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Falcons keep rolling

Jody Perris of Farmington wins possession of the ball from North Farmington's Missy Holmes in Monday's Lakes Division soccer game. Perris scored a goal as the unbeaten

Falcons defeated their city rival 7-0. Farmington is ranked No. 3 in the state. See story on Page 7D.

North rips Chiefs; Murray baffles foe

North Farmington batters hit everything Plymouth Canton threw at them Tuesday when the Raiders played their finest game of the season.

North, led by Jack Herberholz and Chris White, pounded out 17 hits off three Canton pitchers as the Raiders defeated the host Chiefs 12-7. North is 3-5 overall, Canton 5-2.

The victory over the No. 6-rated team in Class A came just a day after Farmington Hills Harrison clipped Canton 4-3 behind another solid pitching performance by Craig Murray.

"We've been losing some close ones, but today we put it all together," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "I switched around the order, and we just went nuts."

Herberholz was 4-for-4, scored three runs and drove in four runs. He hit a two-run homer and a two-run double, helping the Raiders build a 10-2 lead after five innings.

White also went 4-for-4, scored four runs and had one RBI. Joe Sturtz was 3-for-5 with three RBI, and Craig Garzynski and Steve Fitzpatrick had two hits and scored two runs. Fitzpatrick also had an RBI. Sophomore Andrew Margolik went 6 1/2 innings to get the victory. He gave up eight hits and seven walks, and he struck out two. Paul Anders pitched to one batter in the bottom of the seventh after Margolik got in trouble during a five-run rally by Canton.

Brian Paupore started and pitched four innings, taking the loss. Geoff Allen worked two innings and Jason Dembny one.

Canton's Ron Groh was 3-for-4 and scored three runs, and Jeff Kugelmann was 2-for-4 with one RBI.

HARRISON 4, CANTON 3—Craig Murray has more than earned his title as the ace of the Harrison pitching staff, tossing a four-hitter and striking out 11 while going the distance.

Murray's victory over Canton comes on the heels of a 7-1 victory over North Farmington on April 14 in which he tied a school record with 15 strikeouts. Murray, who is 2-0 and has one save, didn't walk anybody.

"Craig Murray did a great job," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "He's been real strong all year."

Murray outpitched Canton's Mike Sulak, who also struck out 11 and pitched a four-hitter. He issued four free passes in six innings. Geoff Allen worked the last inning.

"We would have liked to win on the road," Canton coach Fred Crissey said. "We had a chance but didn't do it. They were the better club today."

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The Hawks, 2-0 in the Western Division and 4-0 overall, scored what proved to be the winning run in the top of the seventh on Jason Lichtman's two-out double that scored Tim Horton.

Harrison's Jeff Skinner scored the first run in the second after he doubled and advanced on a bases-loaded walk to Gary Devine. The Hawks made it 3-0 in the sixth on Murray's RBI single and a double steal that plated Rob MacDonald.

Kugelmann was 3-for-3 and had one RBI for the Chiefs, 1-1 in the division and 5-2 overall.

CANTON 10-10, NORTHTOWN 2-6: Jeff Kugelmann was the winning pitcher and the big hitter in the first game of the double-header Saturday. Only the first game counts toward the division standings.

Kugelmann pitched a three-hitter for five innings and helped his own cause by going 2-for-3 and knocking in three runs. He crashed a three-run homer for the game's final runs.

Mike Sulak relieved in the sixth and allowed one hit over the final two innings. Derek Humphries was 2-for-3 with two RBI. The Chiefs trailed 6-3 in the second game until scoring five runs in the bottom of the sixth. That made a winner of Humphries, who followed starter Geoff Allen and Brian Paupore and pitched the last 1 1/2 innings.

Dave Makara was 3-for-4 for the winners and had four RBI, and Sulak was 2-for-4 with two RBI.

STEVENSON 8, N. FARMINGTON 7: The Raiders scored twice in the bottom of the seventh, but the rally fell a run short Monday. North is 0-3 in the Lakes Division.

Joe Sturtz was 2-for-3 with two RBI and scored two runs. Jerry Hakala was 2-for-4 and also had two RBI, and Jack Herberholz was 2-for-4 with one RBI.

Tim McElvilly, 6 1/2, pitched 5 1/2 innings and was charged with the loss. He gave up eight hits, walked two and struck out five. Doug Wasserman put in 4 1/2 innings to get the victory. He struck out 10 and walked five, but the Raiders got to him for 10 hits. Scott Koskowiak pitched out of a jam in the seventh to secure Stevenson's win.

Paul Nemei had a solo homer for the Spartans. Rob Chanko was 4-for-3 and scored three runs. Koskowiak was 2-for-4 and stole two bases and Mike Dallmon had three RBI, including a two-run single.

Stevenson's depth helps win relay title

By Dan O'Meara
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Livonia Stevenson was prepared for adversity Saturday in the annual Lady Chiefs Relays at Plymouth Canton.

Ironically, the anticipation of such might have helped the Spartans overcome another setback early in the meet and eventually win the 15-team, 14-event competition.

Stevenson was minus nearly a dozen athletes, including its top sprinter, middle-distance runner and long-distance specialist, who had gone to Boston with the school choir.

"Things couldn't have worked out much better," coach Paul Holmberg said. "I told the team afterward 'The kids who weren't here today won't know the joy of winning this meet. They'll have memories of the choir trip to Boston, but they won't have the memories you do of this meet.'"

The Spartans, who were expected to battle Farmington for first place and edged the runner-up Falcons by two points, faced adversity again when the shuttle hurdle team was disqualified after one of its members started too early.

IN AN EVENT Stevenson was counting on doing well, the Spartans were stunned to come away with nothing.

"It was the second running event, so the meet was just getting started," Holmberg said. "Those were some big points we lost. When you're expected to be in the top three and get no points, that's a big setback."

Holmberg was impressed at how quickly the Stevenson athletes recovered from that disappointment, refusing to let it affect their performance in other events.

In the next one — the 800-meter relay — the Spartans finished third while Farmington, which is strongest in the sprint relays, won the race.

Two (Diane Sherwood and Lisa Christensen) came off the shuttle hurdles, and I think they ran with a little more determination than some others (on opposing teams)," Holmberg said. "It seemed to make those two kids run harder and better."

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Stevenson track coach

ran well and had good relays," he added. Stevenson was fourth in the sprint medley relay, also.

THE SPARTANS later showed their hurdling skill by winning the 300-meter relay. Christensen, who had the best individual time of 48.1, Sherwood, Dana Carlan and Teresa Sarno comprised the unit.

Stevenson also excelled in the throwing events, taking first place in the discus and shot put and setting meet records in both. The Spartans had totals of 291-1 in the discus and 94-9 in the shot put.

Jessam Martin had her second-best throw of 113-10 1/2 in the discus, and Debbie Wroblewski and Krista Sachs had career bests in both events.

In addition to the throwers and hurdlers, Jeanne Magoulick and Suzanne Moore were Stevenson standouts, according to Holmberg, who said Moore's assignment might have been the most grueling of all. She ran a leg of the eight-mile relay, participated in the 3,200 relay and did the mile as part of the distance medley.

"We asked some kids to do some things they hadn't done before," Holmberg said, "and some to do more than we had the right to ask of them in terms of the number of events."

Others who contributed under demanding circumstances were Carrie Creehan, Nicole Todd, Carlan, Jen-

nifer Pfander, Jennifer Knapp and Becky Adamczyk.

PFANDER HADN'T practiced in a week due to injury, but she took the Spartans from seventh place to third in the 3,200 relay on a gimpy leg. Holmberg said. Adamczyk's event is the 100 dash, but she led off the sprint medley with a 65-second quarter mile.

Without the benefit of an outstanding jumper, the Spartans took third in the long jump through the combined efforts of "three kids who had respectable jumps," Holmberg said. Sherry Jahn, Sarno and Sherwood jumped in the 15- to 14-foot range.

"Two (Jahn and Sarno) had come down from the high jump where we had just bombed out," Holmberg said. "That's another case where we could have tucked out tails."

"Instead of pouting about it, they went down and turned in a real respectable performance in the long jump. That's the kind of thing that happened all day. We turned around and made it happen somewhere else."

Stevenson also was third in the 3,200 and 800 relays, and the Spartans finished fifth in the eight-mile relay.

"We could have won it if we had those kids (who were absent) or if we didn't get DQed in the shuttle hurdle," Holmberg said. "But we didn't have to say could have. We went out and did it anyway."



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