

North wins 3rd in 3 days behind pitching of Spisz

Mickey Spisz probably wasn't upset after learning that North Farmington's softball game Friday was cancelled due to rain.

After all, the senior pitched three three-complete-game gems in a three-day span.

Following North's victories over Livonia Stevenson on Monday and Plymouth Canton on Tuesday, Spisz recorded the hat trick Wednesday with a 3-0 shutout at Livonia Franklin.

Spisz scattered seven hits while striking out two Patriots and not allowing a walk.

"She's pitching very well and the team is playing good defense behind her," North coach Dave Brubaker said. "This may be the best defensive team I've ever had here."

The Raiders, who improved to 12-5 overall and 8-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, scored all the runs they would need in the third inning.

Senior catcher Katie Devereux recorded the big hit with a two-run double that scored senior Lynn Liverpois and freshman Chrissy King.

North added a run in the seventh inning when Livonia's drove in King with a double. King, a first baseman, had two of

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the team's eight hits.

"In addition to playing good defense, we're getting good production from our three freshmen

— King, shortstop Samantha McComb and left fielder Lauren Ouellette," Brubaker said.

McComb and Ouellette went 1-for-3 against Franklin pitcher Lori Jendrusik, who struck out three and walked one. The Patriots are 9-9 overall.

HARRISON 3, JOHN GLENN 2: The Hawks scored their winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning with two outs Wednesday. Becky Voster singled, stole second and third base and scored on a passed ball.

Leslie Schock pitched five innings for Harrison and left with the score tied 2-2. The win went to Allie Ault, who pitched two innings of hitless softball, striking out three and walking none.

The Hawks, who had only three hits, had trouble hitting Glenn pitcher Nicky Reisinger, who had a slow delivery with an arc, according to Harrison coach Mike Teachman.

"She had a windmill wind-up, but the ball came in slow," he said. "We kept hitting popups. We should have made the adjustment to her pitching. Glenn isn't a bad team. They beat Farmington, so we knew they could play."

Ault, Lindsey Emmott and Voster, who had three stolen bases and scored two runs, had the Harrison hits.

The defense provided some big plays, however. Voster had two diving catches in right field. Brittany Maxey made a key catch in center field and catcher Ari Ault picked a runner off third base.

"In a game decided by a run, they were all big plays," Teachman said, "but we just didn't hit the ball."

The Hawks are 9-2 in the WLLA and 13-5 overall.

CANTON 9, FARMINGTON 3: The host Chiefs scored seven runs in the fifth inning Thursday to blow open a close game with Farmington.

Farmington pitcher Melissa Mytty kept her team in the game through the first four innings. Coach Jerry Osborne said he removed her after that because of illness and fatigue.

"She has pitched nearly every inning for us this year," Osborne said. "Her arm is getting sore and rubbery."

Osborne said the wind went out of his team's sails after Mytty's departure.

"Once Melissa left, we stopped making plays," he said. "Canton played better than we did. It's just that simple."

Farmington (8-7) had seven hits. Heather Martin and Meghan O'Rear picked up RBI for the Falcons.

With his team out of the conference playoff race, Osborne said the objective now is to get ready for the state tournament.

"We want to make sure we're playing solid ball," he added.

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Geoff Streit and Andrew Golaszewski blanked Northville's Jack Wang and Brian Wilson in the first set at No. 4 doubles before winning 6-3 in the next.

The No. 3 doubles match was nearly a North victory, too, as Brady Dwyer and Greg Fox lost the most hotly-contested one of the day.

Northville's Chris Gerlitcha and Mark Thomson won a pair of tiebreakers and the match, 7-6, 1-6, 7-6.

The Mustangs also claimed victory at No. 2 singles where Matthias Eggel defeated Nimit Shah, 6-3, 6-2.

The Raiders defeated host

Walled Lake Central in another WLLA dual meet Wednesday, 8-0.

Despite the team score, Jaffe was the only North singles player to have an easy time of it, coasting past Wes Geelhood, 6-1, 6-3.

In close matches, Shah defeated Dave Eade, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5; Krieger defeated Brian Nelson, 6-3, 7-5; and Finkel defeated Irfan Hoesella, 7-6, 6-3.

The Raiders were decisive winners in the doubles fights. The closest match was a 6-2, 6-3 win by Streit and Erickson over Graeme Kinney and Andrew DiSilva.

Frankel and Berman defeated

Jeff Riley and Ed Hufnagle, 6-0, 6-0; Fox and Josh Wool defeated R.J. McNab and Sean Newsome, 6-3, 6-0; Golaszewski and Streit defeated Slava Lashchinski and Mike Caran, 6-0, 6-2.

Jaffe had an 11-1 record, Shah 10-2, Krieger 9-0 and Finkel 12-1. Streit and Erickson are 12-0, Frankel and Berman 13-0, Fox and Wool 8-1.

King settled on Golaszewski and Streit as the No. 4 doubles team last week, and they have a 3-0 record.

Some have played 13 matches. Those records include completed matches in an incomplete (rain) team event against Birmingham Groves.

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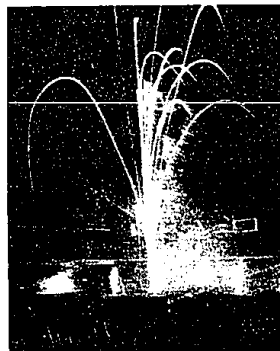
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