

Hawks bump Cranbrook

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Adrenaline was flowing, emotion was high, nerves were frayed and tension was building. It was a highly-charged scene at Harrison High School as the Hawks and Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook played to a scoreless tie through 110 minutes of soccer Wednesday.

That sent the unresolved issue to the shootout stage, and Harrison emerged with a 1-0 victory in the Class B district semifinal contest.

In a shootout, each team selects five players to go 1-on-1 with the opposing goalie. The Hawks scored on four of their five chances, Cranbrook three.

The Cranes, ranked No. 5 in the state, won the coin flip and chose to follow unranked Harrison in the shootout order.

The decisive goal was scored by Peter VanVleet to give the Hawks a 4-3 edge. Then, with daylight nearly gone, Cranbrook's last attempt was low to the right side. Harrison goalie Gary Wegner, in the finest performance of his career, dove to stop the shot.

"Gary Wegner won the game for us," Hawks coach Glenn Bruchan said. "He was unbelievable in overtime. He stopped three shots that looked like certain goals."

"He was so hot they just couldn't beat him. I felt if we could hold them to a 0-0 score, we could win the shootout because Gary was playing so well."

Harrison's Thierry Berset and David Quarterman traded goals with the Cranes on the first two tries by each team. But the third shot by Ed Dzyngel was wide left; however, Cranbrook's next at-

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tempt sailed over the goal. Craig Bailey gave the Hawks a momentary 3-2 edge before Cranbrook tied it again. Then VanVleet broke the deadlock.

"It was the most exciting soccer game I've ever coached," Bruchan said. "It was a team effort all the way. I'm proud of the team because they really matured last night. The sportsmanship was great, and they really played well as a team. Hopefully, we're peaking now."

The victory sent Harrison, 10-5-2 overall, into the district final Saturday against Orionville-Brandon at Madison Heights Bishop Foley. Foley, ranked No. 3 in Class B, was upset by unranked Royal Oak Shrine, which lost to Orionville-Brandon, 17-1. The Hawks had been ranked in the top 10 but fell out of the rankings last week.

Bruchan made only three substitutions in the game, which included 80 minutes of regulation play, two 10-minute overtimes and a pair of five-minute, sudden-death periods before the shootout.

Forwards Berset, Mark Lebovitz and Bailey, midfielders Dzyngel, Quarterman and Matt Rip-pin, defenders Scott Kay, VanVleet, Todd Whittemore and Chris Yoreg and goalkeeper Wegner started and played most of the game. Paul Guerrero, Todd Borer and Jay Borer also saw action in the marathon contest.

NORTHVILLE 2, FARMINGTON 1: The host

Mustangs came from behind in the second half Wednesday to eliminate the Falcons from the Class A district soccer tournament.

Farmington led 1-0 at halftime following Joey Crowe's successful penalty shot at the 22-minute mark.

Northville tied the score on Eric Halverson's goal 10 minutes into the second half, and the Mustangs got the game-winner from Noel Korowin with six minutes remaining.

The Falcons outshot Northville 22-11, which included a 12-5 margin in the first half.

"Any time you get 20 shots or better and can't put them in, you can't blame anyone else," Farmington coach Ed Bartram said.

"We had a couple of nice shots and just overpowered the ball. I thought we controlled most of the game. Our ball control and moving up and down really looked good."

Farmington won the first meeting between the teams 3-1, but the Mustangs took a 1-0 victory in the rematch overplay Wednesday, Oct. 14. The third meeting was quite intense, and a scuffle broke out late in the game. The fight was quelled immediately, and two red-card infractions were issued.

"It was a very emotional game for both teams," Bartram said. "Farmington wasn't prepared to end the season on such a note. We had a great season and thought we could have gone farther, but every team probably feels that way."

(Northville) is an aggressive team, and our team is finally starting to hold its ground as far as being a good, quality team. But we certainly can't condone fighting under any circumstances."

The Falcons finish with a 7-6-1 record. Northville improved to 11-6-2.

Harrison captures district soccer title

It was another close call, but you expect those kind of games in a tough soccer tournament such as the one Farmington Harrison was in.

But the result was another victory for the Hawks, and this time they got the prize — their first post-season title — by trimming Orionville-Brandon 2-1 in overtime Saturday at Bishop Foley High School.

"The kids are overjoyed," Harrison coach Glenn Bruchan said. "We've never had a successful season like this one."

"The district trophy they got is something they're very proud of. They can take something back to school and display it in the trophy case."

The Hawks, 11-5-2, will play the winner of the Saginaw Eisenhower district at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 31, in Saginaw.

O-B finished with a more-impressive 17-2-1 record, but Bruchan believes Harrison's experience in the rugged Western Lakes Activities Association was a big difference in the Hawks winning three district games, all against teams with better records.

"That has such an influence," he said. "We have players that have outstanding soccer teams and did well against them. So we were really ready for Class B competition."

Craig Bailey gave Harrison a 1-0 lead, which held up through halftime. He scored on a header following David Quarterman's corner kick.

The Black Hawks tied it with 17 seconds left in the game. A shot in front of the goal bounced off a Harrison player, and the ball died in a puddle. Bruchan said.

A defender tried to clear the ball and expected it bounce higher. When it didn't, he kicked over the ball, and O-B's Tom Tucker kicked it into the goal.

But midway in the first 10-minute overtime, Harrison's Ed Dzyngel took a pass from Bailey to score the winning goal. Bailey clipped the ball over a defender, and Dzyngel beat the goalkeeper 1-on-1.

"Bailey was extremely hot today, controlling the ball well and setting up players," Bruchan said. "O-B never seriously threatened in overtime, and goalie Gary Wegner was not under the same pressure he was in the previous win over Cranbrook."

"Gary was so hot that day, I haven't seen him play much better," Bruchan said.

Canton takes 6-2 win from Falcons

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Farmington linebacker Tim Waker blocked a Canton punt. The football bounced back through the end zone for a two-point Farmington safety.

"We just try to play field position in weather like this," said Catherman. "We had our big chance to score and get back in the game but we ended up with two instead of six."

The Chiefs had another chance to score late in the fourth quarter but a 22-yard field goal attempt came up short.

Overall, Kheonle was satisfied with his team's defensive performance.

"The defense has been coming along. They did a good job today," said Kheonle. "We started the season seven weeks ago with 11 seniors on defense but they didn't get the job done. Today we started sev-

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on juniors, one sophomore and three seniors on defense and they did the job for us."

The Chiefs, 3-5 overall, finish the season next week against arch rival Plymouth Salem.

"Salem is really good," said Kheonle. "Their (twist)kne causes a lot of problems. I hope we can stay in the ballgame with them."

Farmington, meanwhile, wraps up its 1987 campaign at Redford Union.

"They (RU) have a run and gun attack and stress the rollout. It's a nice neighborhood rivalry. I don't think we'll have a problem getting up for them."

Rockets take title from Harrison

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In the opening quarter, Harrison marched down to the Glenn 22, but Pat Pettit picked off a Coleman pass at the 11.

Glenn had taken a 7-0 lead on the previous possession after Harrison punted. The Rockets traveled 54 yards in 10 plays, capped by quarterback Clint Straub's 4-yard strike to Pettit. (Don Sprinkle added the extra point with 9:39 to play in the period.)

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, Harrison's Brian Soeder picked off a Straub pass at his own 43, and the Hawks walked little time, scoring with only 27 seconds left in the half on a 42-yard bomb from Coleman to Bryan Wauldron.

But the Hawks could not convert the extra point as Pettit knifed in around end and blocked Steve Hill's attempt.

Glenn scored on its first possession of the third quarter, marching

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70 yards in 12 plays capped by Straub's 4-yard rollout toss to 6-foot-6 tight end Jeff Graham.

The two teams exchanged fumbles on successive plays later in the quarter, but the Hawks, trying to play catch-up, just couldn't get any more points on the board.

The final statistics were virtually even with each team getting 13 first downs.

Harrison had 274 yards total offense, as Coleman hit 10 of 22 passes for 145 yards. Aaron Yaverski rushed for 105 yards in 22 carries.

Glenn, meanwhile, had 253 yards total offense as the accurate Straub was eight of 13 for 128 yards. Satterlee rushed for 61 yards and Tim Fassett added 51.

BUT WHAT WILL be remembered in this championship game was the fourth-quarter stand by the Rockets' defense.

"People don't know how hard it is to stop a team like that eight times in a row," said Gordon. "It was a heck of a job by those players."

Two-way captain Chris Scheffer, a 6-foot-2, 228-pound senior, echoed Gordon's sentiments.

"We had to go out and stop them all the way until the clock read zero," said Scheffer, who had one sack. "We knew Coleman was real good. He was hard to catch and he takes a pretty good shot. He's a heck of a quarterback."

"This is one where they'd fumble and we'd fumble right back," said Hershman. "I guess it wasn't one of our better offensive performances, Aaron (Yaverski) ran well and he made a lot of yards, but we just couldn't get it in the end zone."

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