

Area kickers tumble

Mark Flower turned on the juices Tuesday night and catapulted the Plymouth Salem soccer team to a 6-1 win over Livonia Franklin.

Flower scored three times in the final 10 minutes to break open what had been a close match.

Flower had set up the first two Salem goals, one by Ebon Nash and another by Ken Julian, in the first half.

The game remained 2-1 until the 70-minute mark when Nash scored his second goal on a pass from Dave Dameron.

At that point, Flower went wild. He scored from Dameron. Then he scored unassisted. Then he scored on a pass from Ted Hanosh.

The win kept the Rocks undefeated with a 4-0 record.

Saturday, the Rocks hosted a talented Toledo-St. John's team 1-0.

Eldon Nash, Andy Ward, John Geddes and Steve Moran played outstanding defensive games in front of goalie Dan Stahl.

The lone goal came on a pretty play by Mike Mesana. Mesana dribbled

soccer

through the Toledo defense and beat the goalie from 15 yards.

"I thought we were down a bit in the second half," said Salem coach Ken Johnson. "We really kept the pressure on them. I'm very proud of this team."

PLYM. CANTON 7, FARMINGTON 2: The Chiefs had an easy time with the Falcons and kept their undefeated season intact.

Brad Neville scored a pair of goals, Brian Whiteley, Mattias Pettersson, Steve Rudelle, Steve Morrell and Tony Shiner also scored for the Chiefs. Pat McGow, Shiner, Scott Morgan and Neville switched assists.

"We carried the play all game," said coach Mike Morgan. "But, we still played sloppily. We lacked the intensity

that we showed against Northville."

The Chiefs are now 4-0.

Farmington (2-4) scored first, on a goal by Doug Prince, but fell apart soon after. Mark Boettcher got the second goal from Jason Forge.

LIV. CHURCHILL 3, N. FARMINGTON 1: North Farmington continues to improve the longtime soccer powers.

"They are a far better team," said Churchill coach John Neff. "They are very well coached. It's not a gimme game anymore."

Steve Michaslian and Scott Zarembski scored first-half goals for the Chargers. North got one back in the second half off a free kick.

Churchill is 3-0-1, North 2-4.

LIV. BENTLEY 4, HARRISON 1: Bentley, after being upset by North Farmington last week, was in no mood to show mercy. Dennis Patchett and Joe Mase each scored a pair of goals for the Bulldogs. Keith Archambault got the other.

Bentley is now 5-1-1. Harrison is 2-4.

Chiefs hand Harrison 1st loss

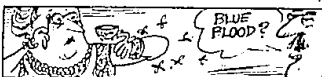
It's been a big week for Plymouth Canton's girls tennis team.

On Saturday, the Chiefs won three matches to capture the Westland John Glenn Tennis Invitational and brought home the first team tennis trophy in the school's history.

Then, after losing its first three singles matches to Farmington Harrison on Monday, Canton rallied to upset the Hawks 4-3 in a Western Lakes Activities Association match.

The Glenn tournament was an eight-team "all doubles" meet, matching doubles teams in six flights.

THE DOUBLES teams of Ping Chou



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and Kelly Craig (No. 3), Amy Ruth and Lynn Horvath (No. 6) and Tina Heath and Michelle Kharana (No. 6) all won, leading the Chiefs to the championship with 14 points. Trenton was second with 13 points. Farmington Glenn managed just three to finish seventh.

"We were very excited," Canton coach Carol Michaels said. "It's the first time we've ever won anything as a team."

Canton's fine effort Saturday carried over to Monday.

After Kelly Davidson, Jill Birsa and Dana Morrison won the first three singles matches for the Hawks, the Chiefs roared back.

Jenny Croil defeated Heidi Reyst in straight sets 6-0, 6-3 in No. 4 singles to get the Canton on the scoreboard. Then, the Chiefs swept all three doubles matches to wrap up the win.

Doubles winners included Chou and Craig (No. 3), Ruth and Horvath (No. 2) and Kirsten Wollgast and Karen Neuman (No. 3).

Canton improved its seasons mark to 3-1 with the triumph.



Good night for area hoops



RANDY BORD/Staff photographer

Mercy's towers of power, Amy DeMattia (40) and Mary Rosowski (50), kept Ann Arbor Huron away from the basket in the Marlins' win Tuesday.

There were no losers on the Farmington-area girls basketball circuit Tuesday night. Farmington, North Farmington and Mercy emerged victorious. Farmington Harrison did not play.

FARMINGTON got its first win of the season in thrilling fashion, beating Northville 37-35.

The Falcons built up a 19-12 lead but had to hold on for dear life down the stretch.

"We played pretty good defense tonight," said Falcon coach Bruce Brown. "But, we missed a whole lot of shots."

"We built up a lead then darn-near lost it. We've got to play with some poise."

Alyse Fortune led the Falcons (1-3) with 22 points.

NORTH FARMINGTON continues to roll along — this game, though, put a few gray hairs on coach Greg Grodzicki's head.

The Raiders defeated Clawson 40-38. Lisa Hummert hit a jumper, then Heather McPhillips canned two free throws to put North up by four with seven seconds left. Clawson got one basket back.

"We played a decent game, I'm happy," said Grodzicki. "Clawson has a good team, but they got into foul trouble."

So did North as Sue Shifra and Isaly Butters fouled out.

Patti Kozicki had a strong game for North scoring 10 points to lead all scorers. Sophomore Sandy Spahn added nine points.

The Raiders (4-0) had trailed by as many as eight in the third quarter.

OUR LADY OF MERCY overpowered Ann Arbor Huron Tuesday 57-32 to raise its record to 4-0.

Bev White and Sue Scott led the Marlins with 10 points each. Annette Ruggiero had five assists. Terri Ford five steals and eight rebounds and Mary Rosowski chipped in with eight rebounds.

"With this game being in-between two real big games (Benton Harbor last Saturday and Flint Northwestern Thursday), I didn't think we played as well as we are capable of," said Mercy coach Larry Baker.

"From Huron's point of view, though, they played a real good, aggressive game against us. They kept the pressure on and that explains why we weren't able to pull away from them in the second half," he added. Every player on the Marlin roster scored.

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