

Petersmark guides Falcons

Many would term Plymouth Salem's 76-81 loss to Western Lakes boys track foe Farmington Thursday a disaster.

Salem lost first-place points in two events because of disqualifications.

But Salem coach Gary Balconi doesn't see it that way.

"Just call it misfortune," the personable Rock coach said. "Disasters are things you can't correct. We can correct misfortune."

The Rocks had won the long jump with a leap in excess of 18-0, but the jumper fouled on the jump. Farmington's Scott Wallis won with a 17-11.

Salem also broke the tape ahead of Farmington in the 880-yard relay, but a Salem runner fell down outside the lane in the exchange zone and was DQ'd.

When you run against a team as strong as the Falcons (No. 4 in Observerland), you need every point you can get.

Craig Petersmark strong-armed a pair of firsts for the Falcons, winning the shot put (51-6) and the discus (140-8).

Other individual winners for the Falcons were Andy Holiday in the pole vault (11-6), Chris Kwasniewski in the 120-yard high hurdles (16.28), Al Stebbins in the 880 (1:59.17), Ron Smedley in the mile (4:42.19) and Chris Inch in the 2-mile (9:55.97).

The Falcons won the 880 relay in 1:37.7 and the 2-mile relay in 8:25.55. For Salem, Brian Neuhardt won both the 220 (23.2) and the 440 (52.17).

Mike Albertson, Doug Soho and Dave Collins all shared the high jump best at 5-10. Chris Hill won the 330 low hurdles (40.53) and Brian Tiller won the 100 dash (10.56).

The Rocks (2-1) captured the 440 relay (46.3) and the mile relay (3:41.05).

Farmington is 5-0.

PLYMOUTH CANTON stayed perfect in dual meets, topping Livonia Franklin 101-36 on Thursday. Tyrone Reeves won both the long jump (18-4 1/4) and the 100-yard dash (10.53).

Steve Genyk set a Canton high jump record with 6-2 (6.2).

Other Canton winners were Mike

boys track

Luttrell in the discus (131-9), Bryan Whiteley in the 120 high hurdles (15.24), Dan Houdak in the 330 low hurdles (42.53), Brian Carney in the 220 (23.89), Jim Young in the 440 (52.80), Jay Swiecki in the mile (4:45.76) and Al Byrnes in the 2-mile (10:24.35).

The Chiefs (3-0) took the 440 relay (46.51), the mile relay (3:44.35) and the 2-mile relay (8:43.35).

FARMINGTON HARRISON has been embroiled in some close meets this season, but it had a laugh

Thursday, putting Northville to rout 96-43. Aaron Yaverski and Brian Soeder were the big scorers for the Hawks. Yaverski won the 100-meter dash (11.6), the 220 (23.9) and the 400 (53.9). Soeder won the long jump (19-8 1/4), the 300 low hurdles (42.6) and he tied teammate Wes Wood in the high jump (5-10).

Other Hawks winners were Dave Gurke in the shot put (41-6), John Bonasso in the discus (122-6), Eric Wise in the pole vault (12-6), Bob Conlon in the 110 high hurdles (16.3), Chad Burgess in the 800 (2:06.2) and Chris Hart in the 1,600 (4:41.2).

Harrison (4-1) took the 800 relay (1:39.4) and the 3,200 relay (8:28.9).

NORTH FARMINGTON lost a tough 69-68 decision to Westland John Glenn Thursday.

Glenn pulled the meet out winning the 1,600-meter relay in 3:38.2. Wes Pringle and Chris Wojtowicz won two events each for the Raiders. Pringle won both the shot put (47-8) and the discus (134-1). Wojtowicz took the 110 high hurdles (16.3) and the 300 low hurdles (41.9).

Other winners for North were Chad Henry in the high jump (5-6), Pat Lowe in the long jump (18-6 1/4), Scott Selzer won the 100 (10.9), Mark Weintraub took the 200 (23.5) and Kirk Armstrong won the 1,600 (4:26.9).

North also won the 400 relay (6:59). Both teams are 2-2.

Falcon distance crew topples Rocks

It is fairly safe to say the Farmington girls track team "outdistanced" Plymouth Salem in its 73-55 Western Lakes win Thursday.

Farmington cleaned house in the middle distance and distance events, winning the 400-meter, 800-meter, 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs. The Falcons also won the 1,600 and 3,200 relays.

The Falcons' performance outshined two strong individual efforts for Salem. Amy Johnson won both the long jump (14-8 1/4) and the 100 high hurdles (17.68). Dena Head won the 100 dash (12.6) and the 200 (27.6).

The Rocks also took a first in the discus with Karen Marcinak (105-7), and in the 400 (54.8) and the 800 relay (1:56.5).

In the field events, Farmington got firsts from Kris Devine (35-0 in the shot put) and Julie Lawton (4-8 in the high jump).

Lori Casaroli won the 300 low hurdles in 48.7.

Anna Quevenille had a productive meet. She won the 800 (2:29.9) and led off both winning relays, the 1,600 (4:30.2) and the 3,200 (10:44.34).

Carey House captured the 400 (1:04.1), Bonnie Stecker the 1,600 (5:43.9) and Nicole Jolley the 3,200 (12:53.6).

House anchored the 1,600 relay and Stecker brought home the 3,200 relay.

Farmington is 3-1 on the dual meet season, Salem 1-3.

NORTH FARMINGTON, ranked No. 5 in Observerland, stayed unbeaten romping Westland John Glenn 88-40 Thursday.

Nancy Cochran and Sui Butcher were the double winners for North. Cochran won the shot put, setting a school record with a 35-1 1/4 toss. She also won the discus, 88-7.

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girls track

Tonya Harbin won the 440 (1:03.3) and the ran legs of both the 880 relay and the first-place mile relay (4:23.6).

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Laurie Dingle scored all three goals for the Falcons (6-7). Denise Nyborg, Cunningham and Leslie Martin each earned an assist.

The Falcons, who lost to Northville 3-0 on Wednesday, will play Dearborn Fordson at 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Detroit College of Business Field in a pre-regional match.

Mercy (2-1) also won the 2-mile relay (10:49.5).

FARMINGTON HARRISON took a Western Lakes dual meet, from Northville Thursday, 75-53.

Three Hawks scored double wins: Tracy Solomon won the high jump (4-6) and long jump (15-5). Tracy Radke took the 100-meter dash (13.6) and the 200 (29.7). Jenny Anderson won the 800 (2:36.1) and 3,200 (12:36.7).

North (3-8-1) lost to Churchill 4-0 on Wednesday.

W.L. CENTRAL 3, HARRISON 1: A sterling performance from goalie Danielle Cline-Smith couldn't prevent Farmington Harrison from dropping its 11 match without a win Wednesday.

Cline-Smith stopped three Central breakaways in the match and made several other key saves.

Jennifer Hughes, an assist from Janine Whittmore, scored the lone Hawk goal.

The Hawks were eliminated from the state tournament Friday by Churchill, 11-0.



RANDY BORST/Staff photographer

Terri Nalodka was both the hitting and pitching star for Mercy in the first of two victories against Ladywood Friday.

Mercy destroys Ladywood twice

The Farmington Hills Mercy softball team continues to steamroll its Catholic League opponents. Friday, the Marlinas crushed arch-rival Livonia Ladywood in a double-header, 12-2 and 13-4.

In each game it was the Marlin pitcher that wreaked the most destruction on the Blazers.

In game one, Terri Nalodka held the Ladywood hitters at bay while knocking in three runs with a home run, triple and single. Jean Wassenberg also knocked in three runs with a pair of hits.

In game two, Amy Edwards did the pitching and hitting for Mercy. She whacked a grand slam homer and knocked home six of the Marlin's 13 runs. Linda Raymond rapped a homer and a triple, and Judy Janitz smashed a pair of triples.

The Marlinas have clinched at least a tie for Catholic League Central Division with their 11-1 record.

They are 16-1 on the season and ranked No. 2 in Observerland under first-year coach Suzanne Brown. Quite a turnaround from the sub-500 seasons of 1984 and 1985.

IN OTHER GAMES, Plymouth Salem invaded Farmington Wednesday and Thursday.

The Rocks, ranked No. 4 in Observerland, pounded Farmington on Wednesday 12-2 and North Farmington on Thursday, 14-3.

Denise Tackett led the assault with five hits in the two games. The Falcons lost a pair of games to Livonia Franklin on Friday, 12-2 and 5-3.

Becky Philip and Kris Kinsey were the losing pitchers. Melissa Tisdale, one of five Falcons with singles in game two, knocked in the team's only earned run.

The Falcons are 4-10 on the season.

Raiders split

The North Farmington softball team split a twin bill with Livonia Churchill Friday, losing the first, 10-7, winning the second, 15-7.

Robyn Weatherford had a three-run home run and two triples for the day. Erin Ellis also roped a home run.

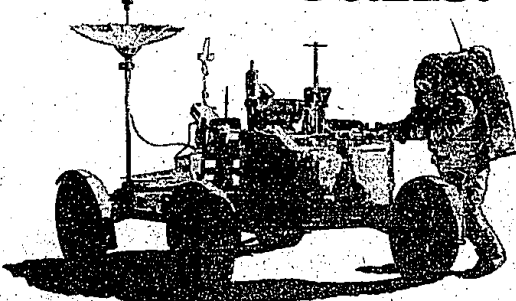
Renee Flabell was the winning pitcher in game two.

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