

# Marlins bomb Blazers; Raiders, Hawks tie, 1-1

Carrie Kluska and Abbey Shepherd scored two goals each Tuesday in Farmington Hills Mercy's 7-1 win over host Livonia Ladywood in girls soccer.

Shepherd also assisted on two goals. Carrie Kluska and Sumbal Ahmad and Mary Gignac had one goal and one assist apiece. Chrissy Argenta and Erin Cain contributed one assist each.

The Marlins, who are 4-1 in the Catholic League and 6-2-1 overall, led 4-0 at halftime and 7-0 before Stefania Stachura scored late in the game for the Blazers.

Kristin Pimlott played most of the game in goal for Mercy and made eight saves. Morgan Dixon played the last 12 minutes. Mercy fired 16 shots at the Ladywood goal.

Couch Deepak Shivraman was pleased to see the offensive display by the Marlins, who played defending Division II state champion Birmingham Groves to a 2-2 draw Saturday.

"It was a good game for us, because I thought we were going to do better than we did against Groves," he said. "The offense had been struggling and today we had a flurry of goals. Hopefully, it's going to bring some confidence to our forwards."

"We're approaching the midway point of the season, and it

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looks like all our players are playing well and playing with a sense of purpose and urgency."

In addition to Kluska and Shepherd, Shivraman cited the play of Mercy defenders Marie Lentz and Katie Weiss.

Shepherd's goal midway in the second half Saturday, resulting from a free kick at the edge of the box, allowed the Marlins to tie the Falcons.

Jamie Driscoll scored with an assist from Cain in the first half. The teams were tied at halftime, 1-1.

"I know (the Falcons are) a capable team," Shivraman said, adding the game was quite physical. "I felt bad for our players, because they took a lot of hits."

"At the same time, getting into a physical tug-of-war will help us for the battles we face in the next couple weeks with Marian, Foley and possibly in the Catholic League playoffs."

**N. FARMINGTON 1, HARRISON 1:** Emily Jackson scored off a free kick with 12 minutes remaining Monday to lift the host Hawks into a tie with their crosstown rivals.

Lauren Hogan scored an unassisted goal in the first half for the Raiders, who are 2-4-1 overall. The Hawks are 2-3-1. Both teams are 1-3-1 in the Western

Lakes Activities Association.

North coach Tim Russell singled out center-midfielder Joyce Chung for special mention, calling her "one of the toughest players I've ever known," as well as sweeper Meghan Callahan and goalie Anna Muir.

"North outplayed us in the first half," Harrison coach Glenn Breuhan said. "Tim Russell has done a nice job with his team; they're a much improved team. North passed the ball well and won most of the 50-50 balls in the first half."

The Raiders played more of a defensive game in the second half, he added, and the Hawks had two good scoring chances late in the game.

"One was on a very close offside play that saw Danielle Strickland break loose," Breuhan said, "and another in which Danielle again broke free in the penalty area only to shoot and hit the post."

In addition to Jackson, Emily Houser, Sara Duffy and Katherine Leik played well for the Hawks, according to their coach.

**NORTHVILLE 3, FARMINGTON 0:** The Falcons were still in the game after 72 minutes, playing for a possible tie at the least, but the host Mustangs broke loose for two late goals to clinch the victory.

Larisa Fill scored the last two goals for Northville, which clung to a 1-0 lead with 7½ minutes remaining. Brigid Bowdell gave the Mustangs a 2-0 half-time lead.

Farmington is 3-3-1 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.



City rivals tie: North Farmington's Cathy Ricco has the advantage Monday as she tries to stop Harrison's Amber Koets from getting to the ball. The teams tied, 1-1.

## Scicluna remembered as 'Godfather of soccer in Michigan'

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Nearly 1,000 turned out Wednesday to pay tribute to Paul Scicluna, the man who championed and nurtured the sport of soccer in this area.

Scicluna, 67, the head women's soccer coach at Eastern Michigan University, was killed Saturday afternoon in a one-car rollover accident while heading north on US-23 in Monroe County in his 1999 Chevy Blazer. He was returning from a recruiting trip to Ohio.

Journers packed the indoor field at Total Soccer in Wixom, one of four metro area facilities



Paul Scicluna

who put soccer on the map in the Livonia community and branched out into other areas.

EMU assistant men's coach Walt Barrett, who played for Scicluna in the old Bonanza Express League (now Little Caesars) as a 13-year-old, summed up Scicluna's influence.

"He got everything going 25 years ago; he's the Godfather of soccer, at least on the West Side of town," Barrett said. "No, he's the Godfather of soccer for the entire state of Michigan."

Tinnion called the Farmington Hills resident as "an originator, a creator and a composer."

"He was like a father, big brother, business partner and coach — all rolled into one," said the former Detroit Express player and Detroit Rockers coach. "I've probably had more debates and discussions with him over the years than anybody else. We always voiced our opinions, and he had to be right 70 to 80 percent of the time. But when it was

over, there was never any animosity."

Scicluna graduated from Detroit Western High School in 1958 and played in the Detroit Soccer League from 1963-68.

His first job was sweeping floors in Detroit's Corktown.

Scicluna would own a chain of flower shops in the metro area 20 years later, including his anchor store, Livonia Florist.

Living in Livonia during the 1970s, Scicluna helped launch, along with Larry Christoff and Paul Dugan, the Livonia YMCA youth soccer program.

He also was one of the archi-

teets of Livonia high school soccer, coaching the boys at Bentley starting in 1978 and later the girls team. He also was head coach at Redford Catholic Central. In the mid '80s, Scicluna helped to develop the Livonia Y-Wolves (boys) and Hawks elite travel squads. From 1977 through 1995, Scicluna led his age-group squads to 10 state and two regional titles and two national runner-up finishes.

He also took CC to a Catholic League title and Bentley to two divisional crowns. He also was active in the Olympic Development program (1980-93).

Scicluna is survived by his wife, Jan, and four children, Eric, Lisa, Amy and Kim, as well as eight brothers and one sister.

Burial took place Wednesday at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Scicluna became EMU's first women's coach in 1995. His 1997 squad made it to the championship final of the inaugural Mid-American Conference tournament before bowing to Northern Illinois in the finals, 3-2, in overtime. His 1998 team also qualified for the MAC tourney and finished the year 13-7-1. In four seasons as EMU's coach, Scicluna was 38-32-3 overall.

"This is a devastating loss to the Eastern Michigan University athletics program," interim EMU Athletic Director Carole Huston said. "Paul was a great coach and had a tremendous love of promoting soccer on all levels. He related well not only with our players, but also with the entire athletic department staff."

Although Scicluna sometimes clashed with referees, he took a turn at blowing the whistle, too.

"I got my first red card (ejection) from Mr. Scicluna when I was 12 years old," said Paul Tinnion, Brian's son.

"For a guy who supposedly never got along with referees, I've never seen so many in one place (at Wood Funeral Home in Livonia)," Brian Tinnion said. "What does that tell you?"

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