

# Falcons have 2-0 start; Raiders also unbeaten

BY DAN O'NEALA  
PLAY WRITER

The players made Steve Montgomery a winner in his debut as Farmington High's varsity soccer coach, starting the season Wednesday with a 3-1 defeat at visiting Milford.

"We looked good and I think we're going to have a good team," Montgomery said. "I think we're very solid with 14 players."

The score is not indicative of how well we played. We pretty much controlled the game; we won the 50-50 balls.

"For the first time out, I was very happy with how we played."

The Falcons finished the first week of the season undefeated (2-0) after taking a 2-1 victory Friday from visiting South Lyon.

The defense played especially well Wednesday, and that was due in part to some lineup changes, according to Montgomery.

Shanna Barkume played

## SOCCER

sweeper, allowing Erica Rose to play defensive mid, and Beth Kolacki moved from forward to outside mid.

Catherine Brouillette, Shanna Barkume and Julia Gottlicher were very sound on offense and played great," Montgomery said.

"Our midfield took care of business. Lorianne DeDomenico played center mid and had an outstanding game, also. She really controlled the front half."

Kara Tweedie also excelled in the midfield, along with Kolacki and Rose, he added. The Falcons led 2-0 at halftime on goals by Rose and Kolacki, who played well.

Milford (0-2) scored on a long ball, breakaway goal in the second half. DeDomenico added an insurance goal with an assist

from Kelly Lewis. Farmington's goalie, Dana Wantin made six saves. The Falcons play Monday at Grosse Pointe North, which is ranked No. 10 in Division 2.

Tuesday and DeDomenico scored the goals Friday. DeDomenico assisted on the first goal and had an unassisted, breakaway goal herself. The Falcons, who had another goal called back, led 2-0 at halftime. Barkume, Molly Jud, Gottlicher, Rose and DeDomenico had standout performances, according to Montgomery.

"We pretty much dominated the game," he said, adding the Falcons had 21 shots. "We just have to get more going in. We have to work on finishing."

Raiders stay unbeaten North Farmington regrouped at halftime Wednesday and rallied to defeat visiting West Bloomfield, 2-1.

The Raiders, who trailed 1-0 at halftime, improved their early-season record to 2-0.

"It's wonderful; it's nice to see

the girls have enough faith in themselves to keep fighting toward the end of a game like this," North coach Tim Russell said. "The biggest thing is having the confidence they're going to come back if they get behind."

West Bloomfield scored its only goal shortly before halftime when a defensive miscell opened the door for the Lakers. The ball just barely crossed the goal line, according to Russell.

"That was disheartening; we played a good half," he said. "We put a lot of pressure on them in the second half."

"Basically, the ball was in their end almost the entire (second) half. It was pretty even the first half, and we opened it up in the second."

The adjustment we made was working both sides of the field. We started moving the ball all around the field and opened it up."

Megan Galle also scored the winning goal for the Raiders after a long pass from Anna Kluksa.

"I told (Kluksa) not to pass in her veto," Russell said. "The shot was perfectly placed; there was no way (the goalie) was going to get it."

Although she didn't score in the scoring, Adams was the best player on the field, according to Russell.

"She was all over the place, and she earned the P.M.," he said. "She was coming back and helping us defend, making some nice crosses, running the wings and center. She was terrific."

All Edwards and Joyce Chung essentially shut down their pitcher, Erin Kneib. Edwards scored three goals on us last year. West Bloomfield likes to go through her a lot, and we just took the ball off her foot."

Ashley Lynch had another strong game at sweeper, and Jackie Tate had a great game at

forward.

"We took a lot of pressure (North goalie Anna Kluksa) was a strong defense. I think they had five shots on goal, so we were able to keep them out."

The Raiders play Monday at 7 p.m. Monday at visiting South Lyon.

Marlene post game. Kristin Plimpton scored the winning goal for the Raiders, making it a 2-1 victory. Kristin scored on a penalty kick, and Kluksa had an unassisted goal.

The Raiders, 2-0 overall and 1-0 in the Catholic League, 2-0 on the field, played a 2-1 victory over the Raiders.

"We dominated the game," Merry coach Bruce Larabell said. "We played very well, better than we did Monday (against Woodhaven). We worked the ball around and were able to control the game."

## Girls track & field from page B1

won the regional title and was fourth in the WLAA. Sophomores Kiersten Cummings, Tina Frank and Lieberman represent the future in that event.

In addition to Cummings, other hurdlers are sophomore Jenny Jary, junior Bussey Obayen, Tina Frank and Bortin.

The Raiders start the season Thursday at home against Northville. The city meet is Monday, May 8, at North.

"We have some strong people in just about every area, and that's why I think we'll be competitive in dual meets," Pinnell said. "In the big meets, I think we'll do fine, because we have some big scorers."

"Some of the young athletes have to step up, so we have the depth to do well in dual meets."

Farmington Harrison

Mark Babcock, who begins his

20th season coaching the Farmington Harrison girls team, needs just one word to describe this year's squad: improved.

"I have to go back a long way to find a better group of seniors than we have this year," he said. "I think we have better balance than we've had. We have some decent athletes everywhere."

"If you look at our team, you won't see a Devron Kennedy, an Allison Noe or an Emily Mayberry, but we have groups of people in events that are pretty respectable."

The Hawks could be most improved in the distance events with senior captain Lynn Andzejewski, sophomores Christine Metry and Clara Fletcher and junior Lauren Liebowitz, who also plays soccer.

"I've never had a crossover athlete in my 20 years, but she's an exceptional athlete," Babcock

said, adding Liebowitz has cross country experience.

"As a whole, it may be the best distance group we've had. We've had some good individuals, but I think it's the best group I can remember."

Harrison lost an excellent hurdler in Mayberry to graduation but returns senior Amanda Gardner, the defending city champ in the 300 hurdles, and senior captain Lisa Rosemary in the 100.

Rosemary is one of the team's top sprinters and will be a key part of the sprint relays. Senior Angel Todd, sophomore Angela Fodor and freshman Shelby Gribeck will play key roles, too.

The Hawks should be better in the 400 and 800, according to Babcock. Fletcher is the best half-miler and will run the mile relay.

Senior Gaybriel Newton and

freshman Maggie Condini are the leading throwers, and senior Courtney Whitfield, who tried throwing last year and did well, could be a bonus in those events.

Sophomores Julieta Iarina and Laura Uridge return in the pole vault.

Harrison has a lot of newcomers in the long jump, and freshman Shelby Gribeck has been the most impressive so far.

Gribeck and Condini also excel in the high jump.

"They're new but I would say they're two of our best overall athletes," Babcock said. "These two are easy to spot over there."

Harrison, which finished last in the WLAA and was winless in dual meets, starts the season Thursday at Farmington. The Hawks have their largest squad in Babcock's two decades with 60

members.

"This senior group takes charge. That attitude was forged after last year," Babcock said. "They have a lot of determination to change things and improve."

"There was a lot of changeover in the league. Canton and Churchill will be pretty decent on our side, and I hope we will be, too."

## "Dual Parts John Grisham & John Feinstein"



Unwritten in the annals of the sporting world is the story of a man with unlimited potential who was denied his rightful place in the lore of golf. His story remained a mystery for so many years, yet it wasn't a mystery at all.

"If you have ever played just one round of golf, and appreciate clear, spare writing with a touch of *To Kill a Mockingbird*, you will love this book."

—Edwin Pope, *Miami Herald*

Autographed copies available while supplies last

1 800 497 2323  
sleepingbearpress.com

Sleeping Bear Press

THINK FORD FIRST!  
Metro Detroit Ford Dealers

WJR 760 AM 760  
PRESENT  
High School  
ATHLETE of the WEEK

sponsored by  
THE  
Observer & Eccentric  
NEWSPAPERS  
Hurry To Hear News...  
It's all about you!



★  
LAST WEEK'S WINNER  
Louis "Brian" Kistic  
Garden City  
Garden City High School  
Presented by  
Jack Demmer Ford in Wayne

Tune in WJR 760 AM each Friday at 7:40 a.m. and hear the Athlete of the Week announced on Paul W. Smith's morning show.

To submit your nomination for the High School Athlete of the Week:  
1. Send us up to one page of information about the athlete's involvement in sports, community, academic achievements and any awards he/she has received. Include the name of the high school and a picture of the athlete.  
2. Include your name and daytime phone number.  
3. Send your nomination to:

WJR 760 AM  
2100 Fisher Building, Detroit, MI 48202  
Attention: Athlete of the Week  
or  
FAX TO: 313-875-1988  
Tune in to WJR 760 AM Friday morning to hear the winner announced!

HOCKEYTOWN  
Authentics

"THE OFFICIAL RED WINGS' STORE"

It's like the Red Wings locker room,  
minus the smell.



1845 E. Big Beaver Road  
(Located at the corner of Big Beaver and John R)  
10 AM - 9 PM, Monday through Saturday • Noon - 5 PM, Sunday

BE SURE TO CATCH YOUR RED WINGS ON T.V. THIS WEEK

TONIGHT vs. MONTREAL • 7:30pm on FOX  
FRIDAY, APRIL 7 vs. WASHINGTON • 7:30pm on FOX  
Every game broadcast live on WJR 760AM