

Falcons defeat Grand Blanc

Bentley blanks Shamrocks

By Paul King
special writer

Jeff Wilkinson recorded his seventh shutout of the season as Livonia Bentley upset Redford Catholic Central 2-0 in state pre-regional boys soccer action Friday afternoon.

The win enables the Bulldogs (9-3-4) to advance to regional semifinal play against cross-town rival Livonia Churchill.

After a scoreless first half, Bentley took the lead for good when Keith Archambault poked in a loose ball in the CC crease. Dennis Patchett drew the only assist on the goal six minutes into the second half. Just four minutes later, however, the Bulldogs would have some insurance, courtesy of Patchett.

The junior netted his 15th goal of the season when he beat CC goalie Pat Stocker with a penalty kick. Meanwhile, the CC offense was stagnated as the Shamrocks could muster only 10 shots for the game at Wilkinson.

The Bulldogs kept the pressure on Stocker most of the afternoon especially in the second half, when they peppered him with 16 of their 21 total shots.

The loss ended the season for the Shamrocks, which finished at 10-4-3.

soccer

NOTRE DAME 3, GARDEN CITY 1: The Irish used two goals by Matt Bergold to beat Garden City and advance to regional semifinal play.

The Cougars, in only their second year of varsity soccer, finished the season with a fine 13-2-0 mark.

The Irish, which did all their scoring in opening half, got started on a goal by Mike Puchalski. Paul Purnell brought the Cougars even when he netted his 29th goal of the year with assists going to Andy Muglia and Ramon Escobar. That's when Bergold took over.

STEVENSON 9, ANDOVER 6: It was a field day for the Spartans as they rolled to the next round behind three goals from Dan Divens. Not to be outdone, teammates Eric Pence, Rob Costanza and John Geimel each added two goals each.

Terry Harshfield had an easy night in the nets as he registered his eighth shutout of the year.

On Wednesday, Stevenson upped

their record to 15-2-1 as they blanked Farmington Harrison, 6-0. Pence had another big day with three goals while teammate John Geimel added two giving him 34 on the year.

Hawk goalie Kelly Burningham was heroic in defeat, stopping 45 Stevenson shots.

CHURCHILL 4, FRANKLIN 1: Churchill won the battle of Livonia Friday, breaking open a close 2-1 game to advance to the next round.

After the Patriots opened the scoring, Churchill evened matters when Phil Lusker beat goalie Brian Terski on a penalty kick. Ray Glasco then put the Chargers in front to stay with his sixth goal of the year.

Senior John Neff rounded out the scoring with two second half goals for the Chargers.

FARMINGTON 2, GRAND BLANC 1: The shots were even, but Mario

Said's two goals were the difference as Farmington advanced.

Falcon goalie Mark Pingree, meanwhile, stopped 15 Bobcat shots. The win upped Farmington's overall record to 8-6-3.

Wednesday also belonged to Said, as he tallied two goals and added two assists as the Falcons beat Livonia Franklin, 5-1, on their home turf. Doug Prince also helped the Falcon cause with two goals.

CANTON 3, A.A.PIONEER 1: Pioneer took the early lead but Canton roared back with three second half goals to get the pre-regional win.

Tom Wright started the Chiefs scoring run at the 10 minute mark. Brian Whiteley and Steve Morell soon followed as the Chiefs went over .500 at 7-6-0.

ANDOVER 5, N. FARMINGTON 6: It was a big day for Andover, which was led by forwards John Artz and Chris Tennant, who each scored two goals.

Raidler goalie Dan McCarthy stopped 15 of 20 Baron shots but lacked support from the offense.

Falcons win Lakes Division title

The Western Lakes Athletic Association's Lakes Division cross country championship was delivered to Farmington High School Thursday in a nice, tidy blue and white package.

Five Falcon runners crossed the finish line within six seconds of each other to defeat Plymouth Salem, 10-35.

Salem and Farmington entered the meet with perfect 3-0 records in conference play.

Salem's Scott Steiner was the meet's individual winner. He ran a 16:56 at the Oakland Community College course.

Then came the Falcon package.

Freshman Chris Inch, along with Dave Dumeback and Bryan Lawton, crossed together at 17:19. Bruce Kerr was next at 17:22. He was followed by Dan Clappison who ran a 17:35.

"We did the same thing at the Redford Union Invitational," said Falcon coach Gerald Young. "We placed five guys before their second runner, so we thought we had a good shot at them. We have a real close five, they run right together. I guess we are a package deal."

Salem coach Tom Williams echoed Young's sentiments.

"We just couldn't break their pack. We knew, realistically, that after we saw them at the RU invitation, we would be in for a tough fight."

cross country

"Gerry (Young) has done just a great job over there. Give him a lot of credit," Williams said.

Farmington will take a shot at the league title in Tuesday's league meet. Walpole Lake Western won the league's Western Division. Western handed Farmington its only loss in a non-league run earlier this year.

The Falcons end their dual-meet season with a 9-1 overall record.

THE FALCON GIRLS didn't fair as well as the boys, losing to Salem 21-38.

Laura DeAngelis took second place, five seconds behind Salem's Shelly Simons with a 31:24.

Laura Miller (22:49) placed fifth for the Falcons. Kim Steiner (24:04) and Amy Barber (24:36) finished ninth and 10th.

The win gave the Falcons the Lakes Division championship with a perfect 4-0 record. The Falcons are 0-4 in league meets.

THE FARMINGTON HARRISON

up the win for the Hawks.

Harrison is now 6-3 overall this season.

girls

GIRLS cross country team used the one-two combination of Lauri Runk and Paige Cummins to beat Plymouth Canton Thursday, 23-34.

Runk took first with a 20:06, and Cummins was next at 20:36. Sherry Nova's fifth-place time of 22:25 sewed

sport shorts

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Farmington tops Bentley

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The Falcons gave Bentley its first two points of the game when a Falcon was downed in the end zone for a safety after a bad map on a punt.

Bentley added a touchdown in that third quarter when quarterback Pat Schneider completed a 45-yard drive with a 4-yard TD run. Chad Darke added

the point after.

The Falcon defense stiffened in the fourth quarter and didn't let Bentley inside its 40-yard line.

Farmington gained 156 yards rushing and 21 passing. Bentley could muster just 84 yards rushing and 14 passing.

Farmington, 2-5, will host winless Plymouth Canton next Saturday.

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