

Teams begin district play

Farmington High's most recent soccer game ended in defeat, but coach Bob Neff liked the way the Falcons were playing as they approached the girls district tournament.

The Falcons closed the regular season Wednesday with a 3-0 loss to visiting Plymouth Canton in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game.

Janelle Cobor scored two goals and Becky Vachow one for the Chiefs, who defeated Farmington 5-0 in an earlier game and led 2-0 at halftime Wednesday.

"We had a problem with one of their players (Jennica Bradley) getting open all the time," Neff said, adding a defender was leaving her mark to guard Bradley, which then left Cobor open.

"We made a couple adjustments at halftime and were able to shut them down. We put Amanda Porter on (Bradley), and that pretty well nullified their offense except for the one opportunity."

The Falcons (5-6-2) had a goal by Angi Newman from an indirect kick nullified in the second half.

"We thought he ball was touched by their goalie, but the referee didn't think so," Neff said.

On an indirect kick, the ball has to be played by the kicker

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and one other player before the ball goes in the net.

Canton fired 23 shots at Farmington goalie Kate Adams. The Falcons had 13 attempts.

"The biggest thing is the way everyone is playing together," Neff said. "We started coming together in the Harrison game with our passing."

"I told the girls what was required next was to play the same passing game against a tougher opponent. We went to West Bloomfield and played Canton, and we did very well with that."

Farmington played a Class A district game today at North Farmington. The teams tied 3-3 on May 6.

"The test of how much we've peaked will come Monday in the game against our crosstown rival," Neff said. "If what we've been working on works, we hope to win that game."

FRANKLIN J. NORTH D: North Farmington lost its WLLA crossover game Wednesday while playing without two of its top defenders, Natalie Reje and Jenna Geiger.

Both are sidelined with knee injuries and were considered doubtful for the district tournament game today, according to coach Tim Russell.

"If they're not there, it could be a struggle," he said, "because we have to

be able to get the ball out and they know how to do it."

The Raiders (3-10-2) lost 4-1 to Berkley on May 11 and played Walied Lake Western to a scoreless tie on May 13.

North had a shot hit the crossbar with six seconds left in the game with West-ern.

CENTRAL 3, HARRISON 2: The host Vikings scored the winning goal on a penalty kick with 17 minutes remaining. Just prior to that, Central had a breakaway and Harrison keeper Sara Kloosterman came out to meet the attacker and stop the ball.

The referee ruled Kloosterman had fouled the Central player and issued a yellow card, which meant the keeper had to leave the game for 10 minutes.

The penalty kick that followed was wide of the goal. But the referee said a Harrison player had encroached on the penalty area and gave Central a second chance. The Vikings made good that time against a reserve goalie.

Harrison coach Glenn Bruenhan moved Regina Bander from sweeper to striker to create more offense, and Bander responded by scoring the first Harrison goal with an assist from Patti Dixon.

The Hawks tied the score 2-2 when Tiffany Nelson scored on a restart after being tackled outside the penalty box.

Harrison (2-7-3) plays host to Farmington Hills Mercy (7-6-1) in a district tournament game today.

"Mercy must be on top of its game,"

Bruenhan said, referring to a shootout loss to Bishop Foley in the Catholic League playoffs May 13. "We'll have to have a dynamic game and get some offensive punch going."

All-star soccer games planned

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The first Michigan High School All-Star Soccer Games will be hosted by, and played at, the Plymouth Canton-Salem athletic complex.

With the success the Michigan High School All-Star Football Classic has enjoyed, this seems a positive step. The game will be Saturday, June 15, with the girls' match at 6 p.m., followed by the boys at 8 p.m.

The top 44 senior players in the state, both boys and girls, in all classes will be invited to participate. The plan is for two teams of 22 players in each game. Teams will not be bound by geographies; instead, a coaches' committee will form them.

Also, in a major departure from the all-star football game,

schools will be allowed to send more than one player to the game.

That means schools with traditionally strong soccer backgrounds—Salem, Canton, Livonia, Stevenson, Livonia Churchill, Troy Athens and Troy, to name but a few—will be able to send more than one player.

There is one restriction, which is enforced by the Michigan High School Athletic Association: no underclassmen. Any athlete who competes in such a game will lose his/her eligibility.

Since only graduated seniors will play, that will not be a concern.

"We're hoping we can get something started here that will last for years to come," said Gary Balconi, former assistant athletic director at Plymouth Salem

and one of the game's developers.

Balconi, Pete Morrissey and Dave Cook have been the driving force behind the game. But as Balconi said, he doesn't want it to be a long-term obligation.

"It would be my hope that the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association would pick up this event," he said.

At least two sponsors are in place: Adidas and the Canton Soccer Club.

There is already a schedule of events in place for the players on the day of the games. Uniforms will be presented to them, which they may keep; they will also receive certificates of participation.

Player rosters are still being formed. Balconi added that special coaches may be asked to man the benches.

Technology's reach affects bowling, too

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Plaza Lanes ran this event every Sunday afternoon from March 3 to May 19 with a good turnout. Bowlers had plenty of fun and excitement.

The Forty Frame game won't show up again until the fall season, and with available technology we can look forward to other

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4 team - Champs: Team #2, Craig McCain, Terry Tabbe, Susan McCain, Maria Edgar. Last Friday McCain shot a 500 game and 823 series to help seal the league title.

NOVI BOWL: West Side League - Champs: Krista's Leadership, Noanana-Tabor (Redford Township), Paul Krush, Mike McKeiridge, Ed Haldt, Rich Garvin, Terry Kohn, Dale Kohn.

CLOVERLANES (Livonia): Bowlerettes - Champs: Marisa Balch, Christine Carter, Susan Maynorich, Kitty Bazy.

Northwest Teachers - Champs: Alverna Bracy, Alverna McConnell, Jacqueline Hayes.

Tuesday Prime Time Mixed - Champs: Sara Lee, Daryl Nolen, Ralph Ewing, Rod Armstrong.

Thursday Junior House - Champs: Bill Ferris, Mike Taylor, Richard Taylor, Bob Taylor, Bill Franks, Tame Terlesky.

Marrion Road Baptist Mixed - Champs: Sherri Burgess, Lori O'Brady, George O'Brady, Dave Burgess.

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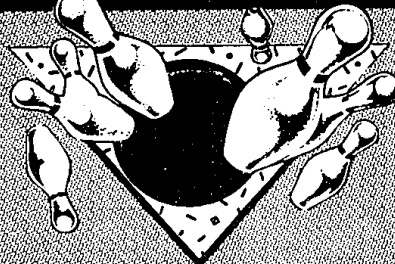


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