

Falcons living up to high expectations

The girls soccer teams at Farmington and Mercy high schools opened their 1983 seasons with impressive performances, though only one came away with a victory. Farmington is expected to be among the area's beat this season, and the Falcons reinforced that notion by beating perennial Western Lakes power Livonia Stevenson 4-2 Wednesday.

Mercy has a young team with some defensive question marks, but the Marlins acquitted themselves after holding highly touted Birmingham Marlan to a pair of goals in a 2-0 defeat Thursday.

PARMINGTON 4, STEVENSON 2: Sophomore Carrie Maler, an All-Observer player last year, scored two first-half goals to stake the Falcons to a 2-0 lead, which they never relinquished.
Farmington extended its advantage to 4-0 before the Spartans got on the scoreboard. It didn't take the Falcons long to do that, however, as Maler converted a well-placed

throw-in by Stacy Schalm for the game's first goal just 45 seconds into the contest. Eight minutes later, Maler scored after taking a pass from Missy Davis.

The score remained 2-0 until the teams and played 12 minutes of the first half. Margaret Martin attempted a long shot both in terms of the distance (35 feet) and the likelihood of scoring — but the ball arreed upward and looped into the back of the net.

Martin assisted on the next goal, working the ball upfield and setting up Monika Kurzer for Farmington's fourth goal. Stevenson's Lori Green prevented a shutout and the Spartans got their last goal on a free kick with 1:07 remaining.

For the Falcons, it was an especially sweet debut since they defeated a good eam, Farmington coach Ed Bartram sald. The teams tied twice last year, and the Falcons previously had never beaten Stevenson.

"It was a great victory for Formington."

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High School," Bartram said.
The game also marked the varsity debut of freshman goalkeeper Debble Westerkamp for the Falcons. She made 16 saves.
"For the first time out, she played real well," Bartram said." Twas excited by how everyone played well as a team."

MARIAN 2, MERCY 0: The Mustangs did all of their scoring in the first half, and Mercy outplayed the winners in the second half.

Betsy Clement, a second-team, all-state midfleider last year, second both goals. The first resulted from a direct kick that made it past the goalle's outstretched hands, and the second came late in the half on a shot

from just outside the box.

Marian had 10 shots on goal to the Marlins' four in the first half, but Mercy outshot the Mustangs 16-6 in the second half.

The Marlins missed a penalty shot, and another attempt hit the post and bounced out instead of in.

"We dominated the second half, but couldn't get a goal in." Mercy coach Gene Fogel said. "The kids really bounced back." He said the team's strong defensive showing was ironic since he was most concerned about defense entering the season and not offense. The Marlins held Marian's first-team, all-state forward Kate Ferguson scoreless.

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"The defense was superb, and where we were lacking was offensive execution," Fogel said. "We got off a lot of shots, we just couldn't finish. That's a physical problem, and we certainly intend to work on that."

Marian is the defending Catholic League champion and had tied defending state

Hawks, 0-2, were limited to one shot on goal by a quality opponent. "They were an awesome team," Harrison coach Glenn

FARMINGTON 3, N. FARMINGTON 0: Carrie Maler is averaging two goals per game for the unbeaten Falcons after adding another pair in Friday's victory over their crosstown rivals.

The game-winning goal, however, belonged to Amy Trunk, who took a crossing pass from Maler, to tally the first goal at the 23-minute mark of the first half.

Stacy Schalm assisted on Maler's first goal as Farmington went up 2-0 in the second half, and Maler notched her fourth goal of the season with an assist going to Margaret Martin.

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The Falcons are 2-0, the Raiders 0-2.

Marlins reeling after 3rd straight setback

Farmington Hills Mercy's softball situation went from bad to worse Friday as the Marllas dropped another Central Division game.

Mercy, 0-3 against division opponents and 2-3 overall, fell further behind in the Catholic League race, committing four costity errors in its 5-2 loss to Birmingham Marian.

"Eighty percent of the game was mental mitstakes," Mercy coach Suzanne Brown said. "I don't know what happened.

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The Falcons were on the short end of
a sluglest in the first game of
Wednesday's season-opening doubleheader, and they were victimized by
a good pitching effort in the second.

The Falcons had eight hits in the
opener, including three by Melissa
Tisdale, but Novi came up with 10.
Farmington scored a single run in
the top of the first laning, but the
Wildcais got six in their lirst at-bat
and were never behind.

Losing pitcher Stephanie Koleski
walked only two and didn't give Novi
any additional help, but the Farmington defense committed six errors
shind her.

"It was a typical first game — the
hall going all over the place," said
Falcons coach Rich Roy, adding six
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Stenson added two hits aplece for
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Farmington. The former also batter in one run. Novi's Jody Nagel held the Fal-cons to four hits and, more import-antly, didn't walk anybody in the second game. She struck out two. Rockafellow was the only pitcher

Falcons romp in opener

Since Darin Magera is expected to be the workhorse of Farmington's pitching staff this season, his performance in the season opener Wednesday was encouraging.

Turning in a complete game, Magera struck out one, walked one and finished with a two-litter as the Falcons routed Bloomfield Hills Andore 17-1.

Fifteen players got into the game for Farmington, and 12 hit safely. The Falcons had 19 hits.

Reid Gough and Kevin Young were 3-for-5, and Gough and kevin Young were 3-for-5, and Gough and a kevin Young scored two runs and had two RBI. TON 4: The Falcons managed nine Brian Townsley, Norm Celinske and hits off winning pitcher Brian

Burger, but they were denied a sec-ond straight victory Friday, Burger went the distance, struck out six and

went the distance, struck out six and walked two.
Reid Gough started for Farming-ten but left alter a three-run second inning by the Warriors. George Hansen finished, allowing two uncarned runs. Farmingion's pitchers gave up a combined six hils.
Chris Schmid was 3-for-4 for the Falcons, and Brian Townsley and Scott Seabolt had two hits aplece. Farmingion left a runner at third base when the game ended.
Western's Marc Bethears hit a three-run homer and was 2-for-3.

Reid Gough runs the bases for Farmington in a close one, 5-4, after romping past Andover in Friday's Western Lakes baseball opener non-league play, against Walled Lake Western. The Falcons tost

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Harrison's seven first places in running and burdling events saw seven girls claim victory.

Jane Peters won the 100 hurdles in 17.4 and Marta Chalogianis the 300 hurdles in 50.9.

Lanell Shoemaker was first in the 400 dash (1:07.6), and coach Mark Babocok said freehman Elizabeth Tocker's first-place time of 2:34.0 represented the best performance of

track

the day. In the longer runs, Danielle Kudej won the 1,800 in 6:10.0 and Jeannie Klotzer, another freshman, the 3,200 in 14:47.0.
Stacy Roemer was on three of the four relay teams and Chalogianis, Shoemaker, Peters and Malcah two

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Malosh, Nivin Hakim, who we me he long jump at a distance of 13 feet, 10 toches, Roemer and Tracey, Radke won the 400 relay in 55.3, and Malosh, Peters, Roemer and Chalogianis the 800 race in 135.3.

Peters, Shoemaker, Roemer and Chalogianis teamed up to win the 1,600 in 42.70, and Tucker, Shoemaker, Sonja Magdevaki and Kodej did likewise in the 3,200 with an 11:05.0 time.

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Falcons slam Eagles

Host Farmington dominated Ferndale in boys track Thursday, winning its first dual-meet of the season, 98-41.

Jason Wright and Lamont Hardge were the individual standouts for the Falcons, which as a team won 10 of the 13 individual events.

Wright won the long jump, leaping 19-4, and also finished first in both the 110-and 300-meter hurdles with times of 17-3 and 44.9, respectively.

Hardge placed shead of the field in the 100-meter dash at 11.6, and he later had a time of 23.7 to win the 200.

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CLARASTON 128, N. FARMINGTON 25. CARASTON 2 COURS much for North Farmington as the Wolves proved poor hosts Thursday, sending their visitors bome with a 123-29 defeat.

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Alan Ferreira, having recovered from a broken collarboce, vaulted 10 feet, and Craig Sice, Mike Canagelo, Jordy Greenstein and Jason Collins won the relay in 3:51.0.

"We met with the hids afterward and said we'll have to set some other kind of goals besides looking at the score," North coach Rick Jones said. "We're going to hang in there with them and do what we can." Jones was impressed by the progress of Zaim Cummalaj, who was second in the shot put and discus.

The Raiders also got second places from Warren Johnson (long jump), Chad Henry (high jump) and Greenstein (100 dash).