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North leaves Salem in its wake



North Farmington has faced some tough competition early in the 1998 girls swim season without a lot to show for its effort. That was until Thursday when the Raiders defeated a quality opponent in Plymouth Salem, 98-88.

North Farmington was due for a win in girls swimming, and the Raiders didn't beat just any team Thursday. Coach Pat Duthie's squad was 10 points better than another of the Western Lakes Activities Association's top teams, winning 98-88 over host Plymouth Salem.

"It's always nice to win against Salem, because they have such a good program," Duthie said. "Everyone stepped up and did a nice job."

"The fifth places are as important as the firsts in a meet like this. Everybody made a positive contribution."

The Raiders had started the season with losses to Birmingham Senholm and Livonia Stevenson, but they also had second-place finishes in the WLAA Relays and West Bloomfield Invitational.

"We didn't feel like we weren't doing well," Duthie said. "We were just swimming against people who are better than us in dual meets."

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North had an 88-84 lead going into the 400-yard freestyle relay Thursday. The Raiders finished first and third, outscoring the Rocks 10-4, to clinch the victory.

Lauren Turner, Melissa Navas, Nevra Alver and Lindai McElean won the relay in 3:50.8, and North captured third place with Sara Armstrong, Sarah Paske, Tara Grider and Jennifer Bendick finishing in 4:02.88.

Grider, Alver, Kristen Burke and McElean combined to win the medley relay for the Raiders with a 1:57.22 time.

McElean also won the individual medley (2:19.61), Burke the butterfly (1:04.46), Danielle Blair the 500

freestyle (5:36.58) and Alver the breaststroke (1:11.88).

Blair, a freshman, won her race after finishing fourth in the butterfly two events earlier.

"I was very pleased with that performance," Duthie said. "That's kind of a tough double."

Salem's Lori McKay won the 200 freestyle (2:04.32) and the 100 (58.76), Kathy Kelly the 50 freestyle (26.57) and Kari Foust the backstroke (1:04.21) and April Aquino the diving (174.35).

McKay and Kelly teamed with Monica Glowinski and Sarah Rogers to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:47.15).

The Raiders had second places from

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Falcons win again

Farmington High extended its unbeaten streak in boys soccer to seven games Wednesday with a 3-1 victory over Walled Lake Western.

The Falcons have five wins and two ties during the streak. Farmington is 6-1-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 9-2-2 overall.

Senior Tim Rais scored two goals Wednesday, increasing his season total to 16.

Rais gave the Falcons a 1-0 half-time lead with an assist from Nick Ramirez, who made it a two-goal advantage in the second half.

After the Warriors scored on a free kick from 18 yards, Rais added an insurance goal in the final minute.

Jon Hambouris and Justin Gerasimowski assisted on the second and third goals, respectively. Matt Gasparotto had 14 saves in goal for the Falcons.

"Our defense continues to do a very solid job," Farmington coach Luke Juncay said. "When our defense is on, the whole team does well."

"We have gotten better as the season has progressed. We're a lot more consistent than we were."

"I knew all along we could play this well, but I wasn't sure it was going to happen. It's just a good thing to see all the players doing good things. They're doing it as a team and working well together."

Golfer ties record

Lee Aho tied a course record Thursday to lead Walled Lake Central to a victory over North Farmington in boys golf, 194-203.

Aho shot a two-under-par 33 to match the score shot by Livonia Stevenson's Steve Polanski two weeks earlier.

Mark Hamilton shot 38 for the Vikings, Chris Fyzyk 40, Dom Vitale 41 and Cory Johnson 42.

The Raiders had two players with sub-40 rounds — Brent Bortman (38) and Brandon Finkel (39). Derek Spicer shot 41, Mike Patterson 42, Brady Dwyer 43 and Mark Isler 44. In the JV match, North's Jon Panush fired a hole-in-one, using a 9-iron on the 149-yard 18th hole.

On Monday, Spicer was the medalist in the 22-team Oakland County Division II tournament at White Lake Oaks. He had an 18-hole total of 75. Central won the team title with a 319 score. Novi tied for second place, and North was fourth with a 324 team score.

Also contributing to the North total were Mike Barnett (81), Dwyer (84), Isler (84) and Finkel (91).

Hawks win close one

Farmington Harrison, which had its share of close losses this year, was on the right side of a close score Thursday when it upset Plymouth Salem, 198-199.

The Hawks finished the dual-meet season with their lowest average in school history for five players (200.3). That breaks down to average of 40.06 strokes for 55 rounds.

Harrison also finished with a 5-6 record in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Chris Scott shot a 1-under-par 35 at San Marino Golf Course to lead the Hawks. Brian Grohman reported 38, Matt Lee 40, Corey Miller 42, Kevin Geary 43 and Kenny Lee 48.

Raiders honor Holland

North Farmington variety football players (1962-1983) are invited to attend a reunion and celebration in honor of former coach Ron Holland.

Holland coached the Raiders and was later athletic director, retiring in June after 38 years with Farmington Public Schools.

There will be a golf outing and dinner on Friday, Oct. 9. Following a luncheon, the North Farmington football field will be renamed in Holland's honor on Saturday, Oct. 10.

For more information call Don Robie at (248) 853-1288.

Carbo Baseball School

The Bernie Carbo Baseball School will conduct individual and small group clinics in power pitching, fielding and hitting.

Philadelphia Phillies minor league hurler Mark Rutherford will assist as an instructor.

For fall and winter appointments, call (734) 421-4928.

Loss ends Harrison hoop run

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Plymouth Canton played like you would expect a Plymouth Canton team to play, and that was bad news for the Farmington Harrison girls basketball team.

Always well-schooled in the fundamentals, the host Chiefs were in fine form Thursday, executing all aspects of the game well while defeating the Hawks, 62-42.

Both teams are 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Canton is 6-3 overall. Harrison saw a four-game winning streak end and slips to 5-4.

"Offensively, I thought we had a solid game," Canton coach Bob Blohm said. "A lot of scores in this game were the result of some great passes, and that's

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a tribute to every kid who was on the floor.

"Passing and catching has been our trademark, and the kids take pride in it."

The Chiefs were pretty good on defense, too, limiting the Hawks to 4-of-20 shooting from three-point range.

Canton's aggressive, man-to-man defense made it difficult for Harrison to shoot the three and permitted few uncontested looks.

"We played some pretty solid team defense," Blohm said, adding the Chiefs were in foul trouble as a result. "We need to be able to play man defense as well as we do without fouling."

(The Hawks) created some of that, too, because they're either shooting the three or driving at you. They're a hard team to defend; the three keeps coming at you.

"For the most part, we chased it. There were only a few times we didn't get to the ball in time."

Senior Jonnell Tweitmeyer scored a

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Raiders defeat rival Falcons



Studying the situation: North Farmington's Samantha McComb runs the offense while Jamie Jakacki plays defense for Farmington High. McComb matched her career high with 30 points Thursday as the Raiders defeated the Falcons, 66-27. See story about the game on Page D2.

Raiders beat Rockets to finish line — twice



STAFF PHOTO BY BRIAN MITCHELL
The winner: North's Charlie Stamboulis

North Farmington was a double winner in cross country Thursday, defeating Westland John Glenn in the girls and boys races at Cass Benton Park.

Both teams are 1-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 2-3 overall.

Glenn had the No. 1 runner in the girls contest, Sharon Ryan with a 21:05 time, but North put the next five girls across the finish line to decide the issue, 20-37.

Heidi Frank was close on the heels of Ryan and placed second (21:06). She was followed by teammates Karen Beckli (22:11), Kori Rothman (22:38), Holly Stockton (22:55) and Amanda Dobkowski (23:21).

North's Amy Newman put herself between the third and fourth Glenn runners, finishing ninth (23:35), and Cristina Bozinta, who was seventh for the Raiders and 12th overall (24:00).

"I was very pleased with our performance today," North coach Bill Finnell said. "The girls came in ready to compete and all ran very strong races."

"It was good to see the girls closer together. We're starting to close the gap and also moving to a new level on our times."

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In addition to the others, North's Shannon Harney (24:30) and Nina Bianchi (24:38) were 13th and 14th with personal best times.

In the boys race, Charlie Stamboulis led the Raiders to a 24-31 victory, finishing in first place with a 16:59 time.

North's Matt Wiegand was third (17:27), Mike Millat fifth (17:50), Ethan Goodman seventh (18:28), Isaac Kaufman eighth (18:29), Jimmy Lala 11th (18:50) and Andrew Hathaway 12th (18:55).

"Charlie Stamboulis is starting to drop some good time, as are Wiegand and Millat," North coach Paul Welch said. "We have a ways to go with our fourth and fifth guys, but all in all the (race results) are a good sign."

Josh Keyes was second (17:05) for Glenn, P.J. Wolucko fourth (17:39), Justin Keyes sixth (18:00), Kevin Durigan ninth (18:39) and David Teets 10th (18:44).

Also running well for the Raiders, according to Welch, were Greg Seaman (19:35), Andy Karl (19:39), Alec Tomasin (19:45), Yaniv Brandvain (19:46) and Fritz

Schultes (20:27).

Coach encouraged by times

Coach Anne Badyniec liked what she saw from her Farmington High girls despite a 16-51 loss Thursday to Plymouth Salem.

The Falcons had little chance against one of the state's best teams but still ran well in their own right.

"I'm the happiest I've been with my kids all season," Badyniec said, adding the top six ran personal bests. "We couldn't run any better than we did, so I'm very pleased with my girls. I think we've finally turned the corner."

Farmington freshman Megan Annarino prevented Salem from taking the top seven places, breaking up a block of Rocks with a fifth-place finish (22:00).

Freshman Colleen Lockhart ran 22:21, senior Kristin DeBorde 22:27, senior Becky Lidgley 22:41, sophomore Julie Power 22:55, junior Betsey Luckascheit 22:58 and junior Fallon James 23:21.

Senior Michelle Martin (23:54) and sophomore Heather Derwinski (23:40) also ran well, Badyniec added.

The Falcons are 2-2 in dual meets.