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Giese triggers Falcon victory

Farmington exploded for five second-half goals Monday and shut out rival North Farmington 5-0 in Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer.

The Falcons are 1-1 in the Lakes Division of the WLA and 3-4 overall.

Forward Mike Giese led the Falcons with three goals and now has 11 for the season. The junior, who also had one assist, opened the scoring five minutes into the first half.

Junior goalkeeper John Conal recorded his first shutout of the season by making nine saves, which included stopping a penalty kick.

Sophomore forward Mark Kurzer added two goals, and junior midfielder Kris Wiljanen had one goal and two assists. Junior defenseman Aaron Bonmarito had one assist.

"We didn't play very well in the first half," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "I yelled at them (at halftime) and we played much better and were more aggressive in the second half. We were winning the 50-30 and 40-50 balls that we weren't winning in the first half."

REDFORD CC 1, ATHENS 0: The unbeaten Shamrocks knocked off traditional boys soccer power Athens Monday, the same day it jumped to No. 1 in the Class A rankings.

CC is 8-0 overall and 3-0 in the Central Division of the Catholic League after beating Harper Woods Notre Dame 5-0 on Saturday.

"If we keep on winning, good

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things can happen," CC coach Phil Lajoy said. "We tried not concentrating on the rankings, but it's a good feeling to be there."

"This team has certainly come together. I think we're playing well as a team."

Brendan Sullivan scored the lone goal Monday with an assist from Kerry Zavagnin at 24:30 in the first half.

Jeff Zawicki was in goal for the shutout, his fifth of the season. CC attempted 12 shots, Athens two. The Shamrocks have allowed only two goals this year.

"They're a good team and have had a lot of success over the years," said Lajoy of the Red Hawks. "When you beat Troy Athens, you have to feel good about it."

In the Notre Dame game, Steve Heitert scored three goals and Rich Walos two. Sullivan, Matt Kopymeyer, Mario Secluna and Heitert had one assist each.

Tim Bober replaced Zawicki, who was ill and didn't play, as the goalkeeper and earned the shutout.

half-marathon results

Following are partial overall results from Sunday's 13th annual "Run for the Birds" races held in downtown Birmingham.

10K RACE RESULTS

OVERALL MALE WINNERS: 1. Terry Esley (Farmington Hills), 32:35; 2. Stan Ford (Lake Orion), 32:52; 3. Thomas Pavia (St. Clair), 33:17; 4. Joe Goodman (Southfield), 33:20; 5. David Layman (Rochester Hills), 33:23; 6. Gregory Landstedt (Westland), 33:44; 7. Michael Lasley (Royal Oak), 34:16; 8. Joe Lahner (Marysville), 34:35; 9. Carl Runder (Birmingham), 34:53; 10. Jacob Povich (Franklin), 34:54; 11. David Watkins (Bloomfield Hills), 35:40; 12. Duane Stewart (Royal Oak), 35:40; 13. Thomas Gil (Louisville, Ky.), 35:48; 14. Brian Harris (Royal Oak), 35:49; 15. Gary Senais (Bentley), 35:55; 16. Dave Kanners (Rochester), 35:58; 17. Jim Fish (New Haven), 36:07; 18. Daniel Randazzo (Troy), 36:34; 19. Michael Conner (Farmington), 37:05; 20. Jim Runenberg (Pontiac), 37:05; 21. Euan Ross (St. Clair), 37:10; 22. Lyle Hamilton (Southfield), 37:24; 23. John Howard (Dearborn), 37:28; 24. Jim Bennett (Farmington Hills), 37:36; 25. John Hansen (Bloomfield Hills), 37:40; 26. Dave Campbell (Warren), 37:55; 28. Tom Eick (Rochester Hills), 38:34; 29. Gordon Raine (Troy), 38:51; 30. Jim Condon (Lake Orion), 38:58.

OVERALL FEMALE WINNERS: 1. Kathy Kubicki (Rochester), 37:20; 2. Jennifer Jaeger (Farmington Hills), 38:24; 3. Jen Jacobs (Birmingham), 40:45; 4. Michelle Iwch (Orchard Lake), 41:15; 5. Liz Campbell (Rochester), 42:28; 6. Mary Heaton (Troy), 42:59; 7. Sandra Hunery (Birmingham), 44:24; 8. Lori Wadsworth (Redford), 44:28; 9. Michele Salmon (Troy), 45:05; 10. Marian Engert (Grosse Pointe Park), 45:53; 11. Susan Marko (Birmingham), 44:24; 12. Dina Smith (Rochester Hills), 47:33; 13. Tara Aren (Rochester Hills), 47:44; 14. Deborah Oakes (Troy), 47:45; 15. Tina Lerner (Royal Oak), 47:46; 16. Evelyn Cookson (Birmingham), 48:13; 17. Lisa Chapman (Bloomfield Hills), 48:21; 18. Pamela Kasper (Bloomfield Hills), 48:28; 20. Chris Swenson (Royal Oak), 48:35; 21. Shirley Zehn (Troy), 48:39; 22. Cecelia Dufur (Birmingham), 49:05; 23. Kimberly Clarkson (Birmingham), 49:55; 24. Catherine Mestier (Livonia), 49:48; 25. Lisa Corey (Birmingham), 49:55; 26. Michelle Cunningham (Bloomfield Hills), 50:40; 27. Barbara Samczak (Bloomfield Hills), 50:45; 28. Lisa Churton (Bloomfield Hills), 51:06; 30. Maria Iwaniec (Birmingham), 51:18.

5K RACE RESULTS

OVERALL MALE WINNERS: 1. Bradford Horton (Detroit), 15:51; 2. Todd Kelly (Troy), 16:24; 3. Mark Tate (Southfield), 16:26; 4. Brian Polkowski (Plymouth), 16:31; 5. Chuck Bick (Livonia), 16:46; 6. Brad Helms (Bloomfield Hills), 16:59; 7. Kenneth Leonard (St. Clair), 17:44; 8. David Hensie (Troy), 18:08; 9. Jones Erickson (Southfield), 18:18; 10. Christopher Osborne (Warren), 18:18; 11. Chuck McDougal (Redwood City, Cal.), 18:20; 12. Larry Witzberg (Plymouth), 18:21; 13. Brian Gale (West Bloomfield), 18:25; 14. Roger Delong (Orchard), 18:33; 15. Larry Bager (Livonia), 18:43.

OVERALL FEMALE WINNERS: 1. Michelle Fawcett (New Hudson), 16:26; 2. Kathy Van Esen (Birmingham), 16:17; 3. Michelle Johnson (Troy), 19:53; 4. Maggie Dethlefsen (Bloomfield Hills), 20:55; 5. Donna Olson (Bloomfield Hills), 21:06; 6. Jennifer Patis (Bloomfield Hills), 21:30; 7. Heather Constantine, 22:04; 8. Ellen Henney (Troy), 23:51; 9. Janice Kice (Canton), 22:41; 10. Judy Williams (West Bloomfield), 22:46; 11. Brenda Boyd (Canton), 23:07; 12. Liz Bridge (Rochester Hills), 23:24; 14. Jan Stephenson (Birmingham), 25:48; 15. Judy Kubicki (Birmingham), 25:49.

ONE-MILE RESULTS

OVERALL WINNERS (BOTH SEXES): 1. Lori Heles (Waterford), 31:37; 2. Kathleen Jenkins (Orchard Lake), 31:40; 3. Lauren Jenkins (Birmingham), 31:54; 4. Carlin Jenkins (Birmingham), 31:57; 5. Elch Eschmann (Royal Oak), 32:47; 6. Kurt Eschmann (Royal Oak), 33:10; 7. Barbara Puth (Bentley), 33:20; 8. Jim Puth (Rochester), 33:33; 9. Tom Puth (Pleasant Ridge), 33:35; 10. Dana Boyd (Shelby Township), 34:22; 11. Tim Schumacher (Shelby Township), 34:29; 12. Lory Hessler (Royal Oak), 35:19; 13. Gregory Homich (Southfield), 35:31; 14. Janet Lemons (Bloomfield Hills), 35:57; 15. Eleri Eschmann (Royal Oak), 36:17.

Jared Lawrence of North advances the ball upfield while Farmington's Mark Moffat keeps pace in the Monday game.

Top-ranked teams battle to draw

By Brad Emmons
staff writer

The cat-and-mouse game will apparently continue between Livonia city soccer rivals Stevenson and Churchill.

The two state-ranked teams battled to a 1-1 draw Monday night at Stevenson before a large crowd, providing even more speculation about the potential rematch Wednesday, Oct. 16, for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship (barring any unforeseen upsets between now and then).

"It seems something this intense usually ends up in a tie," said Stevenson junior midfielder Adam Pichler. "It's a rivalry that lasts forever."

Pichler played a pivotal role in preserving the tie for Stevenson. He played goalkeeper for an instant, stopping a point-blank Churchill shot with just under four minutes to play.

"It was off a corner kick and we didn't completely clear it out," said Barrett. "It was a mess in there. The goalie (Matt Stabile) came out

for the cross and went for the ball. When I saw he couldn't get it I went for the goal and I was holding the post. I got my weight on it and stopped it."

"THAT WAS the game right there," said Churchill coach Mark Mason, whose team drew first blood just four minutes and 50 seconds into the match when Dario Rauker made a run through the middle of the field to set up teammate Mike Gentile for a goal.

"We deviated a little bit from our original game plan," Mason said. "We put Mike (Gentile) at midfield and let our three forwards spread things out."

"To get a goal that early was a little bit of a surprise to them. We had a control-game type lineup, but we wanted to surprise them with more of an open game."

The Spartans were not completely fooled, according to Stevenson coach Walt Barrett.

"It was a different look than we had seen from the scouting reports," said Barrett, who was celebrating his birthday. "After they scored, it

was not as difficult to pick up. "Gentile just lined up in the middle and they gave him room to get a goal."

The Spartans adjusted accordingly to what Barrett called "high pressure against a passing team."

"Churchill is most dangerous when they have time to pass," Barrett said.

MASON CALLED Stevenson's game plan "the big aerial attack." "You don't get a lot of opportunities with the longball stuff," Mason said. "They play the wide-open game and wait for your mistakes."

The Spartans did use a long ball, however, to knot the count. The Spartans' Jeff Thomas, a junior defender, made a tremendous dash down the right side, zipping past four different Churchill defenders before tucking a shot behind goalie Jeff Cassar with 10:05 left in the first half.

"That was an all-star high school type of moment, just a great run," Barrett said.

"We had one player on it (the run), but not enough effort against the kid (Thomas)," Mason said. "It was a wait-and-see type of thing. We were not used to him dribbling down that deep. The kid put forth a great effort."

That was the extent of the scoring as the defenses dug in during the second half.

Churchill's sweeper Scott Lamphar, with help from Kevin DeLority and Jimmy DeMassa (substituting for the suspended Brian Peters), kept the Spartans from owning the long balls.

CASSAR, a senior, came up with seven saves. He made a key stop against Bill Rennie with 16 minutes to play in the match.

"He played great in goal," Barrett said. "There was a battle between Cassar and Travis Roy, and the rest of our defense."

The Spartans' back-line stoppers, anchored by Roy, were no slouches either.

Hopkins nets 22 in loss

Junior center Heather Hopkins scored a 22 points Tuesday night, but it was not enough to keep Waterford Mott from taking a 65-48 victory over Farmington Hills Harrison in girls basketball.

The Hawks led 2-26 at halftime but fell behind 45-38 after three quarters. Mott outscored Harrison 19-0 at one point in the fourth period and held a 20-10 advantage for the final eight minutes.

"We pressed more than we usually do," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "Maybe we got tired."

Harrison was within a point in the second half when Hopkins got her third foul and left the game. When she returned, the Hawks were down by seven.

Sophomore guard Amanda Ault added 10 points for Harrison (3-4). Mott (2-5) got 13 from Jamie Miller and 12 from Angie Gadzinski. The Hawks were 11-of-22 shooting free throws, Mott 13-of-23.

FARMINGTON HILLS Mercy was not embarrassed despite losing to No. 2-ranked and unbeaten Saginaw 47-43 Saturday night at Mercy.

The Maries also proved deserving of their state ranking with a respectable performance. Mercy is No. 9 in Class A and 5-2 overall.

Erin Reed scored 16 points to lead Saginaw (5-0), and Mary Blenciewicz was high scorer for Mercy with 13.

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