

Falcons, Hawks perfect in WLAA

Farmington made a four-point halftime lead stand for a 37-33 victory over Livonia Stevenson in girls basketball Thursday.

The host Falcons are 3-0 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, with all three wins against Livonia Spartans, and 6-3 overall. The Spartans are 1-2 and 5-4.

Farmington extended a 15-11 halftime lead to 29-19 after three quarters but was outscored 14-8 in the finale.

Junior guard Amanda Porter scored 18 points for the Falcons, and senior center Kim Washneck had 14 rebounds and six points.

"It was a nice win," Farmington coach John Verdura said. "We hit some shots in the third quarter and good defense has kept us in games."

Jenny Dula scored 13 points and Carolyn Courtwright eight for Stevenson, which made four of six free throws. The Falcons made seven of 10 at the line.

NORTH 53, FRANKLIN 29: The Hawks outscored Livonia Franklin 34-22 in the second half Thursday to secure a WLAA girls basketball win. Farmington also improved to 3-0 in the league and 6-3 overall. The Patriots are 1-2 and 5-4.

Superior guard Amy Robb scored 19 points, including seven of the team's 15 in the fourth quarter, and also grabbed nine rebounds. Senior forward Ami Patel made three three-point shots and had 11 points for Farmington.

CLARIFICATION

A quote attributed to Mercy High School basketball coach Larry Baker in the Sept. 25 Observer should have read:

"It was a character building experience. We do a better job of it than the Citadel."

Baker was referring to a come-from-behind, overtime victory over Livonia Lakewood and intended the comment as a tongue-in-cheek remark.

Baker's intent was not to uphold the Citadel as a model for character building, but to chide the military institution for its treatment of its first female cadet.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP FOOTBALL Friday, Oct. 6 Northville at Liv. Church, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at Westland Green, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at W.L. Central, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Central, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Central, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Central, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Central, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Central, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Central, 7:30 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Central, 7:30 p.m.	BOYS SOCCER Monday, Oct. 2 Wayne Memorial at Southgate, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 4 p.m.	GIRLS BASKETBALL Monday, Oct. 2 Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m. Liv. Church at Liv. Church, 7 p.m.
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CROSS COUNTRY

Farmington girls 5-0

Plymouth Salem had the No. 1 runner Thursday, but Farmington had the next five best.

That kind of team strength enabled the Falcons to easily defeat the Rocks 20-35 in girls cross country.

Farmington is 3-0 in Lakes Division dual meets and 5-0 overall. Leah Retherford of Salem was first at 20:19 on the Cass Benton course.

But the Falcons dominated with Kate Adams (20:30), Ann Grimaldi (20:51), Aimee Cameron (21:06), Natalie Dawson (21:29) and Ellen Adams (21:42) as the next to cross the finish line.

Salem's Kathy Jost (22:01), Jenny Burke (22:10), Kristie Giddings (22:17) and Erin Lang (22:21) filled the next 7-10 spots.

Farmington coach Les Zynda was pleased with the victory since the Falcons were minus three runners because of injury, including Theresa Derwinski.

HAWKS CLAIM VICTORY

Amy Schaner led Farmington Hills Harrison to a 19-42 win Thursday over Livonia Churchill.

The first-year runner captured first place with a time of 21:58 at Cass Benton.

Erin Schwartz was third (22:51) for Harrison, Nikki Herman fourth (22:52), Kristen Schleicher fifth (24:02) and Allison Gordon sixth (24:17).

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Also placing in the top 10 were Harrison teammates Katie Critie, eighth (24:48); and Jackie Herk, ninth (25:00).

"This is our only open week end, so we had a tough week of practice," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said.

"The girls ran well all things considered. We're young and still learning. The kids are making progress and headed in the right direction."

The Hawks are 1-1 in the Western Division and 2-1 overall, the Chargers 0-2 and 0-3.

Katie Singer was second (22:23) and Jeannette Murtus seventh (24:47) for Churchill.

RAIDERS ROMP TO WIN

North Farmington took nine of the top 10 places to rout Westland John Glenn 18-45 Thursday at Oakland Community College.

Becky Naglik took first place (20:40) and Amanda Hough second (21:23) before Glenn's Marjorie Brooks crossed in 21:50.

North went going away with Kerrie Simpson (21:52), Ava Lala (22:25), Monica Czerwinski (22:41), Katie Atter (23:10), Amy St. Charles (24:10), Dana Ruskin (24:28) and Erika Anderson (24:43) rounding out the top 10.

The Raiders, following losses to Farmington and Plymouth Salem, got their first Lakes Division win (1-2) and moved to 3-2 overall.

TENNIS

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No. 1 singles: Lauren Jones (NF) def. Beth McGowan, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Kristin Smith (NF) def. Amy Manka, 6-1, 6-0. No. 3: Sarah Hand (NF) def. Stephanie Under, 6-3, 6-1. No. 4: Rachel Wood (NF) def. Sarah McKay, 6-0, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Erica Brown-Stephanie Under, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Renee Quattlebaum-Heather Cornwell (NF) def. Carolyn May-Fawn O'Leary, 6-0, 6-0. No. 3: Debra Westman-Jenny Van (NF) def. Rachael Paschka-Kari Berenich, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Elyse Lahti-Sarah (NF) def. Heidi Thomas-Karen Perkowski, 7-6, 6-0. North's dual meet record: 11-1-1 overall; 9-0-1 Western Lakes.	No. 1 singles: Lauren Jones (NF) def. Mary McGowan, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Kristin Smith (NF) def. Amy Manka, 6-1, 6-0. No. 3: Sarah Hand (NF) def. Julie Cook, 6-0, 6-0. No. 4: Rachel Wood (NF) def. Chrissy Kapur, 6-1, 6-0. No. 1 doubles: Meghan Connors-Lisa Connors, 6-0, 6-0. No. 2: Amanda Nelson-Sarah Johnson (NF) def. Heather Cornwell-Renee Quattlebaum, 7-6, 6-0. No. 3: Jennifer Van-Danville-Weisman (NF) def. Jennifer Korman-Kara Anderson, 7-6, 6-0. No. 4: Kristina Kraviec-Elyse Lahti (NF) def. Shelley Morgan-Angela Burdon, 7-6, 6-0.

Raiders outrun Rockets

North Farmington remained unbeaten in boys cross country Thursday with a 19-42 defeat of Westland John Glenn.

The Raiders, 3-0 in the Lakes Division and 6-0 overall, have been coming up against Livonia Stevenson and Walled Lake Central.

North had four of the top five runners to position itself for the victory.

Brian Rajdai was first (16:58), Jon Barnard second (17:52), Steven Chen fourth (18:16) and Brian Kristall fifth (18:31).

Chris Smith was seventh (18:52) to complete the North scoring.

The Raiders rounded out the top 10 with Andrew Tomalin (19:55), Andy Crane (19:56) and Brad Folkoff (20:07).

"Kristall, Chen and Smith are still a little too far back," North coach Paul Welch said. "All three have to improve their times for us to have a chance at Walled Lake Central and be there with Stevenson."

Brian Rajdai ran real well. We were working on his first two miles, trying to get him in pace. He's also run well, and we have to work on our three, four, five."

Glenn's Joe Wojtowicz was third (17:58) and Chris Gillen sixth (18:45).

HAWKS HAMMER CHARGERS

Scott Oswald and Jared Roth finished one-two for Farmington Hills Harrison as the Hawks defeated Livonia Churchill 20-39 Thursday.

Oswald ran (7:50) at Cass Benton and Roth 18:10. Harrison's Ryan Moloney was fourth (18:51), Matt Haas sixth (19:38) and John Ardiansa seventh (20:04).

Pat Nicholl was third (18:33) for the Chargers, 0-2 in the Western Division and 0-3 overall.

Churchill's Jay Anderson was fifth (19:26), Matt Weber ninth (21:07), Matt Minor 11th (21:12) and Ken Taeng 12th (22:05).

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