

Falcons prevail over Vikings

Senior forward Tim Rais scored two goals, giving him eight for the season, to lead host Farmington to a 4-2 victory over Walled Lake Central in boys soccer Monday.

Jon Kambouris and Jeff Fredrick scored the other goals. Rais also had one assist.

The Falcons improved to 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 6-3 overall.

"This was a great team effort," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said. "Defensively and in the midfield we played much better than we have. We were able to keep possession of the ball most of the time."

"We had more scoring opportunities and that was because our defenders pushed up so well. We should have scored more than we did."

Juncaj cited the play of defenders Phil Gasparotto, Fredrick, Justin Gerwatowski and Stephen Wayne as well as goal-

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keeper Matt Gasparotto.

REDFORD CO. 4, BISHOP FOLEY 0: Catholic Central's boys soccer team scored two goals in each half Tuesday and shut out host Bishop Foley 4-0 in a Catholic League crossover game.

Junior forward Josh Brooks, junior midfielder Pat Griffin and junior defenders Sean Lanigan and Ken Toporek scored goals for the Shamrocks, who enjoyed a 13-4 shots on goal advantage.

Senior midfielder Andrew Kogut led CC (3-3-1) with two assists. Senior defender Kevin Graff and sophomore forward Skylar Swiecki had one assist each.

Sophomore Eric Sullivan and senior Matt Vanning shared the shutout in net.

"With the rain, the field was a little torn up; the conditions weren't exactly great, but we played a decent game," CC coach Dana Orsucci said. "We were finally able to put some balls in the back of the net. We have created opportunities but just haven't finished anything. Nothing has bounced our way."

Orsucci said a 2-0 non-league loss Saturday at Rochester Adams was "just a nightmare."

Goins Wofah and Griffin each hit goal posts with shots and a shot by senior Mark Sulkowski on a breakaway was blasted wide of the net.

CANTON 7, H. FARMINGTON 0: Scott Wright scored three goals Monday to lead host Plymouth Canton (8-2) to a Western Lakes victory over North Farmington.

Mike Riemma scored two goals. Pato Andreoli and Dennis Osorio one apiece. The Chiefs are 4-0 in the W.L.A.

STEVENSON 3, HARRISON 0: On Monday, host Livonia Stevenson improved to 5-1 overall by overcoming defensive-minded Farmington Harrison, which packed the box most of the night.

"We took 27 shots, but many were off target," Stevenson coach Lars Richters said. "We didn't show up the first half. The second half we played better. They did what they could to keep it out. Harrison should be proud of its effort."

The Spartans led 1-0 at halftime on Jeff Budd's goal from Tom Eller. In the second half, Tony Maldonado made it 2-0 from Eller, who then capped the scoring with an unassisted goal."

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Then I decided to stop and take dump shots, and I was lucky they went in."

Adams tied the score again, 63-63, with baskets by senior Keightie Flanigan and Pries.

Robie, who had 15 points in the second half and was 7-of-8 at the line, answered with a three and two free throws.

"Susie took over the game in the last four minutes," Collins said. "That's a go-to player."

Mercy never trailed again, but the game was far from over.

Danielson stole the ball and scored, and a Pries layup with 16 seconds left pulled the Highlanders within a point, 68-67.

It was Robie again, clinching the Mercy victory with a pair of free throws with eight seconds remaining.

But Adams had one more chance. Benedict attempted a three-point shot as time was running out. She launched the shot in front of the Adams bench, and coach Fran Scislowicz argued vehemently for a foul.

"I don't think it determined anything," Scislowicz said. "I think the first 31 minutes had

more bearing than that. It was a physical game, but the officials were consistent."

Despite playing in a hot gym on a warm night, both teams played a fast, running game and used all of their players to maintain the pace.

"That's our style," Scislowicz said. "We thought we'd be able to wear them down, but they hung in there real tough."

"Our strategy is to play for spurts. We have a lot of guards and score in bunches. We like to get a 12-2 run and play steady for four or five minutes."

Mercy led 14-10 after one quarter, Adams at halftime 26-23 and Mercy at the end of three periods, 43-39.

The Highlanders outscored the Marlins 10-4 to start the fourth quarter before Robie scored 11 of her team's last 13 points.

"Both teams were tired into the game but kept playing through it," Collins said. "I told the girls 'Your effort in first half was really good, but if you don't elevate it more in the second half we're not going to win.' They just were not going to give it up."

"I have to give credit to (the Highlanders), but every time they made a run we fought them off."

"What I liked from our team, at the end when we had a lead, was that we kept attacking the basket. That's what you have to do to win games and, fortunately, we made enough plays at the end to beat them."

CANTON 40, MERCY 34: It took a performance upgrade in the fourth quarter for Plymouth Canton to take out a victory at Farmington Hills Mercy Tuesday.

The win allows the Chiefs to enter the Western Lakes Activities Association season tonight with a winning record (3-2). Mercy (3-2) is hardly a school lacking in basketball tradition. The Marlins had a 27-25 lead entering the test quarter. Only a solid defensive effort and a better job on the boards turned the tide for Canton.

Janine Gustafson battled through foul problems to score a team-high 15 points for Canton, four of those coming in the fourth quarter. Janell Twilmeyer added 11 points (five in the fourth quarter), and Anne Morrell totaled four points and nine rebounds.

Mercy was paced by Susie Robie with 13 points and Kristy Ramsey with 11. The Marlins were still without Jesse Breyer (sprained ankle), but she is expected to play again Tuesday.

BASEBALL TRYOUTS

"The Farmington Travel Baseball Club will have tryouts for the 1999 Little Caesars 11-and-under boys team."

The independent elite team is looking for players who live in the Farmington-Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township, Livonia, Redford, Novi, Northville and Commerce Township communities.

Tryouts will be 8:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Drake Park in Farmington Hills. The park is located on Drake between Grand River and Freedom roads.

For more information call Mike Kiah at (248) 478-2702.

"Tryouts for the Michigan Lake Area Rams 9- and 10-year-old baseball team will be 6-6:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, at the Farmington Hills Mercy High School field."

The school is located at Middlebelt and 11 Mile roads. For information call Mark Falvo at (313) 637-3449 or Jack Falvo at (248) 471-1745.

"Tryouts for a new 15-year-old North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras travel baseball team will be 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, and Sunday, Sept. 27, at Founders Park, Birmingham Nos. 6 and 6."

The Cobras will compete in the Tri-County Baseball League in 1999. To confirm plans to attend tryout, call Tony Agosta at (248) 645-7127 in the daytime or (248) 737-2007 in the evening.

"The Michigan Wolves 13-year-old travel baseball team will have tryouts 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, at West Bloomfield High School."

The tryouts are open to all serious-minded, dedicated players who want to play for a competitive team. There are no residency requirements.

The Wolves will play in the 13- and 14-year-old division of the Little Caesars Federation in the 1999 season.

Players must bring their own bat, helmet, glove and catching gear if needed. For more information call Tim Muir at (248) 532-0135.

West Bloomfield High School is located at 4925 Orchard Lake Road on the east side of the street between Walnut Lake (16 Mile) and Lone Pine (17 Mile) roads.

"Select 13 tryouts for the Livonia Junior Athletic League's entry into the 1999 Little Caesars Travel Baseball League will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4, at Bicentennial Park, located at Seven Mile and Wayne roads."

Players must be 13 prior to Aug. 1, 1999. For more information, call coach Jim Moss at (248) 476-8608.

"The Michigan Lake Area Rams 14-year-old travel baseball team is holding tryouts for the 1999 season on Sundays, Sept. 20 and 27. For time and place, call Kevin Wilkinson at (313) 274-5405."

The team plays in the Little

Caesars Baseball League.

"The Michigan Travel Baseball Club is having tryouts for its Willie Mays (10-under) and Pee Wee Reese (12-under) teams. Call (313) 928-5691 for dates and times of tryouts."

"The Michigan Indiana Travel Baseball Club will have tryouts for the Mickey Mantle (ages 15 and 16) and Connie Mack (18-under) teams at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, at Concordia College. For more information on the Mickey Mantle team, call Jeff Vancamp at (734) 522-0184 or Greg Lenhoff at (734) 455-0793. For more information on the Connie Mack team, call Mark Zydeck at (734) 459-2492."

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