

Harrison's girls humble Canton; Lathrup falters

Farmington Harrison High School outlasted Plymouth Canton in a 76-47 victory last Wednesday in girls' track and field action.

"We were real happy with the win," said Harrison coach Mark Babcock. "That was one of the biggest meets of the year for us because we beat the defending league (Western Six) league champions."

Alice Short and Lori Runk were double winners for the Hawks. Harrison also won all three relays.

Short won the shot put (41 feet, 1 1/2 inches) and discus (123 feet, 1/4 inch — a new school record). Runk ran a 2:38.1 in the half-mile and a six-minute mile.

Harrison's Kim Mitchell won the 220-yard dash in 28.8.

Harrison finished with a 6-2 dual-meet record — one victory better than last year.

The Hawks participate in the league meet on June 2 and the county meet on May 27.

ROCHESTER ADAMS defeated Southfield-Lathrup, 76-47, in a Metro Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) meet earlier last week.

The Highlanders were led by Diane Klein, who won the 100-yard dash in 13.1 seconds and the 200-meter low hurdles in 31 seconds. Kathy Kubicki was another double winner for the Highlanders, taking the mile (5:33) and two-mile (12:30) runs.

Julie Daugherty (400-meter) and Terry Esselink (800 meters) were Adams' other winners.

The Highlanders also won all three relays.

Lathrup's winners included Lisa VanBuskirk in the shot put and discus, Colleen Betts (200-meter run) and Sally Stemmer in the 100-meter low hurdles.

Lathrup, 3-4 overall and Adams participate in the Metro Suburban Activities Association (MSAA) league meet tomorrow at Birmingham Groves.

BIRMINGHAM SEAHOLM girls' track team concluded its best season in the school's history Thursday with a 76-47 victory over Ferndale.

The Maples finished with a 4-3 Southeastern Michigan Association

track

(SMA) record, and a 5-5 record overall. Last year, the Maples had a 3-7 overall mark.

Karen Finucan and Carolyn McQueen — the Maples' top scorers all year — were once again the team leaders.

Finucan won the 110-yard low hurdles in 16.4 and the high jump in 5 feet, 2 inches. McQueen took the 100-yard dash in 12.01 and the 220-yard dash in 27.60.

Sharon Libby (mile), Mary Ballantyne (440) and Allison Saylor (880) were Seaholm's other individual winners.

The Maples won all three relays. Ballantyne, Finucan, Beth Laurain and McQueen won the 880-yard relay in 1:53.9. Debbie Harris, Laurain, Patty Mills and McQueen won the 440 relay in 54.5.

The mile relay team consisted of Lori Ferguson, Bridget Gosline, Martha Hageman and Ballantyne. Their time was 4:42.7.

Seaholm competes in the SMA league meet tomorrow at Hazel Park High School.



Farmington's Paul Wenson allowed only four hits Friday, but his team lost to Plymouth Salem, 4-1.

Costly error clips Falcons

By Jay Keenan
special writer

Brian Gilles was glad to get this one out of the way.

The Plymouth Salem baseball coach was breathing a lot easier after his Rocks had stopped Farmington, 4-1, in a state tournament qualifier game Friday afternoon at Salem.

Gilles, whose team wrapped up the Suburban Eight League baseball title earlier last week, didn't want his season to end with two more lame-duck conference games left on the schedule.

He well remembered 1978 when his Rocks compiled a 17-6 record, but fell to Farmington Harrison in the first round of the state Class A tournament.

"The thing we didn't want to have happen was to have the kind of year where we got knocked off right in the pre-qualifying round," said Gilles, whose team owns an 18-3 record.

"If you're having a good year, you don't want it to end like that. So we just had to have this one under our belts."

Gilles' fears went unrealized thanks to the pitching of Joe Humphries, who tossed a five-litter, striking out nine batters and walking only two in seven innings of work.

But Humphries had to share the spotlight with Farmington's Paul Wenson, the losing pitcher. The Falcon junior handcuffed the hard-hitting Rocks, holding them to four hits (three singles and a double) and striking out four batters.

UNFORTUNATELY, MUCH of Wenson's effort went for naught because of a costly Falcon error in the bottom of the fifth inning.

With Salem leading 2-0 at that point, Dan Carlson and Pete Steyart were issued walks. Both moved up a base on Todd Riedel's ground out. Then Dave Slavin's routine fly ball was dropped by Farmington left fielder Bruce Rutilla, allowing two unearned runs to score.

Farmington's lone run came in the seventh. Neil Davis led off with an infield single, moved to second on a walk and scored on a throwing error in a Salem double-play attempt.

"We beat ourselves, if that's what you want to hear," said Falcon coach Tony Wenson, Paul's older brother. "The dropped fly ball cost us the game."

"But we had a good performance by our pitcher. He threw a four-litter and you can't deny that. Salem has a good ballclub, a first-class organization."

The Rocks opened the scoring in the second as John Blanchard reached on an infield hit and scored on John Lanphear's double. The winners made it 2-0 in the fourth without the benefit of a hit. Humphries drew a walk and pinch runner Mike Cindrich stole second, went to third on a ground out and trotted home on a wild pitch.

"It wasn't one of our better-hitting ballgames," Gilles said. "But we played pretty good defense, and it was enough — thank God — to get us through."

North upends unbeaten GC East

It was an upset of major proportions. Going into Friday's game at home, the Garden City East softball squad had yet to taste defeat in 23 straight games. The reigning Northwest Suburban League champions from Garden City were ready to face a North Farmington squad sporting a season record under the 500 mark.

So much for sure things. When the dust settled, it was North Farmington 5, Garden City 4.

North Farmington scored twice in the second inning on walks by Amy Mummert and Suzette Greenberg, followed by two sacrifice bunts. On the second bunt by Farmington's Margie Lee, a throwing error brought home both base runners.

Farmington added three more runs in the fourth on singles by Stacey Greenberg, Debbie Pank, Mummert, Betsy Lee and Margie Lee.

Meanwhile, frosh hurler Suzette Greenberg kept the Garden City attack in check, walking only one batter. "Our philosophy was to pitch her because of her control," said North Farmington coach Dennis Mikel.

The win evened North Farmington's overall record at 8-3 and improved the team's NSL mark to 4-6. Garden City East suffered its first loss of the campaign to drop to 23-1 overall, 9-1 in the league.

North Farmington and cross-town rival Farmington will square off Wednesday at Farmington.

FARMINGTON OUR Lady of Mercy finally found Bishop Borgess' number. The Spartans, in three previous softball encounters against Mercy, have emerged with victories. But in pre-dis-

trict qualifying action, Mercy turned the tide with a 7-6, nine-inning victory.

Pitcher Janine Delvignia went the full nine innings for Mercy and allowed six hits along the way.

Mercy picked up seven hits, including two by Yvonne Regan and one each from Kelly Humphry and Virginia Minelli.

Today, Mercy (3-10) will host Birmingham Marian.

SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN waltzed to its third win in 15 outings Thursday

as the Eagles routed Detroit Bethesda, 24-14.

Carol Snyder worked the first three innings of the mercy-terminated contest and was the winning pitcher. Kristy Shreve pitched the final two innings.

Karen Stolzenburg led the Eagles as she drove home six runs, four on a grand-slam homer. The freshman catcher was 3-for-6 on the day.

Julie Sedor had two hits and four RBI. Donna Brandenburg and Sandy Betcher each had two hits and two RBI.

Today, the Eagles host Warren Baptist.

In SMA baseball

Matthews wins showdown

By Al Zawacki
staff writer

A pitching duel was in the cards Thursday afternoon as the SMA's top two hurlers, Southfield's Craig Matthews and Berkley's Steve Baker, clashed at the Southfield High School baseball diamond.

Baker pitched well, but it was Matthews who survived the showdown. He fanned 12, walked only one and allowed just two hits and two unearned

runs to lead Southfield to a 4-2 triumph.

"He pitched a super game," said Southfield coach Cliff Dubowski. "His curve ball was working real well, and he had the hitters fooled all day."

"Their third and fourth hitters both struck out twice."

Matthews, a junior right-hander, lowered his season earned run average to a microscopic 0.85 with the victory, his sixth of the campaign in six decisions.

Trailing 1-0, Southfield exploded for four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take the lead. Mike Burwell got things started by leading off with a home run, and teammate Bob Graham followed with a single.

Graham advanced to second on a passed ball and went to third on a single by Drew Soicher, setting the stage for a squeeze play by Randy Ols that scored the second Southfield run. Craig Ray followed with a single to score another run, and an infield error on a ball off the bat of Steve Sontag netted Southfield its fourth tally of the inning.

Matthews had the situation in control the rest of the way, as Southfield finished its Southeastern Michigan Association campaign in second place with a 9-5 record, 14-10 overall. The Blue Jays won five of their last six SMA games.

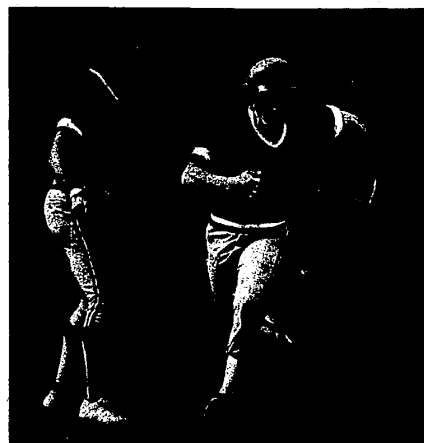
Baker also went the full seven innings, striking out seven, walking none and allowing just five hits and three earned runs. The loss dropped Berkley to 8-5 in the SMA.

SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP emerged with a non-league triumph Thursday afternoon by rolling over Allen Park, 12-6.

The Chargers held a slim 7-6 lead before erupting for five unanswered runs in the sixth inning. Randy Carey started the rally with a double, and teammates Pete Ammon and Dan Dixon drew walks to load the bases.

Ron Rechter followed with another base on balls, forcing in the first run of the inning. Scott Kline's single drove in another run, and Jim Gagliardi singled in two more. Andy Bartlett drove home another tally with a base hit before the inning was over.

Gagliardi and Carey each finished the game with three hits in five trips. Scott Mason and Dixon each had two hits. Scott Kline picked up the victory in relief, pitching four innings and striking out five.



Southfield's Drew Soicher rounds third base in Wednesday's victory over Berkley.

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