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Pesci rescues Hawks in diamond win

Senior Mike Pesci pitched four innings of one-hit relief Wednesday as host Farmington Hills Hawks held on for a 6-5 baseball win over Livonia Franklin.

The Hawks are 5-1 overall and 3-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Pesci, who is 3-0 overall, came on in relief of starter Jeff Cito, who allowed three runs on three hits and five walks in three innings of work.

"He had a tired arm today, because he pitched five innings Monday," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "But we were able to get four more innings out of him, so he's glad for the rest now (on spring vacation)."

"He's an outstanding pitcher and he's batting over .500. With the schedule the way it's been, we've been able to use him in almost every game."

The Hawks will need more pitching help after the break when they begin playing three league games per week instead of two, Herrington added.

Harrison owned a 4-3 lead at the end of

three innings, but Franklin pushed across a run off in the top of the fourth to tie. But Harrison added two in the bottom of the inning to take the lead for good, 6-4.

Dan Hight started the fourth inning rally when he was safe at first base on a Franklin error. Matt Woolf sacrificed Hight to second base, and Ed Budor sent Hight home with a single for a 5-4 lead.

Budor advanced to second on a throw to the plate and advanced to third base and then home on a pair of wide pitches for a 6-4 lead.

Franklin, which scored once in the top of the sixth, fell to 1-3 in the WLAA and 2-4 overall.

Woolf walked twice and scored two runs for the Hawks. Budor had two hits and also scored a pair of runs.

AVONDALE 6, CLARENCEVILLE 4: Auburn Hills Avondale scored five runs in the fourth inning and held off a late Livonia Clarenceville rally to win the Metro Conference game hosted by the Trojans.

The loss dropped Clarenceville to 1-4 in

the Metro. Avondale is undefeated in three Metro games.

Avondale's five-run outburst gave the Yellowjackets a 6-1 lead before Clarenceville scored three in the last two innings to make it close.

Steve Polasek picked up the win as Avondale's starting pitcher. Polasek went the distance, allowing five hits, seven walks and striking out seven. He also drove in two runs for the Yellowjackets on a pair of hits.

Tony Malinowski, Clarenceville's starting pitcher, suffered the loss. He left after allowing six runs on seven hits and four walks over five innings. Mark Juncal pitched an inning of one-hit relief.

Clarenceville's attack was led by Steve Dieler, who had a two-run single. Scott Colras had a pinch-hit single, and Jeff Gradick delivered an RBI single.

CENTRAL 7, FARMINGTON 1: Farmington remained winless in four WLAA Lakes Division games Wednesday with a loss at home to Waller Lake Central. The Falcons are 1-5 overall.

Chris Bruce and Dave Liszewski shared the loss on the mound for Farmington. Bruce lasted 5 1/3 innings and Liszewski pitched the last 1 1/3.

"We're not hitting the ball; that's one of our big problems this year," Farmington coach Kevin Kansman said.

North Farmington was scheduled to play a WLAA Lakes Division game at Plymouth Salem Wednesday, but the teams didn't play because there were no umpires. The game was originally scheduled for Thursday. No make-up date has been set.

REDFORD CC 7-5, NOTRE DAME 5-1: The Shamrocks swept a double-header Wednesday from host Harper Woods Notre Dame to remain unbeaten in the Central Division of the Catholic League at 6-0. The Fighting Irish are 1-5.

Sophomore left-hander Dave Susalla was the winning pitcher in the first game, twice taking the mound in relief of starter Scott Kapla and working 3 1/3 innings.

Susalla (2-0) allowed two hits but no runs, walked one and struck out four. Kapla re-

turned in the bottom of the sixth after CC scored four times in the top half to lead 7-2, but Notre Dame used a combination of hits and errors to have a three-run rally.

Aaron Babier, Kapla and Dan Gussoff had two hits apiece for the Shamrocks, who outlit the Irish 8-7. Babier led two RBI with a bases-loaded single in the sixth inning, and Gussoff scored three runs.

Gussoff pitched a complete game in the nightcap. The senior right-hander (2-0) scattered five hits, walked five and struck out six.

"He gave up a single and three walks in the first inning but settled down after that," CC coach John Salter said. "He stepped in and pitched a pretty good game."

Kapla, George Charnley and Brian Hicks had two hits apiece as the Shamrocks outlit, Notre Dame again 8-5. Charnley also had a sacrifice fly and two RBI, and Hicks hit a solo home run.

CC was 7-0 overall going into a Saturday double-header against top-ranked Rochester, the Class A runner-up to Plymouth Salem last year.



Farmington's Kim Popyk puts her foot on the ball while North Farmington's Andrea Meluzio defends. The intracity soccer game ended in a 3-3 tie.

Farmington-North duel ends in stalemate, 3-3

There was no winner in the Farmington-North Farmington girls soccer game Wednesday, but the 3-3 tie was a confidence builder for the Raiders, who have lost to the Falcons the last two years, 7-0 and 5-1.

After a scoreless first half, the teams exchanged goals with North scoring first each time and the Falcons playing catch-up.

Farmington tied the score for a third time and forced the stalemate when Sue Gibson connected off a pass from Kim Popyk with six minutes remaining.

"It was a pretty even game," North coach Kris Galesky said. "The score shows we were not able to maintain the lead, but I have to give credit to Sue Gibson on her second goal. It was a great shot. Farmington is a solid team with good skills."

The Falcons (3-2-1) controlled the ball in the North (2-3-1) end of the field much of the first half and outshot the Raiders 11-1 and 23-10 overall, according to Farmington coach Cathy Kansman.

"When we broke down, they capitalized," she said. "They forced us out of our game a little bit."

"WE DEFINITELY could have broken the tie with some shots we had in the first half. We could have created a different pace in the game if we had scored."

North freshman All Lord, who scored a goal and had two assists, set up teammate Hadley Thurmon for the game's first score in the 55th minute. Lord's shot bounced off the post and Thurmon put in the rebound.

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Sue Gibson of Farmington keeps the ball in front of her and away from North's Lilly Juncal.

Harrison nips Northville in dual showdown, 69-68

Farmington Hills Harrison had a close call Wednesday but ran its record to 3-0 in boys track.

The Hawks scored a big dual-meet victory when they toppled defending division champion Northville 69-68 at Harrison, scoring the minimum number of points necessary to win.

Harrison is 2-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Mustangs 1-1. The Hawks are 2-0 overall, Northville 2-1.

Harrison won only seven events, including one relay, but still prevailed with the help of superior depth.

Jason Zdryski was a double winner in the distance events with first place in the 1,600 and 3,200 runs at 4:41 and 10:02.5, respectively. He also anchored the 3,200 relay unit that included Matt Zimmerman, Tim Bisson and Justin Dreyer and had a winning time of 8:59.

Duane Anderson also recorded double victories for the Hawks. He won the 100 and 200 dashes in 11.01 and 24.2. Harrison's Jason Gloetzer was first in the pole vault (9-6) and Dreyer in the 800 run (2:05).

The Hawks won the six-team Milan Relays on April 11. Harrison scored 102 points, Pinckney 97 and Milan 95.

WESTLAND JOHN Glenn swept the relays Wednesday and scored a 79% 57% victory over North Farmington in a boys dual meet.

boys track

The Raiders are 6-2 in the WLAA Lakes Division and the same overall. D.J. Otani won two events for North, the 1,600 run in 5:03.2 and the 3,200 run in 11:53.4.

Damon Hall and teammate Bill Folger tied for first place in the 100 dash, both with 12.01 times, and Hall also won the 200 dash in 24.6.

Other North winners were Brad Pawlowski in the shot put (41-4) and Tony Catchings in the 800 run (2:16.7).

Glenn winners were Mark Benders, discus (132-8); Chris Vanderburgh, high jump (6-0); Brian Schultz, long jump (18-10 1/4); Ken Costantino, pole vault (9-0); Andrew Hodge, high and intermediate hurdles (16-0 and 44-6); and Randy Ellison, 400 dash (56.7).

The Rockets won the relays in 47.55, 1:37.6, 3:44.9 and 9:06.

PLYMOUTH SALEM made another strong showing in boys track Wednesday, winning its second division dual meet 80-58 over visiting Farmington.

The Rockets are 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 2-1 overall. The Falcons are 1-1 and 1-2.

Salem Junior Don Johnson demonstrated his versatility by winning a field event, a hurdles contest and a sprint race. He also assisted in Salem's 400-meter relay victory.

He won the long jump at 20.4, the 200 dash at 24.1 and the high hurdles at 15.5. In addition, he combined with Marcus Zovalnik, Todd Forbes and Justin Flsher to win the relay in 45.27.

Salem's Jayson McDonald won the 800 run (2:07) and anchored the winning 1,600 and 3,200 relay units.

Russ Polcyn, Mike Slone, Adam Bakowski and McDonald ran the former in 3:46.9, and it was Derek Dudni, Josh Silckney, Mike Wooters and McDonald running the latter in 8:46.

Flsher and Dudni also were individual winners. Flsher taking first place in the 100 dash (11.8) and Dudni in the 3,200 run (10:30).

The Rockets swept first place in the field events with Jeff Schumacher in the shot put (42-10), Dan Stevenson, discus (116-11), and Mark McElennis, high jump (5-6). Salem's Brian Herd won the 300 intermediate hurdles with a 44.5 time.

Farmington winners were Brandon Richardson in the pole vault (9-6), Coby Laverty in the 400 dash (55-2) and Dave Chinar in the 1,500 run (4:44.7). Jim Polidexter of Farmington also did 9-6 in the pole vault but on his second attempt.

Miller pitches Marlins to 6-1 win over Regina

Krista Miller pitched a complete game Wednesday morning for Farmington Hills Mercy, which won a make-up softball game 6-1 over host Harper Woods Regina.

The Marlins are 5-1 in the Central Division of the Catholic League and the Saddlelites 3-3. Mercy is 10-4 overall and will be idle until playing in the Bay City tournament next weekend.

Miller allowed just four hits, struck out eight and walked three to get the victory.

Regina scored first but the Marlins answered with single runs in the second and third innings and scored four times in the fourth.

Katie Heffernan and Kathleen Berrigan led the Mercy offensive effort. Heffernan had two hits, scored two runs, stole one base and knocked in one run. Berrigan posted one hit, one run and one RBI.

SALEM 5, N. FARMINGTON 3: Jenny Garvey allowed two hits and received strong offensive support Wednesday from her teammates as Plymouth Salem beat the host Raiders.

The Rockets are 3-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 5-2 overall. North is 1-3 and 4-5.

Garvey, who walked six and struck out three, benefitted from three Salem runs in the second in-

softball

ning. Dawn Marrocco highlighted the inning with a bases-loaded fielder's choice by Tanya Proctor. The game and North's hopes for a rally ended with a flyout and a strikeout.

Salem collected nine hits off North pitcher Karen Seremet, who has had a decision in each North game.

"They hit the ball and we didn't," North coach Dave Brubaker said.

Emily Giuliani led Salem's attack with three hits in four at-bats and had one RBI. Kristin Stackpole and Jenny Coleman each had two hits.

Allison Stein and Katie Bohne had the North hits, while Jenny Holtzman received a bases-loaded walk for an RBI.

FRANKLIN 17, HARRISON 7: The defending WLAA champion Patriots, leading 7-6 after four innings, scored eight runs in the fifth and went on to shatter the Hawks in six.

Tammy Shaffer and Erin Kelly

had three hits apiece to lead Franklin. Shaffer also drove in three runs and scored two. Kelly had one RBI and scored once.

Winning pitcher Nicole Canham, a junior right-hander, got her first victory. She scattered five hits, struck out three and walked eight.

Canham contributed two hits to the Franklin total of 15, and she also had four RBI and scored two runs. Jackie Warner hit a bases-loaded, two-run single in the eight-run fifth inning.

Harrison's Heather Hopkins recorded two hits, two RBI and two runs. Amanda Aull batted in three runs. Trish Sabbe was the losing pitcher.

CANTON 17, WESTERN 4: Plymouth Canton junior hurler Kelly Holmes picked up her seventh win without a loss Wednesday in relief of starter Colleen Baker.

The win kept Canton undefeated in eight games. The Chiefs are 4-0 in the WLAA Western Division and Western 1-3.

Baker allowed four Western runs on three hits and four walks before being replaced after 2 1/3 innings. Holmes surrendered no hits and struck out six in her relief stint.

Junior shortstop Dan Mortiere was 2-for-4 with a double, triple and RBI. Senior left fielder Holly Miller delivered an RBI with a double.