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## West Bloomfield triumphs, 1-0

# North's soccer squad drops key game

By TOM BAER

Coach Diane Smith was reduced to tears by her soccer team's performance against North Farmington last Monday.

"I cried," Smith admitted after watching her West Bloomfield squad stop North Farmington, 1-0, in a crucial game in the Eastern Division of the North Suburban Girls' Soccer Association.

"I was so happy," said Smith, a housewife-turned-coach who has guided West Bloomfield to a 5-0-1 record in its inaugural season.

"North Farmington has had a lot of publicity about being the league leader this year," Smith said. "West Bloomfield is a new team and really hasn't gotten the recognition it deserves. After the game, our girls were saying, 'Maybe now we'll get a picture in the paper.'"

Kelly Corby, a sophomore forward, scored the game's only goal early in the first half. After taking a pass from Gaye Stivaletta, Corby pumped the ball into the upper left-hand corner of the net.

"The ball was passed across the goal mouth by Gaye," Smith said. "Kelly was there and just pushed it through."

Smith praised her defense, especially goalie Sara Mammoser, who stopped six North Farmington shots.

"I was very pleased with my defense," she said. "June Morse, Tracy Smith, Marianne Cikalo all played outstanding games, as did our goalie."

COACH MIKE Horner's North Farmington squad had not been beaten in six outings before last Monday's game. "It was just a fun soccer game to watch," Horner said. "It was a well-played game with lots of good passing and good defense."

"I just wish we could have been the team to score the goal."

North goalie Janice Higuera faced nine West Bloomfield shots.

North Farmington and West Bloomfield, now tied for the Eastern Division lead, will have a rematch on May 28 at (Continued on Page 2B)



WB goalie Sara Mammoser stopped six North Farmington shots in last Monday's soccer game.



North Farmington's Marie Alati (left) and West Bloomfield's Natalie Nutt struggle for ball possession. (Staff photos by John Stano)

## Farmington softballers have 'just enough' to win

By TOM BAER

Farmington softball coach Richard Roy wasn't jumping for joy after last Monday's game — even though his team downed Walled Lake Central, 13-9, in the Inter Lakes League.

"We had just enough to win it," said Roy, who has guided the Falcons to a 9-2 overall record and a 3-1 mark in the league. "We played a crummy game. There were so many mental mistakes like throwing to the wrong base."

Winning pitcher Betsy VanDeusen worked the entire game and gave up 10 hits. She struck out walked eight and struck out one. Losing pitcher Narducci also went the distance, allowing 11 hits, striking out two and walking three.

Farmington, which had 11 hits in the game, scored three runs in the first inning and added five in the sixth. Jean Zuhorski hit a two-run homer in the third, and VanDeusen hit a leadoff triple in the sixth.

Saturday, Farmington won both ends of a

double header from Southfield High, 9-3 and 5-1.

VanDeusen pitched a three-hitter to help Farmington win the first game. She struck out nine and walked five. Stacy Green was the winning pitcher in the nightcap, allowing eight hits and walking two.

Last Friday, Farmington dumped Livonia Stevenson, 6-5, in the league. Zuhorski pitched a five-hitter and struck out three. All five Stevenson runs were unearned.

IN OTHER recent softball, Farmington Harrison scored in the bottom of the seventh inning to overcome Livonia Churchill, 5-4, in the Western Six League. Harrison is 3-7 overall and 1-3 in the Western Six.

Linda Bache, who had two hits in three trips, doubled in the seventh to knock in Lori Winkel with the tying run. Bache went to third base on Cynthia Pink's ground out and then scored on a wild pitch.

Winning pitcher Gina Kilkka relieved Pink, who lasted only 1½ innings.

Saturday, Harrison lost to Flint Power (10-7) and Royal Oak St. Mary's (7-6) in the Pontiac Catholic Girls' Softball Tournament.

Bishop Borgess downed Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, 4-2, in Catholic League softball Monday. Mercy is 4-4 overall and 4-2 in the Catholic League.

Losing pitcher Lisa Morris pitched the whole game, allowing eight hits, walking six and striking out five. Teammate Kelly Devers had two hits in three trips and drove in two runs.

"My kids didn't have school today, and they always seem to come up flat when they're not in school," said Mercy coach Linda Barber. "They had their fair this past weekend, and they get off on the Monday after."

Sue Gambetto, the winning pitcher, allowed just three hits, struck out three and walked none.

"She was slow compared to what we're used to," Barber said. "But all we could do was pop it up."

On Thursday, May 8, Mercy is home to Harper Woods Regins in a 4 p.m. game. On Friday, North Farmington plays at Livonia Franklin, and Pontiac Northern plays at Farmington High. Both games have 4 p.m. starts.

Harrison travels to Southfield High for a Saturday double header beginning at noon on May 10.



Betsy VanDeusen delivers for Farmington. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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