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Falcons keep pace in Lakes Division

Farmington stayed on course for an eventual showdown with Livonia Stevenson for the Lakes Division girls track championship Thursday, leading host North Farmington 78-50.

Farmington Hills Harrison was less fortunate Thursday, dropping a key Western Division dual meet to host Livonia Franklin 71-57.

Farmington, 3-0 in the division and 4-0 overall, must get past Plymouth Salem on Tuesday before it meets the Spartans on Wednesday, May 24, at Farmington. The Raiders are 1-2 in the Lakes and 1-3 overall.

Harrison suffered its first defeat in the division after two victories and slipped to 2-2 overall. Franklin moved to 3-0 and 5-1 and will meet Plymouth Canton, also 3-0 in the Western half of the Western Lakes Activities Association, on Wednesday at Franklin.

North won three of the four field events, but the Falcons dominated the running events with the exception of Lisa Rives' victory in the 1,600.

In the sprints, Farmington's Jennifer Reed won the 100 dash and Angie Forge the 200 with 12.8 and 26.9 times.

Amy Trunk circled the track in 1:05.5 to win the 400, and Jennifer Kiel and Allison Davis succeeded in the longer distances. Kiel's time in the 800 was 2:32.2, and Davis had the best 3,200 time at 13:17.4. Rives ran 5:39.4 in the 1,600.

The Falcons had a double winner in Shellie Gaul, who won both hurdles races. She ran the 100 hurdles in 16.8 and the 300 in 51.2. Gaul, Reed, Forge, Trunk and Kiel also were in part responsible for Farmington winning three of the relays as well.

Carrie Maier, Gaul, Reed and Forge did the 400 relay in 53.4, and Maier, Nicole Trocchio, Trunk and Forge comprised the winning 800 outfit, which posted a 1:53.2 time.

Kiel led off the 1,600 relay and set the

girls track

pace for Sherri Vittalo, Gretchen Clappison and Kristy Bodary to follow as the Falcons defeated the Raiders with a 4:35 effort.

Farmington's remaining first place was achieved by Julie Lawton, the best high jumper in Observeland. She won that event with a height of 5 feet.

Also in the field events, North's Jennifer Sice captured first place in the shot put (30.84), Adrienne Mocello the discus (34-8) and Cara Higley the long jump (14-4).

Rives also played a role in the Raiders winning the 3,200 relay. She opened for North and was followed by Karen Zelenko,

Lisa Wantuck and Tracy Mitchell, the Raiders running 11:07.4.

DESPITE WINNING three relays, Harrison went down to defeat as the Patriots won the majority of field and running events.

"We knew it would be that close," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said. "In a meet that close, you just can't make any mistakes. We ran well; we just came up short in a couple events."

The Hawks won the shot put in which Aimee Jarvenpaa threw 29 feet, 9 1/4 inches and the 200 dash as Niviv Hakim sprinted home in 23.9.

Harrison's Jane Peters and Franklin's Sheryl Bayer had quite a duel in the hurdles with each winning one race. Peters ran 49.5 in the 300 hurdles and Bayer 49.7. The Patriots athlete went 17.0 in the 100 hurdles and Peters 17.03.

Hakim also ran with three successful re-

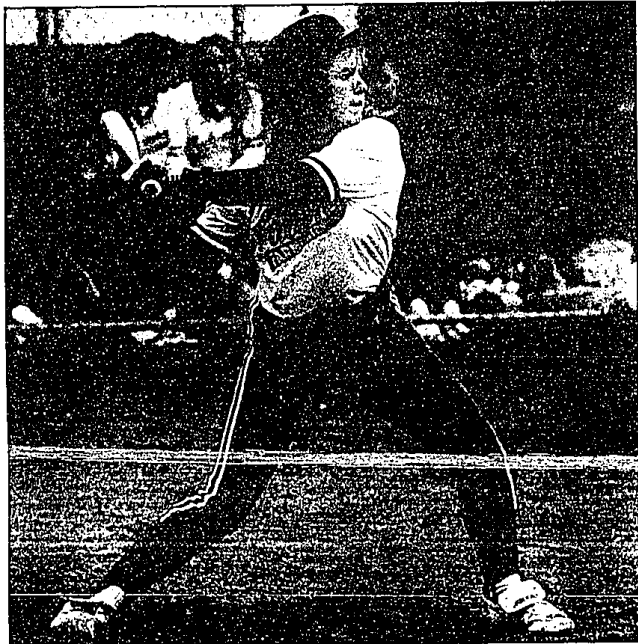
lay teams and Peters two. Andra Cockerham, Carrie Hentnik, Hakim and Peters won the 800 with a 1:55 time, and Maria Chalognan, Hakim, Cockerham and Peters had a combined effort of 4:31.5 in the 1,600 relay.

The Hawks also won the 400 relay as Heather Conley, Nicole Leo, Hentnik and Hakim mastered that event in 54.3.

Franklin's Kelly Gustafson and Dawn Harrison had two wins each. Gustafson was first in the 400 and 3,200 with times of 1:04.5 and 13:20.3, and Harrison won the 800 and 1,600 by running 2:44.3 and 5:50.4.

First place in the discus went to Amy Lankford (99-0) and the long jump to Tina Jankesi (15-2 1/4). Bayer and teammate Kris Celeksi tied for first in the high jump (4-4).

The Patriots' Christy Mulroney won the 100 dash in 14.1, and Gustafson, Kristin MacKay, Helene Orr and Jennie Hovatter had the best time in the 3,200 relay at 11:10.8.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Lisa Rockefeller stands her ground Friday while waiting for the right pitcher in Farmington's softball game with North Farmington. The

Falcons had 10-plus hits off two pitchers, but that wasn't enough as North won 12-10 in eight innings.

3-sport athlete Burgess opts for Saginaw Valley

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

At least Chad Burgess finally knows what college he'll be attending.

Burgess, a three-sport star at Farmington Hills Harrison, has received a partial football scholarship to attend Saginaw Valley State College, with the option of playing basketball and running track.

First and foremost, though, he's a student.

"I really didn't take Saginaw Valley for sports," said Burgess, a wide receiver and defensive back on Harrison's Class B state champion team. "It's not like I'm going to be going into the pros or anything after college. I'm just happy I don't have to pay for all of my college."

"I wanted to play both (football and basketball) and going to a Division II school — that will be a lot easier (than at Division I) to do. But still it will be difficult. I'll make my decision about track midway through the year. It depends on how the academics are going."

BURGESS, ONE of the area's best trackmen, probably has a better chance to make the Cardinals' track team, than make it as a college basketball player.



Chad Burgess
from Hawks to Cardinals

A 5-foot-11 All-Observer basketball forward, Burgess would have to make the transition to guard in college.

Burgess was a first-team All-Observer defensive back last fall for the Class B champion Harrison football team, and SVSC coach George Hiler recruited him to play the same position in college.

Harrison coach John Herrington believes Burgess would have been more highly recruited as a football

player had he not wanted to see who wanted him for basketball.

Eastern Michigan football coach Jim Harkema offered him an opportunity to walk on, "but I wasn't really sure about taking it," said Burgess, who got few feelers for basketball.

"WE'RE A little disappointed he didn't get something earlier," Herrington said. "He might have if he didn't wait for basketball."

"He's a good two-way player, and he could play either offense or defense. I think he'll be very successful there. He was an excellent three-year starter for us."

"Saginaw Valley doesn't have too many (full) scholarships that they can't give walk-ons a good look," he added. "With Chad's all-star reputation, I think he'll get a good chance."

Burgess plans to study social work at Saginaw Valley and would like to take a minor in physical education.

Saginaw Valley, a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics school, is building a new athletic facility and that also interested Burgess.

"I like the physical education building," Burgess said. "It's the biggest one in the state — until Bo (Schemmbecher) gets his (at the University of Michigan)."

Paupore accepts Hillsdale offer

By Steve Kowalski
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When Brian Paupore says he was recruited by Hillsdale College to "shoot the ball," he's talking about basketball.

Paupore, a fine pitcher for the Plymouth Canton baseball team, signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Hillsdale for coach Ron Halstad.

Paupore, who earned first-team All-Observer honors after averaging 22 points and eight rebounds a game last winter, probably won't be a two-sport player at Hillsdale.

Paupore thought about also playing baseball at Hillsdale, but he'd rather concentrate on his favorite sport — basketball.

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"OUR BASEBALL coach (Fred Crissey) was talking to them about baseball, but I'm not sure if I'd want to spend part of my time playing baseball," he said. "The basketball coach signed me for basketball, and he wants me to be committed to basketball the next four years. They recruited me mainly to shoot the ball."

"They just built a new gym, a new swimming pool. It's incredi-

ble. And another reason I'm going there is I'll probably play right away."

Other schools that showed interest in Paupore's basketball ability included Oakland University, Wayne State, Western Michigan and Kent State.

Paupore, who has wanted to play college basketball since the third grade, can't wait to play for Halstad, the eighth-year coach.

"Once I got interested in the game, I didn't want to give it up after my high school career," Paupore said. "Coach Halstad seems like a nice guy, the kind of person who gets the most out of you. If you play hard and show good work in the classroom, you'll get your time."

N. Farmington defeats weather, city opponent

Glenn keeps beating up on division foes

Westland John Glenn continued its mastery of Lakes Division softball teams Friday, edging Plymouth Salem 5-4 in the rain and mud at home.

The win gave the Rockets a share of the Lakes Division lead with Walled Lake Central at 8-1. Glenn is 15-2 overall.

Salem fell to 8-9 overall and 4-8 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Glenn plays host to Plymouth Canton in a double-header today and meets Detroit Mackenzie Wednesday at home in a Class A pre-district qualifier.

Jenny Massey picked up her 12th win against two losses on the mound for the Rockets Friday, scattering five hits and walking five.

"We just didn't hit the ball," Salem coach Rob Willotte said. "Their pitcher doesn't throw that hard."

Glenn trailed 4-3 after 5 1/2 innings, but Massey's fly ball was dropped by the Salem left fielder, scoring the eventual winning runs with two outs in the bottom of the sixth.

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North Farmington scored a pair of runs in the top of the eighth inning Friday to break a 10-10 tie and give the Raiders a 12-10 softball win at Farmington.

The win leaves North at 4-5 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 8-8 overall. Farmington fell to 4-14 overall.

An RBI double by Kelly Coulson scored Tiffany Pisaneli with the 11th run, and a sacrifice fly by Courtney Knapp knocked in Dana Botwick with run No. 12.

As opposed to many games, the teams endured damp, wet conditions caused by a light, steady rain Friday.

"I hate to play a game in this weather, but once we're out there we might as well try to play it," North coach Dave Brubaker said. "The rain was coming down at the same pace all day (so the situation wasn't unbearable). I just hope none of my girls catch the flu."

A five-run fifth inning gave Farmington a 10-7 lead after 5 1/2 innings, but the Raiders scored three times in the last two innings to send the game into extra innings.

Kim Gurecki's RBI single scored Eve Clair from second base in the sixth inning to tie the game at 10-10.

Lisa Rockefeller's RBI double and a two-run single by Mary Brish highlighted Farmington's five-run fifth inning that gave the Falcons brief lead.

Rockefeller started for Farmington and lasted three innings, but the loss was suffered by reliever Lisa Gale who pitched the rest of the way.



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Debbie Weintraub, who relieved starter Jennifer Lydon in the second inning, earned the win for North. Weintraub allowed 10 hits but walked only two.

Michelle Miller led Farmington's 12-hit attack with three hits. Melissa Tisdale and Brish had two hits each.

Botwick scored three runs and hit safely twice for North. Gurecki, who was issued four walks, had an RBI single.

On Thursday, North drilled host Bloomfield Hills Laber 16-5 in a five-inning, mercy contest.

Jennifer Lydon picked up her first varsity win against three losses, scattering six hits and walking five over five innings.

Amy Post drove in three runs on two hits and Amy Fletcher had two RBIs. Pam Gressler stole four bases and scored three runs, and Botwick drove in two runs.

But the story was Lydon, who is only a sophomore.

"No way did I think she would make the varsity this year," Brubaker said. "She went to a pitching coach and started to really sing it in there. Now she just needs to get her control down."

Raiders extend streak by whipping Stevenson

North Farmington stretched its baseball winning streak to three games by beating Livonia Stevenson 9-1 Wednesday.

The Raiders, who were rained out Friday in their scheduled game with Farmington, are 8-9 overall. North stands 3-5 in the Lakes Division and 5-7 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Tim McEvilly, senior right-hander, went the distance and scattered six hits. He fanned five and walked three.

North's big hitters included Jerry Hakala, who had three hits in four trips, and Jack Herberholz and Joe Sturtz, both of whom had three RBIs.

Sturtz crushed a two-run homer and Herberholz a two-run double during a four-run fourth inning that broke a 1-1 tie. Sturtz, who had two hits, is batting .500 in 14 games and has a .732 on-base percentage.

McEvilly helped his own cause by going 3-for-3 and scoring three runs, and Hakala also had one RBI. Stevenson's Dave McInnes had two hits, and Brian Piergentilli knocked in the only run with a single.

The Raiders will play Farmington in a pre-district game at 4 p.m. Friday, May 26, on the North diamond.



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FARMINGTON 4, SALEM 2: The Falcons avenged an earlier loss to the Rocks on Wednesday. Salem rallied to beat Farmington 12-11 in eight innings on April 24.

Coach Kevin Kauffman's team improved to 4-4 in the Lakes Division and 9-8 overall. The Rocks are 6-2 and 9-6.

Salem, which was rained out Friday in its scheduled game with Westland John Glenn, is 6-4 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Norm Celinske threw a four-hitter and went the distance for Farmington. He walked four while improving his record to 3-2.

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