team."

Kennewell went into Thursday's playoffs with a 10-3 record and 2.31 earned run average. She has recorded 73 strikeouts this season. Last year as a junior, she went 17-4 with a 1.74 ERA while helping the Jags to a 26-10 overall record. She also earned District 6-5A Pitcher of the Year honors. She also hit .408.

"We are all very thrilled for her and I think a deep playoff run this year would give her even more experience going forward," Massey said. "That next level can be pretty intimidating because you have to remain intense and focused at all times. But she's a tough girl."

For a pitcher, the jump is even more difficult, Massey said. One of the biggest concerns for any high school pitcher is being able to make the jump from a pitcher's mound that is 43 feet rather than 40. At the same time, Kennewell has been playing summer ball for the Texas Heat Gold since 2006, where she has been getting experience from 43 feet.

"I really do think I can adjust well," Kennewell said. "It'll be exciting to pitch against those big time hitters, so it will be a bit different. But I also think I'll work hard to be ready."

Kennewell added her recent signing was a definite weight off her shoulders and couldn't have come at a better time. Flower Mound started a best-of-three playoff series with Keller on Thursday. Game 2 will be at 7 p.m. at Flower Mound. And if necessary, Game 3 will be at noon on Saturday in Grapevine.

Flower Mound was able to capture the district title in the final game of the regular season thanks to rival Marcus beating Coppell. Flower Mound finished league play with a 13-1 mark.

Marcus boys' soccer nets one superlative honor

BY STEVE GAMEL
 Sports Editor

The Marcus boys' soccer team went 26-3-3 and won the Class 5A state title for the second year in a row. So while the Marauders were well represented on this year's District 6-5A All-District team, it was a surprise to see just one superlative honor thrown their way.

Senior Josh Mensah was recognized by the district as its Utility Player of the Year after posting 12 goals and five assists this season. But he was the lone athlete to win a top honor on a Marcus team that set a record in 5A for most consecutive wins (32) and allowed just one goal in seven playoff games.

The most eye-popping snub was senior Sam Garza, who made the district's first team list after winning MVP at the state tournament. Garza was Offensive Player of the Year last year in 6-5A.

"I don't want to come across as selfish because while I'm partial to my players I know that all the kids who were chosen this year were excellent choices," Marcus head coach John Gall said. "Ultimately we are state champs and that was our goal. I just know how consistent all my players were this year."

Gall was named Coach of the Year for the third time in seven years, but player wise, the wealth was definitely spread out on this year's list. Hebron earned two superlative honors with Lucas Bassan being named MVP and teammate Mark Essary winning Defensive MVP. Newcomer of the Year and Coppel's Ben Hill took home Offensive MVP honors.

Overall, Marcus was still the highest vote getter with 12 players making first or second team. Hebron posted 10 followed by eight each from Coppell and Flower Mound.

In comparison, Marcus dominated last year's list with four superlative honors and nine athletes who were named to first team.

"There were a lot of good players who scored a lot of goals and had a lot of great stats," Gall said. "Everyone has their own opinion of who should have been on the list this year, and they don't always match from year to year."

Marcus players who made this year's first team list include Garza (14 goals, 10 assists), Christian Dahlskog (six goals, four assists), Eric Przybysz (22 goals, five assists), Eric Frazier (nine goals, 11



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Marcus senior Eric Przybysz (9) scores with a header shot in the 2nd half of the 5A Region 1 semi-final game against El Paso Franklin at Pennington Field.

assists), Chad Caldwell (14 goals, eight assists) and Randy Wright (four goals, four assists). Cameron Knox, Cory Jackson, Gino DePaoli, Phil Charles, Luke Boyd and Zach Lavell made second team.

Incidentally, Lewisville ISD schools (Marcus, Flower Mound, Lewisville and Hebron) combined for 34 first/second team selections and three superlative honors. Flower Mound - which finished 16-8-2 overall - had eight players make this year's list, including Garrett Getschow (26 goals). Others included

Brian Busch, Collin Gauthen, Mason Gist, Matt Pospisil, Matt Bewley, Reid Bibby and Jeff Phillips.

Flower Mound set team records for goals in a season (76), most goals by an individual (Getschow, 26), most individual goals in a single game (Getschow, 4), saves in a season (Gist, 192), saves in a career (Gist, 453) and shutouts in a career (Gist, 18). Five players have also signed to play college soccer.

"In the end, it's always nice to get kids the accolades they deserve," Gall said.

Youth Baseball qualifies for Nationals



The Texas Rough Riders, an 11-year old Baseball team formed in Flower Mound, recently qualified for the Super Series National Tournament by finishing runner up in the Bowie, TX tournament April 19th and April 20th. The starting pitcher for the quarterfinals was Andrew Peraza, and the winning pitcher for the quarterfinals game was Jonathan Staton. Final Score: Rough Riders 14 - Olney 0. The starting pitcher and winning pitcher for the semifinals game was Ryan Adler. Final Score: Rough Riders 12 - Spuders 6. The starting pitcher for the final game was Thomas Lauer. Final Score: Cutters 8 - Rough Riders 7. Roster: Head Coach Pat Duran, Asst. Coach Michael Adler Back row: L to R - Luke McDougal, Josh Music, Steven Murchison, Ryan Adler, Brian Davis, Kaden Smith, Thomas Lauer Front Row: L to R - Andrew Peraza, Mitch Parker, Jonathan Staton, Thomas Radle, Kyle West, Kaden Ivy.

Corrections and clarifications

On April 18, in an article entitled: Sheriff Parkey on Denton County crime, it was stated that the three kilos of cocaine confiscated were worth \$3000 to \$4000. The correct value was \$300,000 to \$400,000.

In addition, Sheriff Parkey did not say, "If we're not throwing money at the problem, we're not fixing it." He said, "If we're just throwing money at the problem, we're not fixing it, so we're trying to utilize the existing federal resources we have, such as the DEA and federal immigration laws."

Sheriff Parkey did not say, "We should start prisons for illegal immigrants. I say stack them like cardboard." He said, "If we tried to round up them all up, we would have to start prisons just for illegal immigrants and we'd have to stack them up like cordwood." In no sense is he advocating that be done.

Sheriff Parkey did not say that any interested detention officer could attend the police academy. He did say any interested detention officer could apply to attend the academy, but there is not enough room for every officer who wants to attend and there is a selection process that all applicants must go through that determines who can attend.

Our apologies to Sheriff Parkey for the misquotes.

Local Yoga studio brings people together for drum circle



JERRY ALLISON
 Clockwise from left: Blue Anjou owner DeAnna Nielsen and daughter Kiran play the bongos. Twelve people gather in the yoga studio playing drums and other instruments. Jennifer Calhoun and Brandon Ford watch others and play. A drummer plays the congas and bongos. Drum Leader, Mark Williams beats his conga and watches others play.

BY JERRY ALLISON
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The noise permeated the building and into the street. About 10 people sat in a circle, drumming to their own beat. Belly dancers swayed in the background, creating their own music with finger symbols.

This is the scene every first Saturday of the month in Old Lewisville at Blue Anjou, a yoga studio and eco-boutique that has begun a Kirtan drum circle. The circle brings drummers and belly dancers together to make music and meet new friends. "You don't need to know music notes," DeAnna Nielsen, owner of Blue Anjou said. "It is just about community."

Drummers bring all sorts of instruments, including bongos, congas, and Native American drums. One person will start the beat and then slowly everyone around the room joins in. Megan Trotter, a first time drummer and Lululemon employee, came because of the healing nature of music. "I believe there are therapeutic benefits to moving and making music," said Trotter. "After the class, I felt happy and free, feeling more confident than before."

Trotter's feelings are what Nielsen wants to bring to Blue Anjou- a sense of community and healing. "It brings people from all over to the studio," Nielsen said. "You are coming in shedding whatever you need to shed to unify. It doesn't matter why people come; there is just a feeling of unity."

The next drum circle is May 3 at Blue Anjou. For more information call 972- 956-8555 or visit www.blueanjou.com.



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