

Avery, Ghannam shine in victories

Senior pitchers Joe Ghannam and Charlie Avery threw a pair of three-hitters to lead their respective baseball teams to victory Monday.

Avery improved his record to 4-0, striking out 12 along the way and increasing his season total to 43, in Farmington High's 6-2 win over host Plymouth Salem. He walked one.

Ghannam also threw a complete game and remained unbeaten (2-0) as Farmington Harrison merited visiting Plymouth Canton in six innings, 11-1. He fanned seven and issued two free passes.

Kyle Burean and Brent Heraghty had three hits apiece in support of Avery. Burean also knocked in two runs; Heraghty had one RBI and scored a run.

Salem scored two earned runs in the bottom of the fourth inning for a 2-1 lead, but Farm-

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ington tied it in the fifth and won the game with a four-run sixth.

"Overall, we were pretty happy, especially after that last outing against Northville," Farmington coach Tim Schafer said. "We responded with a total team effort. We had great pitching and great defense."

The Falcons won 7-1 overall and 2-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association, Salem is 5-7 and 1-1.

Harrison had nine hits off Canton ace Dan Tucker, who suffered his first loss (4-1) after allowing six runs on six hits and three walks over four innings.

Blake Ashley and Mike Hoid hit two-run homers for the

Hawks. Ashley hit his during a three-run third that gave the Hawks a 5-1 lead, and Hoid increased the mercy rule during a four-run sixth.

Kevin McVay and Dave Pesci added two hits and one RBI apiece. Brian Nelson was on base four times with a hit, two walks and a fielder's choice, and he scored three runs.

"Finally, we hit the ball," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "We've been picking it up real well, and today we came out and hit the ball like we should."

"They have a great record and have been playing well, but today was our day."

The Hawks are 3-2 overall, 2-0 in the WLA Western Division. The Chiefs are 9-2 and 1-1.

N. FARMINGTON 5, STEVENSON 3: Game Point pitched six solid innings Monday to earn the victory for the host

Raiders, who improved to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the WLA Lakes Division. Penta scattered five hits, struck out four and walked three. Even Feldman pitched the final inning.

North had seven hits off Roy Rabe, who went the distance for Stevenson. Rabe fanned six, walked two and allowed four earned runs.

Matt Kelmington had two hits and one RBI for the Raiders, who scored twice in the bottom of the fifth for a 5-3 lead.

Feldman doubled and scored a run. Ross Patterson and Mike Bennett had a hit and scored a run, and Jason Melvin and Penta had a hit and one RBI apiece.

"That's the first time we've seen seven hits," North coach Erv Horwitz said, adding the Raiders had been averaging three per game. "We were able to stay in the game and do what we can — get people on, sacrifice and score some runs. In the other games, we weren't able to get people on."

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TENNIS RESULTS

NORTH FARMINGTON 4
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 0
April 27 at Walled Lake Western
No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (HF) defeated Yuse Shabazz (WV), 6-0; No. 2: Chris Erickson (HF) def. Mark Usher, 6-1; 6-3; No. 3: Austin Omet (HF) def. Chris Choi, 6-1; 6-0; No. 4: Dale Keady (HF) def. Matt Roth, 3-6; 6-3, 6-3.
No. 1 doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Berman (HF) def. Brian Adams, 6-2; 6-0; No. 2: Justin Sirek (HF), Eric Launma, 6-1; 6-0; No. 4: Steve Jaffe (HF) def. Brian Choi, 6-1; 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Mark Frankel-Jay Berman (HF) def. Todd Lively-Matt Demgen, 6-2; 6-3; No. 2: Josh Vinel-Aaron Goldsawall (HF) def. Sean Mann-Brendon Gonsky (WV), 6-2; 6-3; No. 3: Mike Levy-Rob Fraykel (HF) def. John Schilling-Pat Peterson, 7-5; 7-5; No. 4: Brian Dougherty-John Truvel (HF) def. Derek Riegel-Scheri, 6-0; 6-4.
Doubles meet: North Farmington, 6-1 overall, 4-0 WLA.

NORTH FARMINGTON 8
LYONIA STEVENSON 0
April 28 at North Farmington
No. 1 singles: Brad Jaffe (HF) defeated Matt Sirek, 6-0; 6-1; No. 2: Chris Erickson (HF) def. Brian Adams, 6-2; 6-0; No. 3: Justin Sirek (HF), Eric Launma, 6-1; 6-0; No. 4: Steve Jaffe (HF) def. Brian Choi, 6-1; 6-2.
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Doubles meet: North Farmington, 8-1 overall, 4-0 WLA.

FARMINGTON HARRISON 4
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 4
April 26 at Farmington Harrison
No. 1 singles: Ryan Shado (HF) def. Matt Sirek, 6-0; 6-2; No. 2: Stan Jakowski (WV) def. Tim Kupfer, 6-2; 6-0; 6-3; No. 3: Dan Pice (HF) def. Yuse Shabazz, 6-2; 7-6 (7-5); No. 4: Chris Choi (WV) def. Steve Jaffe, 7-5; 3-0; 6-2.
No. 1 doubles: Art Szwed-Jeffy Brandon (HF) def. Ryan Shado-Tyler Sobieski, 7-5; 6-2; No. 2: Ralph Humley-Brian Laczowski (HF) def. Anthony Joris-Matt McKenna, 6-2; 4-6; 6-4; No. 3: Shawn Price-Jared Tark (WV) def. Ray Weich-Dan Marzello, 6-0; 6-2; No. 4: Matt Kolb-Dan Vail (WV) def. Eric Sutton-Justin Truvel, 6-4; 6-2 (7-5).
Doubles meet: Harrison, 1-1 overall, 1-1-1 WLA.

THE WEEK AHEAD

GIRLS SOCCER
Saturday, May 1
Ossonsland Ralays at Bedford Union.
GIRLS TRACK
Friday, April 30
Fenn, Mercy of Jackson Invitational.
Saturday, May 1
Farm, Harrison at Algonquin Invitational.
BOYS TENNIS
Friday, April 30
N. Farmington at Farm, Harrison, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Northville, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 1
Farm, Harrison at Clarkson Tournament, North Farmington at North Farmington.
GIRLS GOLF
Friday, April 30
Farm, Harrison at Brighton Tournament, 9 a.m. at Oak Point Country Club.
Saturday, May 1
Mercy at Flint Pines May 1, 9 a.m.

Salem edges Farmington in extra inning

They made it antagonistically close, but in the end Plymouth Salem softball team pulled out a 6-6 win in eight innings over host Farmington in a Western Lakes Activities Association Lakes Division game Monday.

The Rocks, who improved to 5-3 overall, carried a 6-1 lead into the eighth inning but couldn't hold it. The Falcons struck for four runs to tie, only to lose it in the seventh on a single by Dawn Allen followed by a run-scoring bunt hit by Shae Potocki that scored Allen from first.

Allen led Salem with two hits and three RBIs; she had a two-run single in the second inning. Maureen Buchanan also had two hits and two RBIs, and Heather Sonntag had an RBI single.

Jacqui Sledobnick was the winning pitcher, working seven innings and allowing five runs on five hits and one walk, with four strikeouts. Amanda Sutton got the save with one inning of perfect relief.

The extra-inning win gives Salem a 2-0 record in extra-inning games this season. On Sunday, the Rocks hosted Livonia Franklin, Northville,

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Detroit Country Day and Farmington in the weather-delayed Salem Invitational. Originally scheduled for Saturday, soggy field conditions forced a delay to Sunday. Dearborn, which was supposed to play in the tournament, could not make the schedule for Sunday and did not show.

That forced a change in format, with the five teams playing a round-robin format with the team with the best record named champion. Tiebreakers included head-to-head results, followed by fewest runs allowed and then most runs scored.

The tiebreaker was needed. Salem, Franklin and Northville all finished 3-1 in the tournament, with each beating each other. Franklin was named champ on the runs allowed basis; the Falcons edged just eight, while both Northville and Salem surrendered 19. That forced another tiebreaker to see who finished second; the honor went to Salem, which outscored Northville, 34-24.

Against Farmington, Salem

had 14 hits, led by Kelly with three (another triple) and one RBI. Sutton pitched all seven innings.

CANTON 4, HARRISON 2: Plymouth Canton scored three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to erase a 2-1 Farmington Harrison lead and give the Chiefs the WLA Western Division win Monday.

Paul McKenna started the decisive rally for Canton with a base hit. After a sacrifice, McKenna scored the tying run on a Christina Kiesel single. A walk paved the way for Angela Neu, who singled in the go-ahead run; Melissa Brown added another run-scoring single.

McKenna, Kiesel, Neu and Brown each had two hits in the game. The win went to Laura Stewart in relief of starter Jenny Stewart. Stewart allowed one unearned run on one hit, with three strikeouts. In one inning.

All out took the loss in relief. "They're a very good team," said Canton coach Jim Arnold of Harrison. "They're aggressive and they don't make many mistakes."

The Chiefs were without pitching ace Gretchen Hudson, still sidelined with a strained knee. Hudson is expected to be back in action this weekend at the Temperance Bedford Invitational.

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taken a 12-8 lead with four runs in the top half of that inning. Ryan Shado outbit North, 12-10. Kristi-pa Colombo was the losing pitcher, walked six and striking out five.

Lauren Quellette, Chrissy King (triple) and Kristy Reinhardt were 2-for-4 for the Raiders. McCoy's Erin Connor and Carrie Brackley (two doubles) had two hits each.

King and Quellette also had two RBIs apiece; Reinhardt and Jenny Timper scored two runs each.

In the Brandon Tournament Saturday, the Raiders won the Tier VII championship by defeating Farmington Hills Mercy, 7-4, and Dearborn Divine Child, 9-5.

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