

North edges Harrison in 9 innings, 6-5

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North Farmington is having one of its best baseball seasons ever, but last Wednesday, the Raiders had all they could handle with neighboring Farmington Harrison, a team which has been struggling this spring.

North scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning to overcome a stubborn Harrison club, 6-5, in the non-league game at North. The Raiders climbed to 7-1 overall with the extra-inning victory. Harrison fell to 3-7.

Ron Fredericks singled to right center to score Mike Thompson with the winning run. Earlier in the ninth inning, North tied it at five-all as Tom Godwin singled home Rex Baker.

North raced to a 4-0 lead in the sixth inning. But then the Hawks scored a run and got a big blow — a three-run homer by Mike Kourakis — to tie it, 4-4.

"I was a little upset that we let Harrison come from being four down," said North coach Jerry Maxwell. "But I was pleased that we could come back and win it. That's the mark of a good team."

Harrison took a 5-4 lead in the ninth inning as John Recker singled, took second on Ron Brown's sacrifice and scored on Jerry Andrews' base hit.

Harrison coach John Herrington had to be pleased with his only pitcher of the day, senior Steve Zerle. Although he was the loser, Zerle worked the whole

game, allowing nine hits, striking out five and walking seven.

The winning pitcher, Thompson, worked 3½ innings of relief, allowing two hits and walking two. North sophomore Matt Ruud started the game and threw an impressive 5½ innings, striking out eight and walking two.

North's Godwin was the batting star, producing three hits in four trips to the plate, knocking in two runs and scoring another.

"I suppose coming this close to a team like North Farmington could be a confidence builder for us," said Harrison's Herrington. "But this is our fifth one-run loss this season, and it's starting to get the kids down."

Earlier last week, Harrison belted five homers in splitting a double header, 10-9 and 7-4, with Northville High in the Western Six League. Harrison is 1-5 in the WSL.

In the first game, Tom Cundy clouted two homers and drove in three runs. Mike Tetreault, the winning pitcher, also hit a home run. Mike Alcantara and Kurt Parry each had a homer for Harrison in the nightcap.

Last Tuesday, Livonia Franklin handed North's first loss this season, 4-2, in a Northwest Suburban League encounter. North had won its first three games in the league.

Winning pitcher Ken Webster tossed a four-hitter, and Jim Kuzava hit a two-run double. Rich Nutter went two

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for three and drove in two runs for North.

Harrison hosts Plymouth Canton at 4 p.m. on Monday (May 14). North Farm-

ington travels to Garden City East for a 3:30 p.m. game on Tuesday (May 15).

FARMINGTON 5
MILFORD LAKELAND 0

Greg Kuhnlein pitched a two-hitter to pace Farmington High's 5-0 victory over Milford Lakeland last Wednesday in the first game of an Inter Lakes League double header. Lakeland won the second game, 6-0.

Kuhnlein, who raised his pitching record to 3-1, struck out 11 and walked four. "He had a good curve ball and ex-

cellent control," said Farmington coach Harry Swystun.

Farmington pounded out 11 hits. Dave Schultz went two for three and stole three bases. Bruce Hulscher went two for three and knocked in two runs, and Bob Collins drove in a run with a double.

In the second game, Farmington made five errors, and all Lakeland runs were unearned.

Farmington, 4-4 overall and 2-2 in the ILL, plays next at home against Waterford Township on Monday at 4 p.m.

NF blanks Andover

Clara Ranieri, Kathy Cole and each scored a goal and netminder Janice Herrera stopped three shots as North Farmington blanked Bloomfield Hills Andover, 3-0, last afternoon in the Eastern Division of the Suburban High School Girls' Soccer League. North is 4-1 in division play and 4-2 overall.

In another recent girls' soccer game, Livonia Bentley defeated Farmington Harrison, 2-0, last Wednesday. Bonnie

Brandrith scored both Bentley goals. Bentley goalkeeper Nancy Heuston faced seven Harrison shots. Bentley is 4-1-1 with the victory. Harrison fell to 2-3.

On Monday (May 14), Harrison plays at Livonia Churchill, and Farmington High plays at Bentley. Both games start at 7 p.m. North Farmington entertains Dearborn Fordson at 4 p.m. on Monday.

Softball title settled

Dooley's Softball City won the second-annual Farmington Hills Spring Training Tournament May 5 with a 3-2 victory over Mr. Joe's in the tournament final played at Knights of Columbus Field.

Dooley's earned the title by battling back through the loser's bracket after losing its only game to Mr. Joe's, 3-2.

Dooley's defeated defending-champion Metro Merchants, 4-2, before whipping Mr. Joe's by scores of 6-3 and 3-2. Dooley's belted out 34 hits during its winning streak.

The tournament was sponsored by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

Harrison girls top Mott

Farmington Harrison won the decisive mile relay last Thursday and defeated Waterford Mott, 64-58, in a Western Six League girls' track meet on Harrison's turf.

The mile relay (Blair Kelly, Dawn Johnston, Jayne Evans and Linda Tremonti) won with a time of 4:28.9. Harrison's Terri Duckett won three individual events, the 110-yard hurdles (16.6), the 220-yard hurdles (33.0) and the high jump (5-5). Teammate Beth Dilley won the 100 dash (12.5) and the 220 dash (27.8).

Earlier last week, Duckett won four individual events to pace Harrison's 70-53 victory over Detroit Country Day School. Duckett won the 110 hurdles (18.5), the long jump (14-11), the 220 hurdles (34.4) and the high jump (5-4). Tremonti won the 440 (65.7) and the 220 (27.5).

Harrison has a 3-3 overall record and

a 1-2 mark in the WSL.

In another meet last Thursday, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy won a double dual with a 94-29 showing over Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher and an 81½-41½ showing over Redford Bishop Borgess. Mercy is 4-0 in dual meets.

Mercy's Michele Collins won the 880 (2:30.3) and the one run (6:30.1). Sherry West won the 100 (12.1) and the 220 (27.7). Beth Bosse won the discus (89-9), Julie Basford won the 440 (61.1), and Patty Young won the high jump (4-10) and Kathy Ayala won the 110 hurdles (17.9).

Redford Union whipped North Farmington in a Northwest Suburban League meet last Thursday. North's mile relay (Janice Cromwell, Suzanne Sullivan, Lori Kolodziej and Debbie Yee) won in 4:37.0. Nancy Hughes of North won the shot put with 31-2.

Waterford stopped Farmington High, 68-55, in the Inter Lakes League.

Farmington's 880 relay (Melanie Churella, Denise Germaine, Shelly Tomkow and Elisa Yastie) won in 1:56.5. The Falcons' mile relay (Germaine, Yastie, Barber and Laurie Krensch) won in 4:35.7. Julie Tadrazynski won the long jump (13-10½) and the high jump (4-10), and Barber won the mile (6:10.0).

Earlier, North Farmington bested Farmington, 65-58, in a non-league meet.

North's mile relay (Cromwell, Sullivan, Kolodziej and Lori Salkeld) won in 4:33.0. North's Cathy Monfette won the two-mile in 13:50.0, and teammate Pam McCann finished second in the high jump at 4-10. Farmington's Sherry Lacey won the shot (33-1) and the discus (95-6). Tomkow took the 100 (12.5) and the 220 (28.5).

North has a 2-4 overall record. Farmington is 0-6.

Hawk softballers rout North

Linda Bache smacked a three-run homer last Thursday to pace Farmington Harrison's 14-5 victory over city-rival North Farmington in a non-league softball game on Harrison's diamond.

Winning pitcher Lori Webb lasted the first four innings, giving up three hits, striking out three and walking one. Kathy Corbett belted a three-run double, and Cynthia Pipp went two for three

and knocked in a run for Harrison, which had 10 hits.

Losing pitcher Sandy Stumph went the distance, walking seven, fanning one and hitting two Hawk batters. North's Doreen Gundle drove in a run with a single.

Earlier last week, Harrison defeated Northville, 8-3, in a Western Six League softball game.

Bache went three for four and scored

three runs, and Corbett had four hits in four trips and drove in two runs. Winning pitcher Barb Erickson allowed two hits in four innings of relief. She struck out three and walked one.

Harrison, 9-2 overall and 7-0 in Western Six play, plays next on Monday (May 14) at Plymouth Canton. North, winless in seven starts, entertains Garden City East on Tuesday. Both games begin at 4 p.m.

FARMINGTON 14
MILFORD LAKELAND 4

Farmington High had nine hits and took advantage of 13 walks last Wednesday in defeating Milford Lakeland, 14-4, in an Inter Lakes League softball game. Farmington climbed to 5-3 overall with the victory.

Winning pitcher Betsy VanDeusen (3-2) worked five innings before the mercy rule was invoked, allowing six hits, striking out five and walking five. Wendy Dierkes had two hits and knocked in two runs, and Kay Deeg walked four times and scored two runs.

Farmington travels to Waterford Township for a 4 p.m. game on Monday.

REGINA 4
MERCY 2

Kelly Devers and Kelly Walsh each drove in a run in a losing effort last Wednesday at Harper Woods Regina belted Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, 4-2, in Catholic League softball. The loss put Mercy at 3-2 in the league.

Regina scored three runs in the fifth inning to go ahead. Losing pitcher Lisa Morris went all the way, giving up eight hits, striking out two and walking five.

Mercy hosts Birmingham Marian at 4 p.m. on Monday.

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Biehl helps North post tri-met victory

High school track fans should check out the newspaper listing for the state's best boys' track and field performances. They'll find a local name near the top of the discus list.

Mark Biehl of North Farmington High tossed the discus 171-4 last Tuesday in a tri-meet with city-rivals Harrison and Farmington High. As of last Tuesday, Biehl's effort was the second best of the season in the state.

North won the tri-meet with 75 points. Farmington finished second with 53 points, and Harrison 39.

North's Bob Morden tied a school record in the pole vault, with a 13-6 for first place. Teammate Rob Henderhan won the high jump at 6-0, and Rob Henderhan won the 300-meter low hurdles in 41.2.

Harrison sophomore Ken Kopko won the 400-meter dash with an impressive 53.4, and teammate Johan Engblom won the 1600-meter run in 4:41.6. Rick Curtis of Farmington won the long jump with 20-6.

Last Thursday, North defeated Redford Union, 107-25, in a Northwest Suburban League meet. Morden won the pole vault at 13-11, breaking the school record he tied last Tuesday. Henderhan won the high jump (6-0), and Dan Cohen won the 100 dash (10.5) and the 220 (24.4).

In another dual meet last Thursday, Farmington High whipped Waterford Township, 88-44, in the Inter Lakes League.

Rick Curtis and Scott Hazen each won two events for Farmington. Curtis took the long jump (20-6) and the 220 (23.4), and Hazen won the shot put (46-11) and the discus (122-10).

Other Farmington firsts: Chris Reynolds (15.8 in the 120 high hurdles), John Murphy (4:47.0 in the mile run) and Don Dewar (41.4 in the 330 low hurdles).

Waterford Mott bested Harrison, 67-62, in a Western Six League meet last Thursday.