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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Falcons edge past WLW

Farmington High remained on a roll in boys soccer, winning its third straight game Wednesday 2-1 over visiting Walled Lake Western.

Chris Meyer gave the Falcons (5-4-2) the victory when he scored the go-ahead goal with an assist from Ryan Ramirez with five minutes left.

Following a scoreless first half, Vojtek Hads took a pass from Simos Juncal to give Farmington a 1-0 lead.

Chris Kemp converted a penalty kick for North Farmington's only goal Wednesday in a 3-1 loss to host Northville.

The Mustangs led 3-0 at halftime on goals by Matt Schwagie, Sam Vida and Matt Topouze.

"We were pleased with our style of play after the first 20 minutes," North coach Rocky Patel said.

"We really picked it up in the second half."

Patel cited the good play of halfbacks Kemp, Denis Rice and Brandon McKelley and defenders Brian Lattin and Truysa Oyama.

Churchill golfers hot

The thermometer may be falling as fall arrives, but the Livonia Churchill boys golf team continues to rise.

The Chargers set an unofficial school record Wednesday by defeating North Farmington in a Western Lakes Activities Association dual match at North's home course, Glen Oaks, 186-198.

Junior Dave Higham and senior Jason Kiehl tied for medalist honors with even-par 35s each. Junior Chris Kiehl added a 38, junior Leon Kashawic and sophomore Gary Krus 39 apiece and Mike Coker 41.

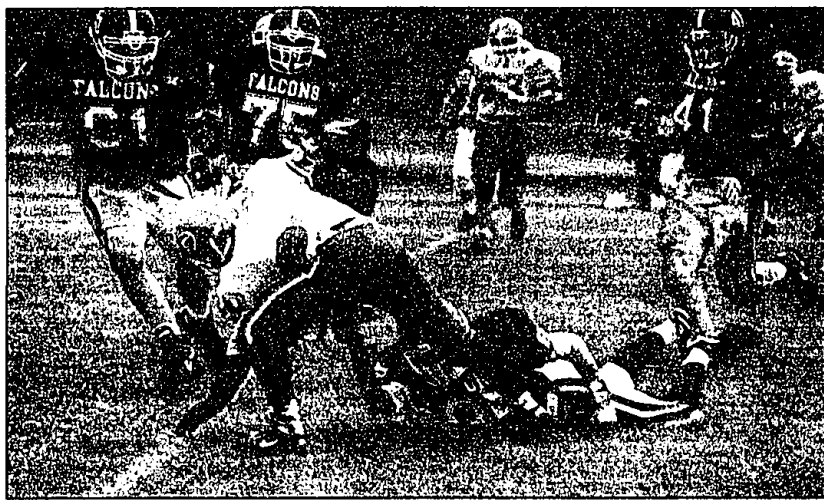
"It's the best score I've seen in 20 years," North veteran coach Daryl Case said. "I believe the state record for five players is a 184."

North, no slouch either with a 198 total, was led by co-medalist Scott Steinlauf, who carded a 35.

Other North scorers included Drew Sopha, 37; Ian Woodhouse, 40; Andrew Wantuck, 42; Ron Vander, 44; and Jason Mansury, 45.

"And it was not an easy day," Churchill coach Kirk Oster said. "It rained for at least three holes. My guys are really playing well."

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Help on the way: Farmington defender Wes Cornwell holds on to Glenn receiver Jay Jackson as teammates Mark Bewernitz (61), Corey Noble (76) and Ryan Lewis (41) rush to his aid. Glenn won the game in overtime, 20-17.

Rockets stop Falcons in overtime

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER



Early rumors of the Westland John Glenn football team's demise were greatly exaggerated.

The Rockets not only are alive and well, but once again leading the Lakes Division in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

After losing its first two games, Glenn won its third straight Saturday by giving host Farmington its first loss, 20-17 in overtime.

That win, combined with North Farmington's upset of another un-

beaten team, Livonia Stevenson, puts the Rockets atop the Lakes with a 3-0 record.

The Falcons, who had a five-game winning streak snapped, are 2-1 in the division and 4-1 overall.

"We started so poorly and had so far to go I didn't know if we could do it," Glenn coach Chuck Gordon said, "but the attitude and practice habits have allowed us to get it turned around."

"I'm not sure I've ever been around a better practice team. And even when things were not going well, the attitude hung in there and gave us a chance to get it turned."

It was a heartbreaking loss for the

Falcons, who had hoped to topple the defending Lakes champion in their homecoming game.

Farmington had a chance to take the lead with 2:45 minutes left when Sean Noble was set to try a 38-yard field goal. But a wet ball led to a bad snap and no attempt.

"We gave it our best shot; you can't fault the effort," Farmington coach Lauri Niskanen said.

"We told them 'You're in a championship game; this is what we've been waiting for.' We went to overtime and came up short."

"Now the true sign of a championship team is to get off our backs and be ready to play again in six days."

The first half belonged Glenn, which led 14-7 at halftime, but Farmington dominated the second half.

The Rockets had a 217-201 edge in total yards, but most of them came early. They outgained the Falcons 154-73 in the first half; Farmington held a 129-63 advantage in the second.

"We seemed to stop them in the first half, and in the second half they seemed to stop us," Gordon said. "I think we had two pretty evenly matched teams going at it."

Glenn scored on its first possession as tailback Brent Washington, who

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Harrison stays undefeated with 68-61 win over WLW

BY NEAL ZEPER
STAFF WRITER

When it comes to looking at the state, Jenny Myslini's six points might not receive too much attention.

But it was the senior guard's defense Thursday that stood out in Farmington Hills Harrison's 68-61 basketball victory at Walled Lake Western.

Myslini knows her role — to be the defensive stopper. She did her job against the Warriors by blanketing guard Erin Vicary and frustrating the Western ball handler.

Even though Vicary scored 15 points, she was forced to watch from the bench with four fouls as Harrison's defense forced Western into 14 third-quarter turnovers in a decisive 22-11 run.

"It hurt us when Erin had to come out of the game because she's our main ball handler," Western coach Marie Becker said. "She's a great shooter and passer and is creative on the floor. We made a lot of turnovers with her on the bench."

Myslini said she is used to

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being counted on for her defensive prowess.

"I knew (Vicary) was the key to their offense," she said. "I don't care about scoring. My job is to play defense, and I like that role."

"She loves her role," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "She's special, with her toughness. I told her at halftime I didn't care about her scoring as long as Vicary was covered."

The Hawks improved to 7-0 overall and 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Western fell to 5-3 and 2-1.

It wasn't easy for Harrison, which saw a 56-36 late third-quarter lead shrink to 60-54 with 3:28 remaining.

The Hawks, who survived Erin LaCourse and Cindy Dowdell fouling out midway through the fourth, were able to hold on by converting 10 of their 16 free throws.

"We have a lot of depth and even with two of our players fouled out, I knew our bench would do the job," Harrison coach Erika Greene said.

Senior guard Kelly LaCourse, who scored 16 points and grabbed 11 rebounds, made all six of her free throws in the final three minutes.

Greene came off the bench to add 14 for Harrison. Krista Snow and Erin LaCourse scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Jody Miller paced Western with 18 points and 13 rebounds. Gina Brooks netted 13.

The Hawks took a quick lead in the game as Greene scored on four post plays. She had to leave the game with what looked like a serious ankle injury, but returned later in the half.

"It killed me to come out of the game when I did," Greene said.

Trailing 12-7, the Warriors went on an 11-2 run to end the first quarter, sparked by three straight baskets by Brooks. The Hawks regained the lead for good with a 17-1 rally to begin the second quarter and led 34-27 at halftime.

Harrison's perimeter shooting got hot in the third as the Hawks

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Raiders outscore Falcons

North Farmington swept first place in the relay and won six other events Thursday to defeat Farmington 119-87 in girls swimming.

"One of our better young swimmers was sick, and she's very nervous in the lineup," North coach Pat Duhlie said. "I need a lot of easier getting ready for this meet."

"We had to make some quick changes and look on the kids to swim a little better to pick up the slack."

Cheryl Farber and Amy Finkel won two events apiece, and both were members of two winning relay teams.

Farber won the 100-yard freestyle (1:04.07) and the 50-yard freestyle (1:04.07) and the 50-yard

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(1:05.78). Finkel was first in the 50 freestyle (26.42) and the 100 (58.59).

The Raiders also had wins from Becky Ashburn in the individual medley (2:26.49) and Darci Lehmann in the breaststroke (1:17.12).

Finkel and Ashburn teamed up with Erin Vincent and Stephanie Cohen for a victory in the medley relay (3:01.78) and later Amanda Whitten and Farber to place first in the 200 freestyle (1:47.09).

The finale had Sarah Kern joining Cohen, Whitten and Farber to win the 400 freestyle relay (4:06.09).

"Where we didn't have best swimmers we had very good swimmers," Duhlie said. "We had some nice races tonight. I was pleased with their efforts and a good competitive attitude."

Farmington's Annemarie Scenio won the butterfly (1:54.5), Karen Mathie the 500 freestyle (5:51.1) and Maureen Greenewald the diving with 178.10 points.

The Raiders are 3-1 in duals, the Falcons.

IN SWIMMING, NORTH 119, FARMINGTON 87. The Hawks had one winner Thursday at North Farmington as Lisa Hildebrand won the 500 freestyle in 5:51.1.

Harrison swimmers turned in several personal bests. Julie Chapp won 2:27.2 in the 100 freestyle and Megan Ward 27.2 in the 50 freestyle.

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