

Canton escapes with win

Shannon Meath's goal in sudden-death overtime pulled Plymouth Canton through with a hard-earned 1-0 victory Monday in the first round of the girls district soccer tournament.

The Chiefs and Ann Arbor Pioneer played to a scoreless tie for 103 minutes before Meath put an end to the long, exhausting contest at Centennial Educational Park.

If the Canton players believe they should have won the game in regulation, no one could argue with them, considering the huge difference in shots on goal.

The Chiefs got the ball in close enough to make 31 attempts at the Pioneer goal, whereas the losers had only five. The difference was more pronounced in the second half when Canton outshot the Pioneers 22-0.

"OTHER THAN THE score, the second half was very lopsided," Canton coach Don Smith said.

"We came out sorta slow (in the first half) and just played back and forth, with nobody doing very much."

"We knew we had to get after them pretty soon or we wouldn't be going on much further," he added.

Smith agreed that, with Canton having so many more scoring opportunities, it would have been terribly disappointing for the Chiefs not to have won.

"We would have felt very, very bad," he said. "But sometimes it happens like that, and your hard work goes for nothing."

That was far from being the case, however, thanks to Meath, who took a pass from Renee Rice to score the game's only goal, and Canton's stubborn defense. The Chiefs shut down Pioneer for 40 minutes in regulation play, again in two 10-minute overtime periods and for the first three minutes in sudden death.

JEN SAUL WAS in goal for Canton again, recording her eighth shut-out in 15 games, and Smith also gave defensive standouts Cheryl Nippa,



ART EMANUELE

Plymouth Canton's Shannon Meath sets herself to attempt a kick as a Pioneer player closes in. In the first round district soccer

game, Meath scored the game's only goal to give the Chiefs a 1-0 victory in sudden-death overtime.

Erin Morgan, Tricia Greenhalge, Chris Zawacki and Shelly Tutor a large share of the credit for the victory.

"They haven't been getting very much rest back there," said Smith, referring to the fact Canton played

seven games during an eight-day period that culminated in Monday's tournament game.

"But they've been doing a pretty nice job for the last three weeks, and I just hope they keep it up."

Canton, 10-2-3 overall, was sched-

uled to play Belleville in the second game of a district double-header at CEP Wednesday.

Plymouth Salem played Ann Arbor Huron in the first game, with the winners playing for the championship at 2 p.m. Saturday at Huron.

Marlins bow out of district

Farmington Mercy failed to buck a season-long trend of good defense and little offense Monday as Livonia Ladywood eliminated the Marlins from the girls district soccer tournament at Schoolcraft College.

Mercy lost a 2-1 decision to the Blazers, ending the season with a 4-5-3 record. The Marlins lost all five games by a total of only seven goals.

"We had a good defensive team; we just didn't score much," Mercy coach Gene Fogel said.

With Ladywood leading 2-0, Stacy Nolta scored an unassisted goal for Mercy three minutes before half-time.

THE BLAZERS advanced to the second round of the district, facing Farmington Wednesday at Schoolcraft.

In the Catholic League semifinals Saturday at Whitman Center in Livonia, Mercy also suffered a 2-1 loss.

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this time to Birmingham Marian.

Kate Ferguson scored both goals for Marian, and Maureen Scullen scored the Marlins' lone goal on an unassisted play in the first half.

Madison Heights Bishop Foley defeated Harper Woods Region 1-0 in the other semifinal and will play Marian for the league championship at 2 p.m. Sunday at Farmington High.

Mercy's Kelly Beaudry was in goal against both Ladywood and Marian and played a big role in the Marlins allowing only 11 goals in 12 games.

Fogel also cited Scullen and Margaret DeMatteis for their contributions on defense as well as the all-round play of Leigh Clancy.

Farmington runnerup

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Estey then punched the ball across the front of the goal, and Minton came up from the right side to drive it into the Falcon net and score her 20th goal.

"That broke them; that was the turning point," Johnson said. "When it was 3-1, they could still get back in it; when it was 3-1, that was good coverage for us."

The Rocks scored again a short time later, but Estey's goal on a header play the result of more precision passing — was disallowed because of an offside penalty.

"THAT WAS beautiful, passing teamwork," Johnson said. "We practice a lot of passing drills — a lot of two-on-two, three-on-three in small areas so we can control the ball and pass it quickly."

Estey, however, had already become Salem's single-season scoring leader. With two goals Saturday in a 13-0 win over Walled Lake Central, she increased her 1987 total to 26, surpassing her freshman total of 24. With her three assists Monday, she also tied the single-season record of 21.

The Falcons were first on the scoreboard Monday when freshman Carrie Maier extended her team-leading, goals-scored total to 27 mid-way in the first half.

But Johnson assigned Tracy Krajewski to shadow Maier on defense, and Johnson attributed the victory in large part to Krajewski holding the Farmington star scoreless the rest of the game.

Salem tied the score with Minton's first goal, and the Rocks' defense took over until the offense broke the game open in the second half.

"I figured if we could have scored one more before the half," Bartram said, "we would have had Salem right where we wanted them."

(Johnson) was marking our three forwards, and we weren't pulling it out fast enough," he said, noting the Rocks' defensive play. "I thought we were going to get it turned around in the second half, but (Johnson) kept a lot of pressure on our forwards."

Johnson also acknowledged the efforts of halfbacks Jennifer Bellhart, Lisa Hysko and Thiet, calling them "the unsung heroes," the ones who kept pushing the ball through to set up the forwards' scoring opportunities.

North tennis squad wins division crown

North Farmington won the Lakes Division boys tennis championship Tuesday, capturing first place at Nos. 1-3 singles.

The Raiders, who carried 17 tournament points into Wednesday's Western Lakes Activities Association finals, also were runners-up at No. 4 singles and Nos. 1-3 doubles.

At No. 1 singles, North's Jay Graff defeated Livonia's Stevenson George Gerigk, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, and Josh Hoffman whipped Stevenson's Clement Diglio 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 singles.

The Raiders' Jason Weiss came back from a 6-7 loss in the first round of the No. 3 singles final to defeat

Walled Lake Central's Layne Herrington 6-4, 7-6.

In the No. 4 singles contest, Plymouth Salem's Bob Barr turned back Joe Howitt's bid for conference honors, 7-5, 6-2.

In the doubles finals, Salem's Wade Garard and Bob Breach defeated Matt Berman and Alex Steinbock in the No. 1 match, 6-0, 6-3; Stevenson's John Bailey and Jeff Wiegall won 7-6, 6-0 over Jason Greenberg and Jeff Redman at No. 2 and Stevenson's No. 3 duo of Bob Holycross and Dave Kahlialis bested Scott Johnson and Brian Seisman 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.

North finished the WLAA dual-meet season with an 11-0 record.

Canton girls finish 3rd in Redford Union meet

Plymouth Canton's girls track team won three events and finished third in the Redford Union Relays Saturday.

The Chiefs set school records with their winning performances in the shot put and long jump.

Susan Ferko, Vicki Minar and Kara Haarla combined for an 89-2 distance in the shot, and Tonya Walasky, Sherry Figurski and Heather Miller won the long jump at 43-9 1/4.

Canton's other victory came in the high jump in which Angle Miller, Janet Armstrong and Heather Spencer totaled 14-8.

The Chiefs also had second places in two running relays. Lori Penland, Cindy Spessard, Cathy McCabe and Kris Marquard ran 25:09.9 in the

girls track

four-mile relay, and Angle Miller, Kristy Brugar, Heather Miller and Tricia Carney posted a 3:10.5 time in the sprint medley.

In addition, Canton's two-mile relay team of Penland, Figurski, Miss Jasnowski and Michelle Young was third (10:59.3), Yolanda Horton, Brugar, Amy Van Buhler and Carney were fourth in the 880-yard relay (1:57.1), and Terri Pniowski, Walasky, Van Buhler and Amanda Bell were fourth in the shuttle hurdle relay (1:18.0).

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