

# CC shuts out Giese, beats Farmington, 3-1

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Anthony Verrino and Matt Giese forgot they were best friends at the start of Wednesday's Class A boys soccer district semifinal game at Canton Municipal Park.

"I ran into him a couple times and we had words in the beginning," said Verrino, Redford Catholic Central's senior forward.

It's hard to say who won the war of words but CC was convincing on the field, beating Giese and Farmington High School, 3-1, to

**■ 'We watched him (Giese) every minute. That was our strategy.'**

*Phil LaJoy*  
*CC coach*

advance to Friday's 5 p.m. district final at Southfield High School.

The Shamrocks, 13-2-2, met the winner of Wednesday's game between Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Franklin.

"I'm not impressed with either team (Stevenson or Franklin)," said Verrino, who gave CC a 1-0

halftime lead. "I think we've got a real good shot."

CC's Rich Walos and Matt Kopmeyer each hit the goal post in the first half before Verrino broke the scoreless tie with a minute left on a goal assisted by Kopmeyer.

"His goal was terrific," said Giese. "He got it at his feet, turned his man and shot it right in the corner."

Walos scored a pair of goals in the second half, one coming on an assist from junior Jamie Heiter and one on a direct kick to make the score 3-0. Almost as important to CC's fate was its defense against Giese, who finished with 27 goals for the season and 53 for his career.

Giese's only opportunity to score came early and that was stopped by CC goalkeeper Matt McGivney. Jeff Parent marked

Farmington goalkeeper John Comai made 15 saves, including an impressive one near the end of the game off a header by Heiter.

Farmington's goal came from Chris Meller with three minutes remaining and CC ahead 3-0.

"We weren't as fired up as we needed to be," Giese said.

Giese was sad to see his high school career end but he's glad Verrino was able to continue his.

"Call me after you get home," he shouted to Verrino after the game.

So they still are best of friends.

## Shamrocks destroy Panthers in opener

In a Class A district encounter snipped 18 minutes into the second half because of the 10-goal mercy rule Monday, Redford Catholic Central rolled to victory over host Redford Union, 10-0.

The Shamrocks were 12-2-2 going into a second-round game Wednesday against Farmington. The Panthers finish with a 1-11-4 record.

Anthony Verrino and Dave Kapla each scored twice for the Shamrocks, while Joel Mischler, Matt Kopmeyer, Ben Roat, Adam Borchert, Rob Harkins and Chris Winslow added one apiece.

**■ NOVI 2, NORTH 0:** North Farmington's soccer season ended Monday in a first-round Class A district tournament loss to the visiting Wildcats.

The Raiders (1-10-1) let Novi dominate the first half but played a stronger second half. North had a chance tie when the score was 1-0, but a Jared Lawrence shot hit the post.

"We failed to control the mid-field, especially the first half, and that's the main reason we lost," North coach Kris Galey said.

"We couldn't create many scoring situations."

The Wildcats of the Kensington

Valley Conference improved their record to 10-4-1.

**RICE 9, HARRISON 2:** Birmingham Brother Rice opened district play Monday with this easy victory at Farmington Harrison. The Warriors, 14-3-1 overall and ranked eighth in Class A, rolled out to a 6-1 lead at halftime.

Angel Ojeda and Christian Hattenbeler finished with two goals and one assist each to pace the Warriors. Rice got single goals from Ryan Townsend (two assists), Eric Ramsey, Keith Bernacki, Mike Conney and Andrea Pedraza.

Chris Timlin and David Kincaid combined efforts to earn the win in the Rice net.

The Warriors were scheduled to meet Birmingham Groves last night in the second round of district play. Rice squares off against Redford Catholic Central Sunday in the Catholic League tournament championship game at Harper Woods Notre Dame.

The Warriors earned a berth in the title game with a 2-1 victory over Madison Heights Bishop Foley on Saturday.

Townsend set up Conney for Rice's first goal and scored the deciding goal off a pass from Ojeda. Jim Stachura scored the lone goal for the Ventures.



Soccer action: North Farmington's Jorge Rodriguez charges past Novi's David York to take possession of a loose ball in district play Monday.

## Mercy wins 3rd straight swim meet

Farmington Hills Mercy won its third straight dual meet in girls swimming Tuesday, 95-79, over host Grosse Pointe North. The Marlins are 3-3 overall.

Erika Smith won the 200-yard freestyle (1:58.2) and the 100 freestyle (54.73).

She also helped the Marlins win the 200 freestyle relay, teaming with Andrea Hoeftin, Hope Harrison and Jasmine Murrell for a 1:47.19 time.

Mercy's other winners were Jen Buckler in diving with 165.6 points and Michelle Welch in the butterfly (1:04.86).

Hoeftin was half a second off the state cut in the 500 freestyle with a second-place time of 5:26.87.

**■ HAWK SWIMMING**

Veronica Forberger won the 200 and 100 freestyle events with times of 2:09.75 and 58.17 to lead Farmington Hills Harrison to a 100-86 victory over Livonia Franklin in girls swimming Tuesday.

Lisa Tomle and Dana Dizon had individual wins and helped the Hawks (6-4) win the medley relay. The Hawks beat the butters (1:10.9) and Dizon the breaststroke (1:14.78). Dizon, Cassie O'Sullivan, Lisa Schaner and Tomle combined for a 2:08.85 time in the relay.

**Buha**  
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weather was, and people were shooting pretty high scores.

"The last few holes I made some mental mistakes. I was thinking about being three-under instead of making more birdies. I tried to protect the lead instead of being aggressive."

"Either way it was a great score on that course on that day. I can't be upset with it."

Buha had another good performance Saturday, and even-par 72 on the West Course. It was a cool day, but the weather was much better.

"I kept doing the things I was doing the day before," he said. "I was hitting the ball well, not putting too badly and playing solid golf. I just didn't make many mistakes that would have hurt me."

While he wanted to win very much, Buha said last week he wouldn't be upset or depressed if he didn't. But he was at his best when it counted.

## Farmington on guard in win over Patriots

Defense enabled Farmington High to post a 49-31 girls basketball win Tuesday over Livonia Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association game.

The Falcons, who improved to 4-9 overall and 2-6 in the WLA, held Franklin to five points after one quarter and led 26-14 at halftime.

"Our defense is really what sparked us tonight," Farmington coach Brian Swinchart said, "especially from our guards (Jenny Neu, Bridget Fleet and Nicole Blingamen). It was just a real good team effort."

Tammy Allen led Farmington with 14 points and 14 rebounds. Sophomore Andrea Salzer played "probably her best all-around game this year," according to Swinchart, with 11 points, five steals, five assists and 14 rebounds.

Kim Washnock had 12 rebounds to go with four points. Franklin, which trailed 33-21 after three quarters, got six points apiece from Mary Bagatzinski and Lisa Craven.

**■ HARRISON 61, GLENN 27:** The Hawks improved to 6-2 in the WLA and 8-2 overall Tuesday with their rout of host Westland John Glenn in girls basketball.

Harrison led 16-5 in the first quarter and 31-8 at halftime.

The Rockets, who had two players foul out and four others who finished with four fouls, sent the Hawks to the line in the last quarter.

Harrison shot 27 free throws in final period and made 16. The Hawks were 23-of-38 at the line overall, Glenn 8-of-18.

"It was an ugly game," Harrison coach Peter Mantyla said. "We were very glad to get a win and get home. I thought it was getting dangerous."

Krista Snow scored 19 points to lead the Hawks, who also got 14 from Heather Hopkins (seven blocks) and 12 from Amanda Ault. Lisa Derocier added five points and had eight rebounds.

Carmen McCallum scored nine points for the Rockets, 2-6 and 3-10.

**■ N'VILLE 62, NORTH 51:** A North Farmington rally fell short Tuesday as visiting Northville held on for a WLA victory.

The loss dropped North to 7-7 overall, 3-5 in the WLA. Northville improved to 4-10 and 2-6.

North trailed 18-10 after one quarter and 30-24 at halftime. The deficit was 44-37 after three quarters, and the Raiders got within three in the fourth quarter before the Mustangs pulled away.

"We were there, but we were never all the way there," North coach Lance Davis said. "It was a game we probably should have won, but we just had too many breakdowns in execution offensively, and more so, defensively."

Carey Perkins led North with 20 points. Allison Stein scored nine and Alisha Gordon added seven.

Krista Howe, Gretchen Sander and Bethanie MacLean scored 12 points each for the Mustangs.

**SPORTS SHORTS**

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

**■ MONSTER MILE RUN**

Botsford General Hospital's Horrible Halloween three-mile run will begin at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, at Oakland Community College. (The Monster Mile kicks off the racing program at 3 p.m.)

The entry fee is \$20 (before Oct. 20). Race day registration is from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

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