

Salem flips Farmington, knots North

Plymouth Salem (10-7, 9-1) earned a share of the Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division girls basketball title with a 43-34 victory Tuesday at Farmington (4-13, 2-8).

The victory makes Salem and North Farmington co-champs in the division. The Rocks have now won the division title seven consecutive years.

Salem outscored the Falcons 15-9 in the third quarter to pull away from a 23-18 halftime edge and cruise to victory. Free throws were instrumental in the win. Salem hit 13 of 23 from the stripe, while Farmington was only 4 for 12.

Sarah Ruetz led the Rocks with 15 points; Yolanda Jackson added 12.

Erika Hatcher had a big game for the Falcons, scoring 17 points and pulling down 10 rebounds.

FRANKLIN 43, CANTON 41: Jenny Rettig made a 16-foot shot with seven seconds left Tuesday to give visiting Livonia Franklin a 43-41 win over WLA Western Division champion Plymouth Canton.

The basket was Rettig's only points of the game.

After the hoop, the Chiefs broke Franklin's press and had a chance to send the game into overtime, but Jenny Russell's shot with three seconds to play was off the mark.

Patriots coach Dan Freeman was ecstatic over the victory.

"It was a big win to beat them at their place," he said. "It might not have meant a lot to them (the Chiefs had already clinched the division title), but it meant a lot to us. It was the first time we've beaten them since I've been coaching here."

At the outset, it did not appear as if it would be the Franklin's night to shine.

Canton jumped out to a 15-6 lead after one quarter as Chief center Susan Ferko powered her way underneath against the smaller Patriots, scoring 10 of her game-high 19 points in the opening period.

Franklin got out of its 2-3 zone after the quarter and switched to a sagging man-to-man defense, with Shannon Eberly guarding Ferko. Freeman called the defensive switch "the key to the game."

The Patriots outscored their hosts 11-10 in the second quarter to trail at the half, 25-19.

girls basketball

In the second half, Dawn Warner took over for Franklin, scoring all 11 of her points in the final two quarters to help the Patriots pull out the victory.

Foul shooting was a key element in the game. Canton hit all eight of its attempts, while the Chiefs were five of 10 from the stripe.

In addition to her points, Warner had four steals. Patty Shea also had a solid game for Franklin, scoring 10 points, dishing off four assists and making three steals. Julian Steslak contributed eight points and six rebounds for the winners.

Stacey Thompson scored 10 points for the Chiefs.

With the win, Franklin improves to 14-2 overall and 8-2 in the Western Division, while Canton falls to 14-3 overall and 9-1 in the division.

N. FARMINGTON 62, JOHN GLENN 34: North Farmington clinched a tie for the WLA Lakes Division title Tuesday with a rout of host Westland John Glenn.

North finished tied with Plymouth Salem for the title at 9-1.

Kim Gurecki (26 points, six assists and five steals) and Eve Clear (19 points) paced the North attack. Viki Seamus had a strong game on the boards, pulling down 12 rebounds.

North coach Greg Capling said the defense of senior forward Amy Post was one of the keys to the victory.

"She played good defense underneath against their big people and stopped them from scoring," he said.

Sophomores Carrie Rachwal and Karen Olack each scored nine points to lead Glenn. North is now 14-3 overall, while Glenn is 6-11 overall and 4-6 in the Lakes Division.

CHURCHILL 63, HARRISON 39: Fran Priebe hit for a career-high 23 points Tuesday, helping host Livonia Churchill (3-14, 2-8) to a romp over Farmington Harrison (2-15, 0-1) in a WLA Western Division game. Jenny Williams hit 10 of 12 free throws

and added 15 points for the Chargers. Freshman guard Chrissy Daly chipped in with 10.

Heather Hopkins (12 points) and April Jones (11 points) were the leading scorers for the Hawks.

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN 46, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 38: Tamara Tilly scored six of her game-high 13 points in the final four minutes to lead the Eagles to victory over Hamtramck Immaculate Conception.

Christian outscored the visitors 28-20 in the final half to pull out the victory.

Diane Jurek led Conception with 10 points. The win improved the Eagles record to 11-7.

LUTHERAN NORTH 52, CLARENCEVILLE 18: Mount Clemens Lutheran North (12-6, 11-1) had too much firepower Tuesday for visiting Livonia Clarenceville (1-17, 0-12), trouncing the Trojans in a Metro Conference match-up.

Sarah Henneman led the winners with 15 points. Rhonda Saunders (16 points) provided most of the Trojans' offense.

football

Raiders rip RU

North Farmington was treated to an aerial bombardment to end its 1989 football season Saturday.

Winless Redford Union invaded the Raiders' realm, and Panther quarterback Brian Theis unleashed an assault of 49 passes in an attempt to secure a season-ending victory.

It was to no avail. Theis completed 20 for 178 yards, but North outgained RU (227-207) and, more importantly, outscored the Panthers 30-12.

The win allowed North to finish with a 6-3 record; RU bowed out at 0-9.

"They came out with a 'junk' offense, three receivers on one play," said North coach Jim O'Leary. "It was nothing we expected. We saw a whole different look."

RU's results, though, were the same. Jon Kraus led North with 51 yards rushing in 16 carries. He scored a touchdown on a 2-yard run.

The Raiders' other TDs came on a Lucien Van Cleave 16-yard run, a Tyson Richardson 4-yard run, and a Brad Hirschman 5-yard run.

RU, meanwhile, had only 29 yards rushing in 18 carries. Theis threw for both the Panther touchdowns.

Falcons' Goba is region's top runner

By Ray Setlock
staff writer

Plymouth Canton's boys cross country team, with 53 points, managed to walk away with top honors at Saturday's Class A regional cross country meet.

With almost perfect conditions at West Bloomfield's Marshbank Park, the Chiefs cruised past No. 2-ranked Redford Catholic Central, which posted 66 points, followed by Plymouth Salem (77), Livonia Stevenson (166) and Farmington (168).

Farmington's Ben Goba won top individual honors, posting a time of 16:14. CC's Mike Sheridan ran a close second (16:27) and Canton's Brian Beach finished third. Chris Antezak of CC took fifth (16:53) and Salem's Brian Uryga sprinted his way to sixth (16:55).

Mike Ream of Canton finished eighth, followed by CC's Jay Schemanske who grabbed ninth (17:06) and Stevenson's Scott Freeborn finished 10th in 17:10.

Canton, CC and Salem will convene north Saturday for the state Class A cross country finals. Flint's IMA-Brookwood Golf Club will host the 5,000-meter race, which is slated to begin at 11 a.m.

CANTON COACH JIM HAYES said his team can compete with anyone in the state right now. "We feel we can compete with anyone who will be there," Hayes said. "I just hope the conditions are good. No rain or snow."

Salem coach Geoff Baker also expresses confidence heading into this weekend's race.

"If we are healthy, we can compete with any team there," Baker said. "I think CC, Canton and we are all evenly matched."

Tony Magni, the veteran CC coach, said his team has an inside chance because of experience.

"We've been there before," said Magni, who led CC to titles in 1983 and 1984. "The state run is a whole different ballgame and a lot of these teams will find that out."

The Shamrocks, along with Ann Arbor Pioneer, have been two of the most successful teams in the 1980s. Last year, CC finished fifth and Pioneer second.

"I am not saying we are going to walk away with anything," Magni said. "Canton ran an excellent race in the regionals. I just think experience will help us."

LUTHERAN WESTLAND finished second in Saturday's Class D regional meet at Swartz Creek Golf Course. The Warriors scored 55, as Webberville took the title with 43.

Lutheran Westland will compete Saturday in the Class D state finals at Frankenmuth.

Steve Watkins finished third overall for Lutheran Westland with a time of 17:39. Kirk Stueber and Steve Quinkert finished ninth and 10th with times of 17:59 and 18:00, respectively.

sports shorts

SOCCER TRYOUTS

The Vardar III '76 boys soccer club has openings for the 1990 spring season. The team will be coached by former Yugoslavain pro Vince

Dusevic. To obtain tryout dates, call Mr. Wright at 455-4823 (evenings) or Mr. Howard at 449-0077 (days).

COACHES NEEDED

Clarenceville High School needs a head boys swimming coach and assistants in wrestling and volleyball. Applicants should call Athletic Director Leo Kinsella at 473-8928.

Walled Lake Western High School needs a boys swimming coach. Applicants should send resumes to Bob Atkins, director of athletics, 615 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, 48088, or call 624-6604 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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