

Hawks drop late-inning game to W.L. Western

Farmington Harrison experienced both late-inning success and failure on the baseball diamond last week.

On Friday, it was the latter as the Hawks dropped an 11-inning, 4-3 decision to Walled Lake Western.

The host Warriors scored the winning run on a walk, sacrifice and single.

That game was in contrast to Wednesday's in which Harrison rallied from a 6-2 deficit to tie the Livonia Franklin. The game was suspended after seven innings due to rain.

The loss Friday went to Jason Hicks, 1-1, who took over for Bryan Wauldrun in the 10th inning. Wauldrun started and pitched well for nine innings. He struck out nine and walked three while scattering six hits.

The Hawks, 1-1 overall, took a 3-0 lead in the first inning on Eric Osborne's two-run single and wild pitch.

Brian Berger pitched the last two innings and got the win for Western, 2-2.

FARMINGTON 3, W.L. CENTRAL 2: All of the scoring took place in the third inning as the Falcons quickly rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the bottom half of the frame.

Dave Wilson was the catalyst for Farmington, tying the game with a two-run single and then scoring the winning run. Wilson stole second, went to third on a passed ball and scored on Kevin Young's sacrifice fly.

The Falcons, 2-2 overall, might have held the Vikings scoreless in the third if they'd been able to make a play on a runner stealing second with two out. Failure to end the inning opened the door for WLC to score twice on a ground-ruled double and a triple.

Winning pitcher Darin Magera, 2-0, turned in a strong pitching performance while going the distance. Magera, who boasts a 1.00 earned run average, was tagged for only four hits, struck out the same and walked two.

HARRISON 6, FRANKLIN 6: The Western Division game was suspended after seven innings due to rain, but not before the Hawks rallied from a 6-2 deficit in the late innings. The contest will be completed Wednesday, May 4, when Harrison plays at Franklin.

Craig Murray pitched the first six innings, but Bryan Wauldrun was on the mound when the game was stopped. The Patriots had five

baseball

earned runs, and Murray walked seven and struck out five.

On Friday, the first game single gave the Hawks a 2-1 lead in the first inning, but Franklin was on top 6-2 after four.

Jason Hicks hit a wind-blown, two-run double in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score. A wild throw from shortstop with two out kept Harrison in the game. Rob MacDonald's ground ball put two runners on, and both advanced on a wild pitch and scored on Hicks' hit.

SALEM 5, N. FARMINGTON 2: Todd Marlon also achieved his second victory in as many pitching starts Wednesday as the Rocks improved their record to 2-1.

The senior right-hander worked the first five innings of the seven-inning game, scattering three hits and striking out seven. He walked three.

"He threw into the wind today, and nobody could be sharp on a day like today," Salem coach John Gravin said. "It was a terrible day to play baseball, but he gutted it out for five innings."

Marlon, who tossed a no-hitter in the season opener on April 15, pitched out of a jam in the fifth inning as did reliever Bob Files in the seventh.

With the bases loaded and two out, Marlon ended the inning with a strikeout. Files got credit for a save after he walked the bases full and then avoided any damage with a strikeout.

Salem's Mike Stout raised his season RBI total to six by doubling in the game's first two runs in the first inning. His sacrifice fly in the third inning broke a 2-2 tie. Dave Colasirski had one RBI.

Mark Hakala's two-run triple in the bottom of the second tied the score for North. It was the first hit off Marlon this year.

SALEM 16, W.L. CENTRAL 0: Todd Marlon and Fidel Casero got most of the pitching accolades on Plymouth Salem's baseball team, but Matt Melkoski proved the Rocks go more than two deep on their staff.

The senior right-hander threw a one-hitter Friday to lift Salem to a 16-0 whitewash of Walled Lake Central. In seven innings, he struck out

seven and walked two.

The Vikings' only hit off Melkoski came on a ground ball that took a bad hop and bounced over the second baseman's head.

The Rocks, on the other hand, supported their pitcher with 15 hits, and Marlon was the most instrumental in that regard.

He was 3-for-3 and knocked in four runs before coach John Gravin gave him the rest of the afternoon off. His hits included a double, triple and home run.

The Rocks, 2-0 in the Lakes Division and 3-1 overall, extended their lead to 13-0 with a nine-run third inning in which Marlon had a solo homer and two-run triple. Both balls would have traveled 400 feet or more if they hadn't been hit into the wind, according to Gravin.

The game was never close after Salem scored four times in the opening inning. John Woodard hit a two-run single, and Marlon and Andy Gee had RBIs.

"It was the first day the sun shone on us, and it was the first day we broke out of whatever it was," said Gravin, regarding a lack of hitting in the last two games.

"It's tough to swing the bat in that cold weather," he added. "I don't want to make excuses for us, though. We should be swinging the bats consistently."

Gee, who started his first game after injuring his throwing arm in a preseason scrimmage, was 4-for-4 with two doubles and two RBIs. Brad Wright was 2-for-5 with an RBI. Jerry Heath 2-for-4 and Woodard 2-for-3.

CANTON 7, W.L. WESTERN 2: Kevin Leonard remained on a torrid hitting pace at the unbeaten Chiefs recorded victory No. 3 Wednesday.

Learned, a senior shortstop, went 3-for-3 and drove in three runs, giving him nine hits in 10 at-bats and eight RBIs in the first week of the season.

"I've never had a kid start like that," Canton coach Fred Crissey said. "He hasn't had a bleeder, either. Every one has been his hard."

Mike Stark, 2-0, went the distance as the pitcher. He scattered four hits, and he fanned nine Warrior batters as opposed to walking two. Bill Berger was the losing pitcher.

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Marlins claim both ends of twinbill from Lancers

Amy Edward was unbeatable Friday against visiting Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher.

Edward hurled a five-hitter in the first game and followed that with a two-hitter in game No. 2 to boost Farmington Hills Mercy to a 7-3, 14-3 softball sweep.

In the opener, she walked just two and struck out three. She also got three hits in three trips, driving in two runs. Kerry Sayers added two hits and two RBIs.

The second game was stopped after five innings by the 10-run mercy rule. Gallagher had no more luck with Edward; she gave up four walks while fanning four and knocked in six runs with three hits, a triple and two doubles. Kristen Orlandini contributed two hits.

The double-triumph lifted Mercy to 7-4 overall and 4-3 in the Catholic League's Central Division.

STEVENS 10, FARMINGTON 2: Trish Koskowiak stifled Farmington on just two hits Friday, keeping the Falcons winless through six games. They are 0-4 in the Western Lakes.

Koskowiak walked four and

softball

struck out seven in boosting Stevenson's record to 4-5 overall, 2-2 in the WLAA. Pam Fullwood and Rocky Clobor each had two hits for the winners, with Fullwood driving in two runs and Clobor one.

Stephanie Koleski was the losing pitcher. Kristen Norman's single drove in a Farmington run in the fourth inning.

On Wednesday, Walled Lake Central pounded the Falcons 11-3. Lisa Rockefeller was the losing pitcher.

W.L. WESTERN 27, HARRISON 2: Farmington Harrison pitchers Lisa Donovan and Sue Kubat combined to walk 23 Warriors, while the Hawks managed just two hits in a game ended by the mercy rule after five innings Friday.

Harrison's only hits were a first-inning single by Robyn Cohen and a second-inning single by Karen Na-

jarlan. Donovan started and took the loss; Michelle Craig was the winning pitcher.

On Wednesday, Livonia Franklin won its first game of the season at Harrison's expense, 16-7. Rose O'Bea was the key factor, clubbing a three-run homer, single and triple and knocking in four runs for the Patriots.

Kubat went the distance and absorbed the loss for Harrison, which had just four hits. The Hawks are 0-4 overall, 0-2 in the WLAA.

JOHN GLENN 23, N. FARMINGTON 2: Both teams kept their records perfect Friday at Westland John Glenn. The Rockets are unbeaten through four games; North Farmington has yet to win, dropping to 0-4.

Both Wilson and Sara Morey combined for the pitching win for Glenn. Wilson, Christina Hoffman and Michelle Myers each had three hits for the winners, with Hoffman knocking in four runs, Myers two and Wilson one.

Tiffany Fishell was the losing pitcher for North. Missy Boscaewen got two of the Raiders four hits.

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LACROSSE PLAYERS

Farmington Hills residents Todd Sullivan and John AbuNassar, both graduates of Redford Catholic Central High School, are members of the men's lacrosse team at Lake Forest College in Lake Forest, Ill.

AbuNassar, a junior, is an attacker in his third season on the team, and Sullivan, a sophomore, is a defenseman in his second season.

AbuNassar is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nimeh AbuNassar, Sullivan the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Dennis Sullivan.

Coach Wayne Braxton's team was 2-7 last year. Lake Forest is a member of the Midwest Lacrosse Association.

BENEFIT GAME

Proceeds from a basketball game

between Channel 62 personnel and Joe Green's All-Stars will benefit the Detroit Association for Retarded Citizens. The game will be played at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Southfield High School. For information, call the Detroit ARC at 831-0202.

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Mercy golfers win another

Farmington Mercy had one of its closer golf matches Wednesday, but the Marlins still bested Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes despite holding out some of its top golfers.

Mercy compiled a 253 team score with Deirdre Gula shooting 57 to pace the win, the team's fourth without a loss. Lakes, led by Amy Curry's round of 61, shot 282.

Jenny Slosar carried a 60, Sue Broughton 66 and Anne Bonczak 70 in support of Gula's effort at Silver Lake Golf Club in Pontiac.

The Marlins suffered a setback earlier in the week when Nancy Margherio was injured in the match with Birmingham Seaholm. She tore a tendon in one wrist, and she will be out for two weeks, possibly the season.

Without one of its aces, Mercy will attempt to push for the top Tuesday in the Oakland County meet at Pontiac Country Club. The Marlins have a dual meet with Bloomfield Hills Kingswood today at Wakelee Country Club.

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LIVONIA STEVENSON 6
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 1
Friday at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: George Gerig (LS) defeated Punnet Andrews, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 2: David Kelskis (LS) del. Aaron Vranic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 3: Cam Campbell (LC) del. Muli Downer, 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

No. 4: Joel Emrich (LS) del. Kevin Whalen, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 1 doubles: Bob Holycross-Shawn Herbst (LS) del. Jesse Nagy-Aaron Chermil, 6-2, 6-2.

No. 2: Matt Richardson-Mike Berens (LS) del. Ron Robercz-Greg Fleiter, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 3: Scott Cenu-Shane Miner (LS) del. Alan Potts-Ron Clifton, 6-0, 6-1.
Dual meet records: Stevenson 2-1, Churchill 0-3.

Upcoming matches: Stevenson at Walled Lake Western (4 today); North Farmington at Churchill (4 today).

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7
FARMINGTON 0
Wednesday at Farmington

No. 1 singles: George Gerig (LS) del. Jim Vandenh, 6-7, 6-2, 6-4.

No. 2: David Kelskis (LS) del. Chris Haas, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 3: Matt Downer (LS) del. Mike Kryger,

6-2, 6-0.

No. 4: Joel Emrich (LS) del. Manoj Trivedi, 6-1, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: John Bailey-Jeff Wiegol (LS) del. Scott Shewh-Dave Anderson, 6-3, 6-0.
No. 2: Shawn Herbst-Bob Holycross (LS) del. Chris Cane-Scott Hawkins, 6-3, 6-7, 6-2.

No. 3: Bob Dombros-Ana Peterson (LS) del. Scott Comer-Susan Cabal, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 8
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 1
Friday at Walled Lake Central

No. 1 singles: Mike Burt (C) del. Danny Spjka, 7-5, 6-2.

No. 2: Dan Orland (C) del. Mike Wasieki, 6-0, 6-1.

No. 3: Jim Gallagher (C) del. Brian Carpenter, 6-1, 6-1.

No. 4: Steve Schmidt (C) del. Kurt Puhman, 6-1, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Joe Ward-Jeff Williams (C) del. Rich Church-Martin Kraft, 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5.

No. 2: Dan Nowicki-Brian Schmidt (C) del. Pat Chook-Rich Doss, 6-3, 6-2.

No. 3: Jeff Broder-Jeff Williams (C) del. Scott Anthony-Dave Singh, 6-2, 6-3.

Canton dual-meet record: 4-0 overall, 2-0 WLAA.

Upcoming matches: Walled Lake Central at Canton 3:30 p.m. today, Canton at Livonia Stevenson 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

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