

Softball

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instead of late afternoon, because both schools had their proms Tuesday night.

"There's too many things going on at the end of the year to expect a team to come out totally focused," Brubaker said, adding a young Farmington team played better defense than he expected this season. "That's a credit to Jerry and his coaching. His kids played pretty tough ball against us all year."

Hawks coast into district

Farmington Harrison dominated Royal Oak Dondoro for an 11-2 victory Tuesday in a Division II pre-district game at Country Day.

The Hawks (22-8) had 12 hits off opposing pitcher Julie Huebner and took advantage of eight Dondoro errors.

Winning pitcher Ali Ault allowed only three hits and four walks while striking out 10 and hitting one batter.

Harrison scored twice in the first and second innings to build a 4-0 lead and created an insurmountable gap with a six-run fourth.

Katrina Vitanis went 3-for-5 and Ault 3-for-4 to lead the Hawks. Vitanis has 60 hits for the season and a .469 batting average. Ault is hitting an even .400.

Becky Vosler had two RBI with a sacrifice fly and a ground-out. Jamie Schwartz, Leah Schrock and Amy Roble had one hit and scored two runs each.

The Hawks will play host Country Day at 9 a.m. Saturday with the winner facing either

Birmingham Seaholm or Oak Park in the final.

"We put 20 wins out there as a carrot on the end of the stick," Harrison coach Mike Teichman said. "I'm not sure if anything maybe the stick isn't long enough. We should dangle another number out there, like two more and get to the regional."

"As long as we keep our defense up, we should have a chance. We have to stay healthy because we have a fairly thin squad."

Harrison lost its first game Saturday in the Novi Tournament to Birmingham Groves, 3-2. Genna Berg's third hit, a two-run homer in the seventh, decided the issue. Vitanis had two hits; Ault allowed seven.

The Hawks bounced back with 12 hits off Livonia Churchill pitcher Tara Muchow for an 11-3 victory. Lindsey Emmett (4-0) was the winning pitcher, striking out 11 and limiting the Chargers to four hits.

Vosler was 3-for-4 and scored three runs. Ari Ault, Brittany Maxey and Vitanis added two hits apiece. Ault and Maxey also had two RBI and scored two runs each.

Harrison ended the day by blanking Livonia Franklin, 7-0. Ali Ault pitched a one-hitter and allowed just two baserunners.

All Ault was 3-for-3; Maxey and Roble had two hits and two RBI and scored two runs apiece. Maxey and Roble gave the Hawks a 4-0 lead in the first inning with a two-run single and a two-run homer, respectively.

In three games Saturday, right

fielder Vosler threw out three more runners at first base to bring her season total to 15.

Marlins whip Falcons

Farmington Hills Mercy established an early lead against highly-touted Birmingham Groves pitcher Jessica Warren and defeated the host Falcons in a Division I pre-district contest Tuesday, 8-2.

The Marlins had seven hits off Warren, who posted eight strikeouts and four walks. She didn't get much help from the Groves defense, which made six errors.

Leah Moeller pitched a three-hitter for Mercy (24-10).

The Marlins, who were mistake-free in the field, took a 2-0 lead in the first inning without a hit, capitalizing on two walks and two errors.

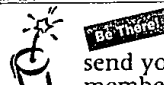
Katie Homant was 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI singles, and Kelly Moutz's lone hit was a two-run double. Erin Carson also had an RBI with a fielder's choice.

The Marlins led 7-0 before the Falcons scored their runs in the bottom of the sixth. Mercy added one more in the seventh. Warren and Genna Berg had RBI singles for Groves (13-17).

Mercy will play Southfield-Lathrup in the Groves district tournament at 10 a.m. Saturday.

The Marlins split a doubleheader May 20 with visiting Fenton, winning 8-7 and losing 5-0. They won two from Dearborn Divine Child the next day, 3-1 and 5-3.

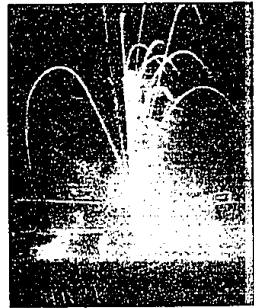
Terri Schroeder was the winning pitcher in two games. Erin Howard had a win and a loss.



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Penta was the winning pitcher and drove in the winning run against Canton.

He had two RBI with a triple and a sacrifice fly in the seventh to win the game. He held Canton to three hits while striking out eight and walking four.

Penta was 3-for-4 with an RBI. The Raiders drove down 3-0 but scored four times in the fourth and won it in the seventh.

Hawks overcome Oaks

Zach Burton pitched a complete game that included 12 strikeouts Tuesday as the Hawks advanced to the Division II district tournament at Country Day. He walked three in the 4-2 win over Dondoro.

Harrison (20-6) will play the host Yellow Jackets at 10 a.m. Saturday. The winner plays the

Birmingham Seaholm-Oak Park winner in the championship game later that afternoon.

"Country Day (19-6) is a good team and David Barkholtz is an excellent, left-handed pitcher," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "They've beaten Brother Rice and Catholic Central, so the first game will be very tough."

"(Another newspaper) said ours is the toughest Division II district in the state, and we had the worst draw," Herrington said. "If we win it, we'll have done a good job."

The Hawks had seven hits against Dondoro, including two by junior Mike Hoad, who had an RBI single in the fourth inning and a two-run homer in the sixth for a 4-0 Harrison lead.

"It was great," Herrington said. "His struggles all year. But I have great confidence in his athletic ability, and he came through today."

The Hawks scored a run in the first inning on Tom Judd's double and Zack Cornwell's single.

Chris Ghannam also had two hits.

Dondoro pitcher Kyle Kidder hadn't allowed an earned run in the last 40 innings, according to Herrington. He was 13-0 last year and 9-1 at one point this season. He gave up seven hits and struck out four.

The Hawks dropped a pair of games Saturday in the Madonna Tournament, losing 2-1 to Monroe and 10-9 to Westland Glenn.

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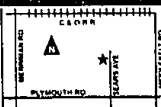
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PLYMOUTH CANTON-SALEM (Host)
Saturday, May 30: North Farmington at Canton, 11 a.m.; Livonia Stevenson at Salem, 11 a.m.

Championship final: Approximately 1 p.m. at Canton. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 6, at Brighton vs. Walled Lake Western district champion.)

at GARDEN CITY PARK

Saturday, May 30: Garden City vs. Westland John Glenn, 10 a.m.; Livonia Fiskwin vs. Livonia Churchill, 12:30 p.m.

Championship final: Approximately 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 6, at Southeaste Anderson vs. Ann Arbor Huron district champion.)

at REDFORD CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Saturday, May 30: Detroit Croley vs. Detroit Mackenzie, 10 a.m.; Detroit Redford vs. Redford Catholic Central, noon.

Championship final: Approximately 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 6, at Birmingham Groves vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit district champion.)

at BIRMINGHAM GROVES

Saturday, May 30: Detroit Henry Ford vs. Southfield, 10 a.m.; Birmingham Groves vs. Redford Union, noon.

Championship final: Approximately 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 6, at Birmingham Groves vs. Detroit King district champion.)

DIVISION II

at DETROIT COUNTRY DAY
Saturday, May 30: Detroit Country Day vs. Farmington Harrison, 10 a.m.; Oak Park vs. Birmingham Seaholm, noon.

Championship final: Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 6, at Riverview vs. Riverview district champion.)

at MONROE JEFFERSON

Saturday, May 30: Dearborn Divine Child vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood, 10 a.m.; Redford Thurston vs. Detroit Southwestern, 10 a.m.

Championship final: Approximately noon. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 6, at Riverview vs. Detroit Renaissance district champion.)

DIVISION III

at LIVONIA CLARENCEVILLE
Saturday, May 30: (A) Livonia Clarenceville vs. (B) Dearborn St. Alphonsus, 10 a.m.

Championship final: Lutheran Westland vs. A.D. winner, 12:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 6, at Onsted vs. Bissafeld district champion.)

DIVISION IV

at ALLEN PARK INTER-CITY
Friday, May 29: Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Dearborn Heights Fathine Christian, 10 a.m.; Redford St. Agathe vs. C.D. winner,

approximately noon.

Championship final: Approximately 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the regional semifinals Saturday, June 6, at Whitmore Lake vs. Southgate Aquinas district champion.)

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