

Rabe's clutch heroics sends Raiders reeling

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As they say, there's no "I" in team, but that didn't stop Livonia Stevenson senior Roy Rabe from taking over the Spartans' baseball game against North Farmington Friday evening in Livonia.

Rabe, who came in as a relief pitcher late in the Spartans' 5-4 eight-inning win, held the Raiders in check just enough so he could beat them with his own offense at the plate.

The senior finished with a 3-for-4 hitting performance with three RBI, but his impact was much more than stats.

He singled to lead off the bottom of the eighth inning with the score tied 4-4 and the WLA's Lakes Division first-place spot on the line.

Pinch runner Phil Szumlanski replaced Rabe at first and scored the game-winning run on Matt DiPonio's no-out, bases-loaded single to right. The throw was late and off-line as Szumlanski crossed the plate.

"He had a big game for us," Stevenson coach Harv Weingarden said of Rabe's performance.

The game's implications were big as well.

With a win, North (6-2) would have been much closer to the regular season title, but now stands tied with Stevenson with only a two divisional games remaining.

PREP BASEBALL

Weingarden said his team's extra-inning win was a big step, but that both teams' chances are only even now.

"I think that whoever wins (the regular season) is going to have to win out," he said. "It's far from being over. Right now, we're tied and (Plymouth) Salem is right behind us. If either of us slips up..."

He didn't need to finish his sentence.

Friday's win re-energized the playing field and made the divisional championship a one-week battle.

"All three games have been like this," said Weingarden. "Now we're tied for first and we have to win out."

And, according to North Farmington head coach Irv Horwitz, the two teams have a good chance of meeting one last time in the district playoffs.

"I'd definitely like to see them in districts," he said. "All three of our games were the same. We were lucky the other two times but not today. This is a good bunch of guys and they never quit."

Unfortunately for Horwitz, his squad failed to capitalize on opportunities late in the game as Stevenson did.

After drawing two walks to lead off the fifth inning, the hit-and-run failed miserably... first it didn't hit, then it didn't

run.

After Ross Patterson singled to score a run, cutting the Spartans lead to 3-2, Matt Ichimigian swung and missed a Rabe pitch and Evan Feldman stopped his sprint for third base. He returned safely on the play, only to meet teammate Patterson at second base with him.

"We had our fastest runner on second base and we had a kid up that rarely missed the ball," said Horwitz. "He usually makes contact but that one he missed. And twice we couldn't get the bunt down. We had two runners on and no outs. That hurt us."

Stevenson again took the lead with a run in their half of the fifth and North once again tied the score, 4-4 in the sixth, setting up DiPonio's heroics.

Feldman went the distance for North Farmington to take the loss, while Rabe recorded the win for the Spartans.

Weingarden also said that the WLA's Lakes Division tournament, but that a tough road is ahead for the team that wins in districts.

"It's a very good district," he said. "We go out to Brighton, which is a tough regional, but we play in a tough league and any of five teams, including Farmington, could go places."

North is now 12-5 overall, while Stevenson is 11-7.

BEST BOYS TRACK & FIELD PERFORMANCES

Coaches should report updates for the list of boys best track and field results to Dan O'Meara at (734) 953-2141 by phone or (734) 591-7279 by fax.

SHOT PUT

Nick Bzadzinski (Redford CC) 54.1
Jon Kava (Redford CC) 51.3
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 51.3
Mike Gaura (Churchill) 49.4
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 49.4
Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 48.9
Mark Snyder (Salem) 47.64
Nate Hansen (Franklin) 47.3/4
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 45.9/2
Scott Genord (Thurston) 45.3

DISCUS

Nick Bzadzinski (Redford CC) 185.1
Guy Diakow (Churchill) 153.0
Mike Morris (Redford CC) 149.9
Scott Genord (Thurston) 148.3
Dustin Wiston (Stevenson) 147.4
Andy Brandt (Salem) 137.0
Lou Willoughby (Redford CC) 136.7
Kurt Plankuch (Stevenson) 136.0
Bryant Lawrence (Thurston) 131.0

JUMP

Chris Kalls (Canton) 6-34
Lynne Boddy (Farmington) 6-2
Ryan Karmey (Churchill) 6-2
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 6-2
Aaron Verhoeven (Redford CC) 6-0
Juan Cortes (Farmington) 5-10
Brad Tucker (Harrison) 5-11
Dave Palmer (Franklin) 5-10
Dermot Dorris (John Glenn) 5-10
C.J. Whitefield (Farmington) 5-10
Paul Karasik (Franklin) 5-10
Darin White (Churchill) 5-10
Matt Michael (Farmington) 5-10

LONG JUMP

Eric Scott (Churchill) 21-3
Kevin Woods (Harrison) 20-10
Ryan Olinger (Lutheran Westland) 20-8
Devon White (Churchill) 20-4
Ugo Okunribun (Canton) 20-4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 20-5
Brent Barlick (Redford CC) 19-11.4
Andre Davis (Harrison) 19-10
Juwon Spinks (Farmington) 19-7.4
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 19-7

POLE VAULT

Joe Frenko (Garden City) 13-6
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 12-6
Ian Billington (Garden City) 12-6
Derek Laskowski (Harrison) 12-0
Ryan Shippert (Franklin) 12-0
Jordan Chapman (Canton) 12-0
Jason Davis (Lutheran Westland) 11-6
Jeff Frederick (Farmington) 11-6
Mike Baskin (Stevenson) 11-0

500-METER HURDLES

Jim Gabriel (N. Farmington) 1:10
Bobby Cushman (Salem) 2:01.5
Jon Little (Salem) 2:02.4
Gabe Coble (Salem) 2:04.2
Charlie Stamboulis (N. Farm.) 2:04.5
Brian Horman (Garden City) 2:06.1
Dave Blossom (Canton) 2:06.3
Adam Martay (Thurston) 2:07.0
Brian Kuszynski (Redford CC) 2:07.3
Jason Scarbrough (Thurston) 2:08.0
Brandon LaPointe (Churchill) 2:08.2

1,600-METER RUN

Josh Burt (Franklin) 4:25.5
Dan Jera (Redford CC) 4:26.5
Charlie Stamboulis (N. Farm.) 4:26.8
Ed Trymer (Garden City) 4:27.5
Maurice Gil (Salem) 4:34.2
Donnie Warner (Salem) 4:34.2
Jon Little (Salem) 4:34.5
Joe Verden (Stevenson) 4:35.3
Nick Allen (Salem) 4:36.0
Eric Bohn (Stevenson) 4:36.7

3,200-METER RUN

Den Jera (Redford CC) 9:33.0
Matt Day (Redford CC) 9:53.6
Jim Curtis (Redford CC) 9:53.7
Ed Trymer (Garden City) 9:56.3
Josh Burt (Franklin) 10:06.0
Joe Verden (Stevenson) 10:10.9
Mark Rapasky (Redford CC) 10:11.0
Nick Allen (Salem) 10:12.3
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:15.0
Jason Rutter (Canton) 10:19.9
Steve Stewart (Franklin) 10:21.0
Donnie Warner (Salem) 10:21.0

400-METER RELAY

Farmington Harrison 44.0
Plymouth Salem 44.4
Farmington 44.5
Livonia Churchill 45.3
Redford Thurston 45.4

800-METER RELAY

Livonia Churchill 1:32.6
Farmington 1:32.8
Plymouth Salem 1:32.9
Plymouth Canton 1:34.2
Farmington Harrison 1:34.3

1,600-METER RELAY

Livonia Franklin 3:30.2
Plymouth Salem 3:31.4
Livonia Churchill 3:32.8
Plymouth Canton 3:33.8
Westland John Glenn 3:35.7

3,200-METER RELAY

Plymouth Salem 8:35.5
Livonia Franklin 8:24.3
Redford Catholic Central 8:24.8
Livonia Stevenson 8:32.1
Livonia Churchill 8:34.5

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS RESULTS

FARMINGTON HIGH 7

LIVONIA STEVENSON 1

May 11 at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Jon Gore (F) def. Matt Demgen, 6-1, 6-3; No. 2: Randy Hassan (F) def. Mahar Salish, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2; No. 3: Max Moore (F) def. Brian Adams, 6-4, 6-0; No. 4: Brendan Cornelissen (LS) def. Hirinder Gill, 6-0, 6-7, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Eric Bruce-Ben Broder (F) def.

Jon Scheel-Brian Budd, 6-3, 6-4; No. 2: Guile Odendaal-Dan Turkovich (F) def. Pat Peterson, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1; No. 3: Hermant Srinivas-Shamlik Trivedi (F) def. Brian Curd-Eric Lammers, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3; No. 4: Chris Hall-Rij Bedi (F) def. Greg Simsen (LS) def. Hirinder Gill, 6-0, 6-7, 6-4.

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how his players could score goals in the second half in an effort to hold the score down but his girls still notched 11.

The game ended some five minutes early anyway, due to the 10-goal differential rule. Farmington is now 6-7-1 overall and 3-3 in the Western Division.

Farmington went to Livonia Stevenson on Wednesday and dropped a 3-0 decision to the annual state powerhouse.

"I didn't feel like we played badly," Neff said. "It was 0-0 at halftime and it took them until four minutes into the second

half to get their first goal.

"They're a good team. To play them 0-0, well, our kids played very hard."

"We had a strong game in goal by Dana Wainin and some good defensive work in front of her."

"They had one scoring opportunity where the ball got by Wainin and and Twendey cleared it out."

"We had attacks on their goal but we didn't get it in. I'm proud of the way we played, though."

North good for a half

Freshman Sarah Pack tallied four goals and added two assists Wednesday, leading Westland John Glenn (3-6-2, 2-3) to a 7-1 WLA-Lakes Division triumph at North Farmington.

Glenn, which led 1-0 at intermission, outscored North 6-1 in second half.

Junior captain Val Kuszynski contributed a goal and three assists. Katie Krause also had two goals and one assist.

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