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Becky Gressler defeated Salem's Wendy Shiek in three sets at No. 2 singles, but North lost the match, 4-3.

tennis

PLYMOUTH SALEM 4
NORTH FARMINGTON 3
Monday at North Farmington

No. 1 singles: Mike Smith (PS) defeated Wendy Shiek 6-0, 6-0.
No. 2: Becky Gressler (NF) def. Wendy Shiek 7-6, 3-6, 6-0.
No. 3: Anne Holmboe (NF) def. Shelia Kappa, 6-3, 6-4.
No. 4: Ann Gilmore (NF) def. Pam Gressler, 6-1, 7-6.
No. 1 doubles: Beth Cundiff-Michelle Minton (PS) def. Lori Benedek and Karen Merkle, 6-2, 6-3.
No. 2: Heather Riley-Lori Sampson (NF) def. Kathy Marchak-Julia Shimmell, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 3: Tracy Anderson-Lara Underwood (PS) def. Lynne Cohn-Amy Borman, 6-4, 6-3.

PLYMOUTH CANTON 8
FARMINGTON 1
Monday at Farmington

No. 1 singles: Tanya Bowman (PC) defeated Rita Taylor, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 2: Shari Bager (PC) def. Sara Stevens, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: Michele Sparkman (PC) def. Jody Davis, 6-1, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Leanne Gurchak-Tripoli Katarina (PC) def. Shannon Adams-Carla Miller, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 2: Stacie Cornwall-Dawn Montrose (F) def. Vrai Park-Amy Lightfoot, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 3: Rebecca Bahr-Heather Kay (PC) def. Pam Schatzbrand-Jayne Law, 6-0, 6-7, 6-1.
Plymouth Canton 8-3 in dual meets.

FARMINGTON MERCY 6
WEST BLOOMFIELD 2
Tuesday at West Bloomfield

No. 1 singles: Nicole Trausa (M) defeated Erin Horton, 6-3, 6-0.
No. 2: Shannon Fitzpatrick (M) def. Anne Scavone, 6-1, retired.
No. 3: Cyndi Vail (M) def. Michele Trump, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 4: Sue Strong (M) def. Maureen Bagley, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Jackie Lowman-Dana Jones (WB) def. Gigitte Ilegan-Kristy Spede, 6-4, 6-4.
No. 2: Stefanie Patterson-Jennifer Bryson (WB) def. Heather Balen-Sue Broughton, 6-4, 6-0.
No. 3: Malinda Campbell-Sharon Balva (M) def. Melaine Luthin-Shirley Jents, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3.
Mercy's record is 7-2 overall.

FARMINGTON MERCY 7
BISHOP GALLAGHER 0
Monday at Bishop Gallagher

No. 1 singles: Shannon Fitzpatrick (M) defeated Carolyn Vitale, 6-2, 6-0.
No. 2: Cyndi Vail (M) def. Martha Krause, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 3: Sue Strong (M) def. Anna Kruska, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: Cindy Kord (M) def. Julie Jacobson, 6-0, 6-0.

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Salem defense stops Falcons

By Dan O'Meara
staff writer

Plymouth Salem soccer coach Ken Johnson never worries his team's defense, and he shouldn't have to for a long time.

The majority of Rock defenders are sophomores, but they've already turned in plenty of impressive performances for Salem, 8-2.

Their latest effort resulted in Monday's 2-0 defeat of Farmington in which the Rocks posted their fourth consecutive shutout and seventh straight victory.

The Falcons, who have lost only to Livonia Stevenson, the No. 1-ranked team in Class A, and the Rocks, rated No. 8 in the state, slipped to 6-2 overall and 1-2 in the Lakes Division.

Salem's Ryan Fitzpatrick, Jake Baker and Brad Fisch have combined with senior Troy Giaccherio to whitewash the opposition in the last 34 1/2 minutes of play. And, of course, first-year varsity goalie Matt Tudor — he's a junior — deserves a large share of the credit, too.

THE ROCKS haven't been scored on since Plymouth Canton's John Cortese did so in the second half of a game played Sept. 12. Salem scored the last three goals to win 5-2.

"They're like that all the time," said Johnson of his defenders. "Fitzpatrick has played six solid games — 80 minutes — which is unusual. 'We take one game at a time. We might get a game where we're unlucky, but I think we can play with anybody.'"

The Rocks got all the scoring they needed early

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In the game as senior Donovan Nichols continued to be Salem's offensive leader.

He scored the only goals five and 15 minutes into the contest on assists from Gary Christensen and Marc Lipke, and the Rocks let the defense do the rest.

Nichols, a converted defender, leads the team with eight goals and three assists, and Lipke, a midfielder, is next with five goals.

"WE WEREN'T on our game tonight," said Farmington coach Cathy Cole, adding the Falcons didn't get into the flow until the second half.

"They capitalized on our mistakes — unmarked players and not moving in transition."

"It's a matter of our team realizing we can play with good teams and starting out from the first whistle."

Johnson, however, definitely thought the Falcons came to play and were eager to show themselves capable of matching up with Salem.

For the most part, the Rocks controlled the action and stayed on the attack, keeping the ball in Farmington's end most of the night.

But Tudor had to stop a powerful shot by Mike Walker from 30 yards out on the sideline early in the second half, and the Falcons had several other tries. Those included a shot across the bow —

the ball passed in front of the net almost parallel to the crossbar — by Gary Kurzer, as they managed to mount more attacks.

"I think teams get frustrated when they play us," Johnson said. "Like with Stevenson, it's hard to score, and other teams play harder. And I think Farmington was determined to play well against a top-10 team."

SOME OF THAT STRIPPED play boiled over in the second half and resulted in Nichols and Farmington's Brian Purdom being disqualified.

Nichols was given an immediate red card for sliding into goalie Greg Bjedov as the latter came out to make a save. Purdom was ejected for retaliating against Nichols.

"They got more shots when we went 10-on-10 because that stretches the field and opens things up more," said Johnson, adding he thought his defense was consistently better at clearing the ball.

"I don't think we played physical enough," Cole said. "I think (the officials) were whistle happy. There should have been more fluidness to the game."

Salem's best opportunity of the second half occurred when Chris Olson intercepted a Falcon throw-in with a header and made a 1-on-1 break for the Farmington goal. Bjedov came out to stop the play, however.

"I wanted that third goal, so we'd be confident," Johnson said. "If they scored and it was 3-1, we'd still be alright. But, if it was 3-1, then they get fired up."

As it turned out, Johnson didn't have to worry about his defense.

Raiders 3rd in county

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"Steve is the kind of player I knew would play well today. I can count on him in major tournaments," said Kebi, whose team is 5-1 in dual-meet competition. "Madden and Foran are the players I'm really pleased with."

Brother Rice shot only one strike higher than last year when the Warriors won with a 315. Dean Davis paced the Rice effort with a 78 while Steve Brown (78) and Todd Mow (79) also broke 80.

North Farmington was led by Scott Millman who shot identical in-out scores of 38-38 en route to his 76. David Schlott (78), Larry LaPorte (80) and Tom Sermet (82) were the other low-scoring Raiders.

Matt Groce paced Adams with a round of 75.

Perhaps the most surprising showing was turned in by West Bloomfield — 3-2 in dual-meet competition. The Lakers placed sixth overall with a score of 334. West Bloomfield's low golfer was Adam Treitman who shot 80.

But goal was to shoot in the low (330s)," said West Bloomfield coach and tournament director Art Link. "I figured we could be in the top 15. I'm thrilled with our score, but I'm shocked to be among the top six teams."

North suffers 1st defeat

David Schlott shot a 4-over 39 to lead the Raiders. Larry LaPorte and Tom Sermet finished with 40 apiece. Steve Fitzpatrick followed with 41 and Rob Wendt and Scott Millman carded a pair of 42s.

North, 8-1 overall, remains the Lakes Division leader at 4-0. The Raiders have a crossover dual meet today with Walled Lake Western at Bay Pointe, and the annual city meet is scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday at Glen Oaks.

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