

Rocks onstage favorite to win league tourney

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Plymouth Salem was more than ready for Tuesday's Western Lakes Activities Association boys golf tournament at Hudson Mills.

Walled Lake Central, undefeated in WLAA dual meets, came in as the team to beat, but the Rocks, led by medalist Erik Krueger and runner-up Adam Wilson, upstaged the field with a 398 total.

Central and defending Plymouth Canton each shot 405, but Central won the tiebreaker for second place based on a lower score for its sixth man.

Two tournament results. "That's a good score under 400," said Salem coach Rick Wilson, whose team was 8-3 in WLAA duals. "We wanted to win this tournament. We were looking forward to it."

"And it was fun to see them play like they did today."

The Rocks, decked in matching blue and white striped shirts, were solid from top to bottom. It also helped they got in a practice round Sunday at Hudson Mills.

Krueger's 4-over 75 was followed by Wilson's 76.

Ryan Nimmerguth and Mark Doughty shot 81 and 82, respectively, while Matt Leon and

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Mike Thackberry added 84 and 86, for Salem.

The conditions were fairly ideal for early October — warm, but a bit on the windy side.

"The par-4s played long and on the par-3s club selection was important," said Wilson, whose Rocks have captured the WLAA tournament three of the past four years. "And the greens are most difficult. You have to putt because they all hit the ball well enough."

Krueger, an All-Division pick last year, certainly had his 'A' game going.

He outlasted a stellar field that included Michigan Amateur runner-up Steve Polanski of Livonia Stevenson and Westland John Glenn's Chris Tompkins, who recently made a verbal commitment to play at Eastern Michigan.

"I could tell Erik was going to play well, he looked good on the range," Wilson said.

Krueger was paired up with Roy Rabe of Stevenson, Cory Johnson of Central and Ryan Shamrock of Glenn.

"I felt I was on my game today and I wished I could have made a couple of more putts," Krueger said. "But my lag putts were good and my driver came back

alive. I hit a lot of greens."

Wilson, like Krueger, is a senior. He birdied four holes.

"I hit the ball pretty well," said Wilson, an All-Conference pick last year. "But my short game could have been a little better."

"I've played here (Hudson Mills) a lot — in tournaments, and last year, so I was pretty familiar with the course."

Canton's Jon Johnson, who tied Wilson for second with a 76, also made the all-conference team along with teammate Ben Tucker, Polanski, Brian Grohman of Farmington Hills, Harrison and Derek Spicer of North Farmington — all carding 77s.

Under the combined WLAA dual-meet season and tournament meet calculated formula, Central finished first overall followed by Salem, second; Canton, third; Livonia Churchill and Northville, tied for fourth; Harrison, Stevenson and John Glenn, tied for sixth; North, ninth; Walled Lake Western, 10th; Farmington, 11th; and Franklin, 12th.

But on this day, it was Salem which proved to be the best under an 18-hole format.

The next action for WLAA teams will be Friday at regional tournaments around the area.

WEEK AHEAD

PEEP FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 9
Dearborn at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Highland Park at Redford Union, 7 p.m.
Tay, Huron at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.
Hartland at Cleareville, 7:30 p.m.
Churchill at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.
Northville at Franklin, 7:30 p.m.
Farmington at Stevenson, 7:30 p.m.
John Glenn at Salem (CEP), 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Canton at Harrison, 1 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farm., 1 p.m.
Merivale at Thurston, 1 p.m.
Cranbrook at Luth. Westland, 1 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Mount Carmel at B.U. at Westfield, 1 p.m.
Redford CC vs. Divine Child at D.H. Crestwood, 1:30 p.m.
Dorress at Det. Essexville, 2 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Thursday, Oct. 8
Luth. West at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Mt. Carmel at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.
Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Salem, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at N. Farm., 7 p.m.
Allen Park at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Dearborn at Garden City, 7 p.m.
Thurston at Crestwood, 7 p.m.
Redford Union at Southgate, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

Agape at Saline Christian, 5:45 p.m.
Dishop Dorress at Merry, 7 p.m.
Ledywood at Marian, 7 p.m.
St. Elizabeth vs. PCA, 7:30 p.m.
Huron Valley vs. Inter-City at Marshall Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Thursday, Oct. 8
Saline Christian at PCA, 4:30 p.m.
CC at Toledo St. John, 5 p.m.
Fordson at Redford Union, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9

Wayne at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
Garden City at Allen Park, 4 p.m.
PCA at Macomb Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Agape at Saline Christian, 4:30 p.m.
Thurston at Taylor Kennedy, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Harrison at Canton, 1 p.m.
METS COLLEGE SOCCER
Saturday, Oct. 10
Lake and at Schoolcraft, 1 p.m.
Agape at Macomb, 2 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE VOLLEYBALL
Thursday, Oct. 8
Oakland CC at Schoolcraft, 7 p.m.



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Preparing to putt: Farmington senior Chris Katcherian studies the situation Tuesday in the WLAA tourney.

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Oct. 8 at Hudson Mills

and Northville; 6. (tie) Harrison, Stevenson and John Glenn; 9. N. Farmington; 10. W.L. Western; 11. Farmington; 12. Franklin.

COUNTRY DAY INVITATIONAL

Oct. 8 at Oakland Hills Country Club

Team standings: 1. Detroit Country Day, 327; 2. Birmingham School, 327; 3. West Bloomfield, 334; 4. Farmington-Harrison, 334. Farmington and North Farmington had team scores of 354 each. Ten teams participated.

Hanson scores: Kewy Lee, 79; Matt Lee, 84; Brian Grohman, 85; Chris Scott, 86; Mike Palmer, 91; Kevin Geary, 99.

Individual medals: Erik Krueger (PS), 75.

Ad-Conference: Adam Wilson (PS), 76; Jon Johnson (PC), 76; Steve Polanski (S), 77; Brad Goodman (FH), 77; Ben Tucker (PC), 77; Derek Spicer (NF), 77.

Ad-Division: Matt Lee (FH), 78; Cory Johnson (WLC), 78; Tom Feltz (LF), 79; Lee Aho (WLC), 79; Randall Bobo (LC), 79; Brian Arndt (H), 80; Tom Borda (N), 80; Roy Rabe (LS), 80; Marc Dorn (H), 80; Mike Hamilton (WLC), 80; Sean Conway (H), 80.

TEAM-BY-TEAM SCORES

Salem (398): Erik Krueger, 75; Adam Wilson, 76; Ryan Nimmerguth, 81; Mark Doughty, 82; Matt Leon, 84; Mike Thackberry, 86.

Canton (405): Cory Johnson, 78; Lee Aho, 79; Mike Hamilton, 80; Chris Pysk, 81; Matt King, 87; Don Vialle, 90.

Central (405): Jon Johnson, 76; Ben Tucker, 77; Derek Lineberry, 82; Matt Rosol, 86; Justin Allen, 84; Nick Loviere, 93.

Northville (408): Tom Borda, Sean Conway, Brian Arndt, Marc Dorn, 80 each; Gus Becker, 86; Greg Rankin, 90.

Churchill (409): Randall Bobo, 79; Brad DeLoe, 81; Evan Chai and Mike Lightbody, 82 each; Tom Fitzstephens, 85; Jeff Hunter, 92.

Harrison (413): Brian Grohman, 77; Matt Lee, 78; Chris Scott, 82; Ken Lee, 83; Kevin Geary, 91; Corey Miller, disqualified.

N. Farmington (413): Derek Spicer, 77; Mike Barnett, 78; Brandon Finkel, 82; Brady Dwyer, 86; Jon Panush, 92; Mike Patterson, 90.

Stevenson (415): Steve Polanski, 77; Roy Rabe, 80; Kevin Yuhaz and Mike Eyrberg, 85 each; Matt D'Amico, 85; David Vance, 89.

John Glenn (418): Chris Tompkins and Justin Fendelot, 81 each; Brian Reed, 82; Ryan Shamrock, 86; Jeremy Fendelot, 88; Rich Suda, 90.

W.L. Western (420): Steve Sobczek, 81; Jason Kane, 84; Ralph Martello, 85; Scott Williams, 87; Randy Burt, 89; Terence Wilerson, 90.

Farmington (423): Chris Katcherian, 82; Don Kimmel and Jon Wright, 85 each; Ian Pardonette, 89; Brad Bono, 91; Joe Kriemer, 92.

Franklin (444): Tony Feltz, 79; Tim Kufel, 80; Scott Viazar, 90; Mike Kearney, 92; Mike Wallace, 98; Chris Griffin, 99.

DIVISION DUAL-MEET CHAMPIONS

Western: Churchill and Canton, 4-3 each.

Lakes: W.L. Central, 5-0.

Detroit: W.L. Central, 11-0.

Final conference standings: 1. W.L. Central; 2. Salem; 3. Canton; 4. (tie) Churchill

TENNIS

NORTH FARMINGTON 6

WALLED LAKE CENTRAL 2
Oct. 2 at North Farmington

No. 1 singles: Bethany Nestor (NF) def. Sarah Schreiber, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Liz Schaar (NF) def. Shannon Kroll, 6-1, 6-1; No. 3: Katie Decker (WLC) def. Natalie Myre, 7-6, 6-3; No. 4: Kelly Henzie (WLC) def. Julie Mattman, 6-3, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Sarah Kay-Alison Kay (NF) def. Rachel Rothberg-Mary Wickham, 6-1, 6-2; No. 2: Joyce Chung-Julie Shinder (NF) def. Megan Caswell-Julia Hoonhor, 6-2, 0-1; No. 3: Shreya Shah-Marissa Sloan (NF) def. Tina Lasky-Kelley Rydell, 7-5, 6-0; No. 4: Lori Scherz-Jane Gazman (NF) def. Julie Cross-Julie Goghoski, 7-5, 6-1.

NORTH FARMINGTON 7

PLYMOUTH SALEM 1
Oct. 3 at Plymouth Salem

No. 1 singles: Bethany Nestor (NF) def. Amanda Miller, 6-4, 6-2; No. 2: Liz Schaar (NF) def. Molly Martin, 6-1, 6-2; No. 3: Sarah Kay (NF) def. Sarah Kimmel, 6-0, 6-0; No. 4: Natalie Myre (NF) def. Jacqui Stecher, 6-4, 6-1.

No. 1 doubles: Joyce Chung-Julie Shinder (NF) def. Megan Dora-Erin Griffin, 6-3, 7-6; No. 2: Marissa Sloan-Shreya Shah (NF) def. Kelly LeHeve-Samantha Gulle, 6-3, 6-2; No. 3: Neha Patel-Kristin Thomas (PS) def. Gina Potts-Alison Kay, 1-0, 6-4, 4-6; No. 4: Julie Mattman-Jenna Street (NF) def. Alicia Zuber-Zarina Wahab, 6-0, 6-1.

NORTH FARMINGTON 8

LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0
Sept. 28 at North Farmington

No. 1 singles: Bethany Nestor (NF) def. Cherie Berner, 6-0, 6-1; No. 2: Liz Schaar (NF) def. Karen Kotzko, 6-1, 6-0; No. 3: Sarah Kay (NF) def. Danielle Onda, 6-1, 6-0; No. 4: Natalie Myre (NF) def. Heather Crookston, 6-0, 6-0.

No. 1 doubles: Joyce Chung-Julie Shinder (NF) def. Abby Wojtowicz, 6-0, 6-0; No. 2: Marissa Sloan-Shreya Shah (NF) def. Lauren Wilmans-Danielle Coleman, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3: Gina Potts-Alison Kay (NF) def. Michelle Dijk-Christina Clutter, 4-6, 6-0, 6-1; No. 4: Sarah Williams-Jane Gazman (NF) def. Lisa Winkler-Tina Steyer, 6-1, 6-1.

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