

## Sports

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## Hawks win 1, let another go

A person might have gotten pretty good odds against a Plymouth Canton softball team losing a 2-1 decision prior to the season.

This Canton team is known for its hitting. If the Chiefs are going to lose, it's going to be by a 15-12 score, or something of the like.

Evidently, nobody told that to Farmington Harrison pitcher Heidi Reyst.

Reyst and the Hawks did indeed score a 2-1 win over the Chiefs on Wednesday in a Western Lakes game.

The one run scored by Canton was unearned. Reyst allowed just four hits, while walking four and fanning five.

Harrison scored its two runs in the bottom of the fifth. Theresa Spisz and Kristi Rugh both singled and were sacrificed to second and third. Spisz scored on a wild pitch and Rugh scored on Reyst's single.

Rugh had three hits for Harrison and Spisz two.

Canton's run came in the first. Kelly McCumber singled, stole second, advanced to third on a ground out and scored on a passed ball.

Diana Kneckerbocker pitched well for Canton (3-1) but absorbed the loss. She gave up seven hits and walked two.

The Hawks lost a heartbreaker to Livonia Churchill on Friday 12-11 in 10 innings.

Churchill scored five times in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game 5-5. They had to come up with four more runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 9-9. Harrison scored twice in the ninth; so did Churchill. Churchill finally won it in the 10th.

Fourteen walks led to Harrison's demise.

Kim Rennels had three hits and Barbi Blackmer two for the Hawks.

It was Churchill's first win of the year.

**N. FARMINGTON 5, FARMINGTON 4:** North Farmington scored three times in the top of the seventh to trip city rival Farmington Friday.

The Raiders took advantage of 10 walks, scoring five runs on just three hits.

With Farmington leading 4-2, walks put the first two Raiders aboard in the seventh. A wild pitch moved them into scoring position

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and Leah Damiani drove them home with a single. She went to second on the throw the plate, went to third on a wild pitch and scored the game winning run on a wild pitch.

Robin Weatherford was the winning pitcher for North. She allowed seven hits and a walk.

Stephanie Knapp had two of the three Raider hits. Freshman Lisa Rockafellow knocked in three runs for Farmington with a pair of hits. Michelle Edwards also had two hits.

Becky Philip was the losing pitcher for Farmington (2-5 overall, 1-4 in the league).

North clobbered Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday, 9-1. Kara Karhu knocked in three runs with a pair of hits. Mo Paradis also had two hits.

North is 3-3, 2-1 in the Western Lakes.

**FARMINGTON 8, CHURCHILL 4:** The Falcons, after trailing 4-1 in the third, exploded for six runs through the third, fourth and fifth innings to overcome Livonia Churchill Wednesday.

Michelle Edwards (2-for-4) ripped a two-run single to cap a three-run fifth inning that proved to be the game-winning RBI.

Melissa Tisdale went 3-for-3. Kelli Koss and Julie Gallagher each had two hits to pace Farmington's 12-hit attack.

Becky Philip, a converted catcher, got the win for Farmington allowing five hits. She also rapped a triple in the game.



**Kim Boggs squeezes pop fly during Harrison's 2-1 win against Plymouth Canton last Wednesday. The Hawks were less fortunate on Friday.**

## Hot Hicks lifts Hawks

Not bad for a sophomore.

Jason Hicks has tossed the Farmington Harrison baseball team back into the thick of the grueling Western Lakes title chase.

On Wednesday, Hicks fired a two-hit shutout at Plymouth Canton, beating the former No. 1 team in the area 6-0.

Friday, Hicks pitched 1½ innings of scoreless relief to pick up the win in a thrilling 6-5 decision against Livonia Churchill.

In the Canton win, the Hawks pounded out 10 hits. Ken George supplied the big blow, a three-run double in the fifth inning that broke open a 0-0 game. Jon Welsberg later blasted a solo home run.

George carried the big stick Friday, also, roping a single and double, driving in three runs.

After Churchill scored two runs to tie the game in the top of the sixth, Harrison picked up a cheap run in the bottom of the sixth to win it. Gary Schwedt led off with a single but was forced at second by Mark Murray. After a pair of walks, Murray scored on a wild pitch.

The Hawks are 4-2 overall, 3-2 in the league.

**N. FARMINGTON 9, FARMINGTON 5:** Speaking of being in the thick of the Western Lakes race, how about North Farmington at 4-1.

"I didn't think we'd be able to score runs but the guys are really hitting the ball," said North coach

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Irv Horwitz. "I don't know how long this will last, but we're very happy."

Trent Hiner has been red-hot at the plate. He went 3-for-3 Friday with three RBI. Hiner ripped his fourth home run of the year to cap North's four-run sixth inning and provide the margin of victory.

Mike Rudin had a pair of hits, scored two runs and knocked in two runs for the Raiders.

It was a bad-luck day all the way around for Farmington. Falcons pitcher Steve Howell stroked a two-run double in the top of the first to stake his team to a 2-0 lead. But, he had to leave the game with arm trouble after two batters.

Joe Bob Wenson knocked in four of Farmington's five runs with a pair of hits.

Rick Kareher pitched 5½ innings to post the win. Todd Shepard earned a save. Art Eastman was the loser for Farmington.

North knocked off Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday 7-4. Rob Knapp was the winning pitcher. Shepard, again, earned a save.

Shepard also helped out at the plate with three hits. Chris Christman had three hits and Brian McDanel had two.

## City's girls teams remain unbeaten

The Farmington public school district has yet to lose a high school track meet this spring.

Farmington, North Farmington and Farmington Harrison are each 2-0 on the young season.

Harrison pulled off a rare victory against Walled Lake Western Thursday, 76-52. Harrison had beaten Western just one time in the last five years.

Jamie Holcomb and Jenny Anderson paced the victors. Holcomb won both the 100-meter high hurdles (17.1) and the 300 lows (50.8) while Anderson captured the 800 run (2:35.4) and the 3,200 (12:37.0).

In field events, Sherri Novis won the 400 (1:02.4) and the 800 (2:32.0) and Tracy Solomon won the long jump (15-4).

On the track, freshman Jane Peters won the 400 dash (1:08.2) and Roxanne Bennett won the 1,600 (6:05.0).

The Hawks also won the 400 relay (54.9), the 1,600 relay (4:30.6) and the 3,200 relay (10:55.2).

Farmington put Westland John Glenn to rout on Thursday, winning 53-35.

The Falcons captured all four relays: the 400 (1:02.4), the 800 (2:30.3), the 1,600 (4:41.0) and the 3,200 (10:43.0).

In field events, Patti Matthews won the discus (85-3) and Julie Law-

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ton won the high jump (4-10).

Farmington won both hurdles races: Julie Link taking the 100-meter highs (no official time) and Lori Casarroll winning the 300-meter lows (51.9).

Angie Forge won the 100 dash (13.9), Julie McKeever the 1,600 (5:57.0) and Nicole Jelley the 3,200 (12:59.0) for Farmington.

Karen Opp won three events for Glenn: the long jump (15-3), the 200 (27.5) and the 800 (2:32.0).

**NORTH FARMINGTON** got double wins from Ninny Colman, Tammy Spengler and Suzi Butcher en route to a 73½-54½ triumph over Walled Lake Central Thursday.

Colman won the shot put (28-7½) and the discus (101-9). Spengler won the 100-meter dash (13.37) and the high jump (4-8). Butcher took the 100 hurdles (18.27) and the 300 hurdles (51.49).

Terry Spengler won the 200 dash (27.53). Wendy Love won the 400 (1:04.57) and Donna Chuba won the 3,200 (12:47.3).

North also captured the 800 relay (1:56.52).

## Booming bats have Mercy 10-0

Farmington Hills Mercy has been a below-.500 softball team the past two seasons. This season — with basically the same cast of players, give or take a few freshmen — the Marlins are 10-0, a perfect 5-0 in the Catholic League.

Friday night, the Marlins swept Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher 15-2 and 4-3.

What's the difference? One is first-year head coach Suzanne Brown who has lit a fire under the team and has it playing very smartly and aggressively. Two is that Mercy has a powerful combi-

nation of strong extra-base hitters and speedy bucket-and-run hitters. Three is the consistent 1-2 pitching combination of Terri Nalodka and Amy Edwards.

The result: Mercy is averaging 13.5 runs per game and giving up less than five.

Still, Brown was less than pleased with her team after the 4-3 win in game two Friday.

"It was like they put themselves to sleep," said the former Central Michigan player. "They were flat-footed. I think they were just a little cocky, and I can't understand

that after the way they played the last two years."

**AMY EDWARDS** was the winning pitcher in game two. A three-run fifth inning provided the winning margin for Mercy. Michelle Fryatt's two-run single was the big hit of the inning. Molly McWood later knocked in Fryatt with a single.

McWood led Mercy's 17-hit parade in game one with three singles. Edwards, Fryatt, Jean Wassenberg and Nalodka each had two hits.

Nalodka was the winning pitcher, scattering six hits.

On Wednesday, the Marlins pummeled non-league rival Birmingham Groves 14-4 and 13-2.

Fryatt and Linda Raymond rapped three hits each in the first game. Nalodka was the winning pitcher.

Kristin Orlandoni had three hits in game two, Judy Janitz and Nikki Frazier each had two. Edwards was the winning pitcher.

Farmington Hills Mercy, 10-0 in softball — who would have believed it?

## Mercy, Falcons ride hot streaks

Some rebuilding year.

Farmington Hills Mercy is 3-1-1 on the season and unbeaten in three Catholic League matches after upsetting the state's No. 7-ranked team Harper Woods Regina 2-0 on Thursday.

"We are getting outstanding defensive play from our backers: Margaret DeMatia, Leigh Clancy, Stacy Murdoch and Maureen Scullen," said Mercy coach Gene Fogel.

The four fullbacks helped keep pressure off of goalies Kelly Beaudry and Stacy Nolte.

Mary Beth Larrabell scored the first goal for Mercy on a pass from Nolte. Karen Baldas added the insurance goal in the second half from Clancy.

This is the second upset of a top 10 team by the young Marlins. Earlier, Mercy played Marian to a 2-2 tie.

Regina falls to 4-1 on the season, 2-1 in the Catholic league.

**FARMINGTON 10, HARRISON 0:** Three straight for the Falcons.

"It's been a long time since we've won three in a row," Farmington coach Ed Bartram said. "The girls are really playing together. It's just been a total commitment. You can tell by the goals. We had six different girls score."

Laurie Dingle, Denise Nyborg and Leslie Martin led the scoring parade Friday. Dingle scored three goals. Nyborg scored two and had two assists. Martin scored twice and had three assists.

Jennifer Link, Amy Smith and Stacy Shalm also scored. Karen Penywilt added an assist.

Cyndi Rieden faced just two shots

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in the Falcons goal.

Farmington is 4-3 on the season. Harrison is 0-6-1.

**N. FARMINGTON 8, W.L. CENTRAL 2:** Thanks, said North Farmington, we needed that.

After several bad outings, North needed a victory badly — for the sake of both team morale and Western Lakes rankings.

The two top Raider guns figured in all the scoring Wednesday. Kristi McMinn and Jean Anlovac each scored four goals.

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**N. FARMINGTON 4, FRANKLIN 4:** The fun didn't last too long, as Janice Lebedeff's goal with six minutes left Friday earned Livonia Franklin the tie.

Three goals by Franklin's Heather Colvin had North trailing 3-1 at half. McMinn scored the North goal.

Chris Diebold, Sandy Spahn and Lisa Nordini scored in the second half to give the Raiders a 4-3 lead.

"We're just not playing 80 minutes of concentrated soccer," said North coach Cathy Cole. "If we would have played the first half like we did in the second, we would have won the game. Our mental game just isn't there."

North is 2-4-1 on the year. Franklin is 2-2-2.

## Falcons keep rolling

Craig Petersmark, Scott Wallis and Lamont Hargde each won two events Thursday leading the Farmington boys track team to an 88-51 Western Lakes win over Westland John Glenn.

Petersmark won the shot put (52-3) and the discus (147-1). Wallis took the long jump (18-9) and the 400-meter dash (53.2). Hargde captured the 100 dash (11.5) and the 200 (24.3).

Rob Huta took the pole vault with a 12-0. Chris Kwasniewicz won the 110-meter high hurdles (18.7). Al Stebbins won the 800 (1:58.7) and Chris Inch won the 3,200 (8:42.8).

Chris Minowasser, Dave Barringer, Mike Kramer and John Buchanan teamed to win the 800 relay (1:36.5). John Pickens, Ron Smedley, Matt Walter and Steve Quenneville won the 3,200 relay in 9:02.1.

The Falcons are 2-0.

**NORTH FARMINGTON** had a

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smooth run in Walled Lake Thursday, besting Central 84-53 in a Western Lakes dual meet.

Wes Pringle scored wins in both the shot put (45-8½) and the discus (130-6½) as North captured four of five field events. Chad Henry won the high jump (5-8) and Marc Brown took the long jump (18-5½).

Chris Wojtowicz won the 110-meter high hurdles (17.3). Scott Scher won the 100 dash (11.4) and Mark Weintraub captured the 200 (23.8).

Kirk Armstrong won the 1,000 run in 4:34.0.

The Raiders (2-0) also won three of the four relays: the 400 (40.1), the 800 (1:37.5) and the 1,600 (3:45.8).