

Soccer champions



Winning team: The Michigan Hawks under-11 girls' premier soccer team won the second indoor session at Total Soccer in Southfield. The players are Lisa Balko, Westland; Emily Carbutt, Amy Guinan, Carrie Kluska, Missy Winn, Jessica Zwiesler, Northville; Lorraine DeDomenico, Farmington Hills; Jenny Gabon, Lindsay Gussick, Leslie Knapp, Kim Scovel, Michelle Smith, Melissa Zathay, Livonia; Katie Kramer, Highland; Natalie Shaheen, Bloomfield Hills; and Lauren Burke. The Hawks are coached by Lenny and Jerre Beigler.

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news for North Farmington on Tuesday was the Raiders scored. It was North's first runs in three games.

But, unfortunately for North, the host Eagles dropped the Raiders to 0-3.

"We're getting some good pitching, we're just not hitting the ball," North coach Irv Horwitz said.

Evan Ellis allowed all five Ferrisdale runs in five innings of work. He scattered six hits, walked four and struck out two. Evan Klein relieved in the sixth and had two strikeouts.

Corey Meurer scored North's first run of the season on a single by Joey Danielewicz. The Raiders later scored when Brian Moran tripled and scored on a sacrifice fly by Klein.

On Monday, the Raiders fell to visiting Livonia Franklin 4-0 as Brian Crumley scattered four hits en route to his complete-game shutout.

The junior southpaw struck out 12 and walked only two to up his record to 2-0. Livonia Franklin improved to 2-2 overall with the win.

"We brought him up last year, and he became our No. 1 pitcher," Franklin coach Jim Kanuth said. "We expect big things from him. He's always around the plate, has good velocity and a super curve ball."

The Patriots scored all the runs they needed with a three-run third inning. The big hit was a two-run single by Pete Staronevich followed by an RBI single from Tony Granata. Dennis Madden's second hit of the game in the fifth scored John Worden, who had walked.

Mark Lee accounted for two of the four North hits. Jeff Light and Mike Field hit the others.

Junior Darin Glaeser took the loss for the Raiders despite striking out 11 and walking four.

CVILLE 6, FARMINGTON 5: The visiting Trojans used a five-run rally in their last at-bat Tuesday to win their first game after three losses.

After walks to lead off the seventh to Brian DeCaire, Ali Nehme, Mark Juncal and Ray Casti, pinch hitter Kyle McSorley lined a triple to close a 5-1 deficit to 5-4.

Mark Mallinowski scored McSorley with a single. After Mallinowski was thrown out stealing, Steve Diehr singled and scored the winning run on a DeCaire double.

Steve Parks (1-1) went the first 6½ innings to record the victory. The junior allowed six hits and five walks while striking out two. Juncal retired the final two

batters to earn the save.

Ron Salomonson entered the game for the Falcons (2-4) in the seventh and suffered the loss. Casti led the six-hit Clarenceville attack, going 2-for-2 with a walk.

"It was outstanding to get a win after the way we played in our first three games," Clarenceville coach Mark McDonald said. "It's a load off my shoulders and a lift for the team, especially with the league starting Friday."

CC 2-15, UD 1-1: One was a close call, the other a rout. But Redford Catholic Central won both ends of the baseball doubleheader Saturday over visiting University of Detroit-Jesuit.

Dave Susalla pitched a three-hitter over seven innings in the first game, striking out 12 and walking four.

But the Shamrocks trailed 1-0 after the first inning until Mike Brusseau got the game-winning hit with a two-out, two-run double in the fifth. Susalla helped his cause with two hits.

Andy Kummer pitched four innings of the five-inning nightcap that ended when CC invoked the mercy rule.

The Shamrocks were 2-0 in the Central Division and overall going into a Wednesday doubleheader with Birmingham Brother Rice.

Hawks edge Rockets

SOFTBALL

Farmington Harrison broke a 3-3 tie with two runs in the bottom of the fifth inning Tuesday and defeated visiting Westland John Glenn 5-3 in softball.

Winning pitcher Erin LaCosse walked 10 but pitched a two-hit complete game for the Hawks, 1-1. She struck out 11.

Harrison had six hits off Glenn pitcher Lynn Little, who walked two. The Glenn defense made three errors, the Hawks just one.

"It was a well-played game by both teams," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We feel fortunate to win because they're obviously a real good team."

"Fielding was the key to our game. We had a lot of people come through with clutch fielding plays."

Stephanie Schwalm had a hit, a walk and three stolen bases, and she scored two runs for Harrison. She also made a pair of excellent plays in right field, according to Teachman.

Kelly LaCosse had an RBI single. The Hawks scored their last two runs with a combination of walks, errors and alert base running, Teachman said.

Christi Wyrzykowski and Amanda Samkowsky had the Glenn hits. The Rockets are 3-2.

On Thursday, Redford Union erased a 4-3 deficit after 6½ inn-

ings and beat Harrison 5-4 with two runs in the bottom of the seventh.

The Panthers scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh after getting consecutive singles by Jolene McVey and Christine Miller.

Senior shortstop Vicki Toth, who had a run-scoring double in the fifth, followed with a ground ball that was booted by the Harrison second baseman to score McVey with the tying run.

Miller came home from third base with the winning run after an errant pick-off attempt.

Harrison pitcher Erin LaCosse, a left-hander, struck out five RU batters and allowed just five hits, but the Panthers scored all their runs in the last three innings.

FARMINGTON 25, ANDOVER 14: The Falcons, trailing 6-4 after three innings, scored 21 runs in the last three innings of the six-inning game Monday.

Jenny Sever and Kristen Siskosky had three hits and scored three runs each for Farmington (1-1). Sever also walked twice and had three RBI, and Siskosky added two RBI.

Suzanne Major had two hits, drove in three runs and scored twice. Theresa Lindenmuth had one hit but also walked twice, had two RBI and scored four times.

Alana Hokkisen pitched five innings, giving up all five Andover hits but walking 15. Sever worked the final inning. The Falcons had 16 hits and received 12 walks.

MERCY 0-8, MARION 2-3: The Marlins split a doubleheader Tuesday in their first games of the season.

Marion scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning to win the first game. Erin Busa went the distance for the Mustangs and Debbie Drizian (10 strikeouts, one walk) for the Marlins. Mercy's Erin Wiebe doubled but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a triple in the seventh. Kathy Mistravich singled and stole two bases but was stranded at third.

Drizian pitched another good game in the nightcap and was the winner. She followed a five-hitter by scattering six, and she struck out eight while walking only two.

Mistravich had two hits and scored two runs, and Wiebe had two hits and two RBI. Liz France added one RBI. The Marlins, who were rained out Friday against Livonia Ladywood, are 1-1. The Mustangs are 2-2.

FRANKLIN 5, NORTH 2: Livonia Franklin led all the way in winning its season opener Thursday at North Farmington. Junior Becky Jansen pitched seven strong innings, striking out eight to post the victory. She scattered four hits, walked five and hit two batters.

Melanie Chaney, who gave up six hits and five walks, took the loss. Jaclyn Deane led the Franklin offensive attack, going 2-for-4 with a triple and one RBI. Sara Wojtowicz and Jansen each collected RBI singles, while Sarah Camp and Misty Valle each had two runs.

Canton parents go to court

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The parents of five Plymouth Canton girls filed suit Tuesday in Wayne County Circuit Court charging their daughters were wrongfully dismissed from the high school softball team.

A hearing on a request for a preliminary injunction has been set for 1 p.m. Friday, April 29.

Six girls claimed they were cut from the team in early March because they had chosen to play slow-pitch softball in the summer instead of fast-pitch as Canton varsity coach Jim Arnold wanted.

The parents of five players — senior Stacy Movinski, sophomores Aimee Briel, Anne Alitto and Nikki Kuncel, and freshman Sue Huber — opted to pursue the matter in court.

The suit names Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, athletic

director Paul Cummings and Arnold as the defendants in the case.

Ray Knickerbocker, spokesman for the plaintiffs and manager of the Mid-America softball program in which the girls participated in the summer, said the group sought an immediate injunction to have the girls reinstated, but the judge would not allow it prior to a hearing.

"Our primary interest is getting the girls back on the teams," he said. "We really look forward to this, because it will be our first chance to have players, parents and some coaches present and state the case."

"Our contention is they were dropped from the team for not participating in a non-mandatory fast-pitch team in the summer."

"We still feel very strongly about this. We feel our day in court has come, and we will be prepared. We wish the court

date) would have been sooner, but the docket was full and this was the best we could do."

Cummings said he still had not been informed of the suit late Tuesday.

"I can't say anything until I know what's going on," he said. "I wish I knew what (Knickerbocker is) after."

Knickerbocker and the parents had taken their case to the Plymouth-Canton Board of Education, which decided there was no wrongdoing on Arnold's part in cutting the girls but reprimanded and reported the coach to the Michigan High School Athletic Association for having conducted an illegal practice session, which resulted in probation.

Knickerbocker said the board never fully investigated the primary issue or interviewed people with information to support his group's claim.

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