

Churchill pulls even with Harrison in division

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It was a nail-biter, just like a late-night Stanley Cup playoff overtime game.

But this was girls softball Friday afternoon under the warm sun. This time host Livonia Churchill emerged the winner in eight innings against Farmington Harrison, 1-0.

Churchill notched its ninth straight victory to move to 9-2 overall and 3-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Harrison falls to 5-5-1 overall and 3-1 in the division.

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Churchill sophomore pitcher Meghan Misiak averted jams in the second, fourth and seventh innings to pick up the win. She struck out 12, scattered six hits and did not walk a batter.

Harrison senior left-hander Lindsey Emmott, who had won divisional games on her two previous birthdays, was equal to her counterpart, allowing just four hits, while fanning five and walking just two (both in the sixth inning).

The lone run came across the plate in the bottom of the eighth.

Lead-off batter Sallie Kuratko singled, went to second on a wild pitch and took third on ground-out to second.

Christine Fones then popped a slow shot to the right side of the infield. The squibbler was mis-handled as she beat the throw to first base, scoring Kuratko with the game-winner.

"We've been in some pressure situations this year and have had a lot of close, extra inning games," said Churchill coach Dana Hardwidge, whose team beat Westland John Glenn on Wednesday in eight innings, 3-2. "We dodged some bullets early in the game and then they (Harrison) started dodging some later on."

"I thought our defense came up big in the beginning of the game when they had people on. We made some big plays and looked like a poised team."

Harrison center fielder Kristin Schrock came up with a defensive gem in the bottom of the seventh. With one-out, she caught a fly off the bat of Courtney Cross and she cut down pinch-runner Renee Ritz at home plate with the potential game-winning run to keep the game scoreless.

In the second inning, Harrison's Jennelle Welling and Emmott each singled, but were left stranded. The final out came when Misiak threw past catcher Sheila Gillies, but the Churchill

sophomore backstop recovered the ball in time to pick off pinch-runner Ellery Diem at the plate.

In the fourth, Kelly Taylor double and Emmott collected her second hit on a bunt with one-out, but both runners were frozen when Misiak struck out the next two hitters.

Harrison's bottom half of the batting order went 0-for-12.

"We had runners at first and third, second and third and one-out and couldn't get the hit we needed," Harrison coach Mike Teachman said. "We also tried to go to the bunts and couldn't execute them."

"I figured it would be a 1-0 or 2-1 game. And in a 1-0 game the team that wins doesn't make the

last mistake.

"But it was a pretty good softball game."

Harrison, like Churchill, has been in some close battles this spring.

"Four of our losses are by one run or have come during the last at-bat," Teachman said.

The win keeps Churchill in the Western Division race, one game behind unbeaten Plymouth Canton.

"Our division does not have a weak team," Hardwidge said. "Anytime you show up, you have to play hard to win the game."

Emmett is a pretty good pitcher. And a left-hander, always makes a little bit harder."

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Falcons stay unbeaten in Lakes

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The pitching was near perfect; the defense was perfect when host Farmington and North Farmington met on the softball diamond Thursday.

That explains why only one run was needed to decide a superbly-played contest.

Farmington had another solid

SOFTBALL

performance from pitcher Melissa Mytty and a timely hit by Tricia Krause to edge North, 1-0.

The win keeps the Falcons in first place on their side (Lakes Division) of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Farmington is 4-0 in the division and 7-5 overall; North falls

to 2-2 and 5-6.

Mytty held the Raiders to just three hits and posted 13 strikeouts, she hit one batter.

Neither she nor North pitcher Beth Danielowicz walked a batter. The Falcons had six hits off Danielowicz, who struck out six.

Neither team made an error.

"Melissa has been pitching outstanding all year," Farmington coach Jerry Osborne said. "We had two great pitchers on the mound, and the game was decided the way it's supposed to be — by the players."

Meghan O'Rear, Goetzke and Krause had two hits apiece for Farmington. Samantha McComb had two of North's three hits.

O'Rear threw out McComb trying to steal to end the first inning after McComb hit a two-out single.

"(The Falcons) got the clutch hit when they needed it, and we stranded people at third base twice," North coach Dave Brubaker said.

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"The bottom line is we made the plays today. When you make plays behind a good pitcher, you're going to win a lot of ball games."

Besides having the game-winning hit, Krause made a big defensive play in center field.

North's Staci Russell started the sixth inning with a drive to deep center, forcing Krause to retreat to the warning track to make a back-hand catch.

The Falcons scored their run in the fifth. Goetzke led off with a single and was sacrificed to second and third by Meghan Young and Julie Rothenberger. Krause followed with an RBI single.

"It's just a great win for us," Osborne said. "It was a great day for Sarah Goetzke and an outstanding day for Tricia Krause."

LADYWOOD 6-2, MERCY 4-5: Livonia Ladywood handed state-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy its first Catholic League Central Division loss of the season in the opener as sophomore catcher Meghan Wilkenson made a pair of triples, a double and four RBI.

Mercy came back to win the night cap, 5-2, on Alex Duda's two-run triple, which broke a 2-2 deadlock in the sixth inning.

The Marlins are 7-1 in the division and 18-2 overall; the Blazers stand at 3-5 and 4-10.

Ladywood freshman Shawn Fallon (25), who worked the first six innings before giving way to Shelly Moros, was the winning pitcher in the opener. She gave up four hits, five walks and hit two batters.

Erin Howard, who went the distance for Mercy, took the loss. She struck out three, while allowing 11 hits and one walk.

Patty Kolinski added two hits for Ladywood, while Kathy Day and Cathie Rosperski each knocked in runs.

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2000 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 275-1870.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

AUSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Donohue, Director Gosa, Director Guzman, City Manager Lauboff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Pack #110, Cub master Patrick Dwyer.

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of April 17, 2000 were approved as submitted.

Council recognized Cub master of Pack #110, Mr. Patrick Dwyer, for his years of service to scouting.

Pat Shelton, Chairperson of the Beautification Commission, updated Council on Commission events planned for May.

Minutes of other Boards were received and filed.

Council issued a proclamation proclaiming the month of May as "Keep Farmington Beautiful" Month.

Council granted permission to change the date for Kids' Day in Shilawassee Park from June 20, 2000 to Thursday, June 22, 2000 from noon to 6:00 p.m. and to allow the closing of Raphael and Shilawassee Streets.

Council tabled a request for a sign variance at 23303-339 Orchard Lake Road.

Council appointed Suzanne Paul to the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors for a term expiring February, 2003.

Council approved publication of a Public Hearing Notice for the Proposed FY 2000-01 Budget and Property Tax Rate.

Council approved Budget Amendment No. 2 for Fiscal Year 1999-2000.

Council introduced Ordinance No. C-668-2000 for electrical and gas supply franchises.

Public comments were heard.

Department of Public Services Director, Kevin Guzman, updated Council on the Road Improvement Program schedule for this construction year.

There were no Council comments or announcements.

Council adopted Ordinance No. C-667-2000 to amend Chapter 35, Section 35-206, Subsection (A-3) Cellular Tower and Antenna.

Council received and filed the Financial Reports for the quarter ended March 31, 2000.

Council approved the Monthly Payments Report for April, 2000.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

WILLIAM K. HARTSOCK, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: May 15, 2000
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
31555 Eleven Mile Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48336

ITEM: Planned Unit Development Plan 2, 2000

The City of Farmington Hills City Council will give formal consideration to Planned Unit Development (PUD) Plan #2, 2000, which proposes to develop a Walgreen's Drug Store in B-3, General Business District; P-1, Vehicular Parking District; and RC-3, Multiple-Family District classifications. The property involved is located on the North side of Grand River Avenue abutting Colwell and St. Francis Avenues, and is more particularly described as follows:

Sideview #23-35-481-018; 23-36-480-010 & 017; 23-36-480-023, 025, 026, 027, 028, 029. A part of the East 1/4 of Section 36, T1N, R2E, City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan. Containing 1.82 Acres.

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The applicant in this matter is Steven J. Schafer, Phoenix Land Development.

Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Planned Unit Development Plan request. The Planned Unit Development request and the Zoning Text and Map may be reviewed at the Planning Department, City of Farmington Hills, on any business day between 9:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

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Mercy hurler Megan Feduk won the nightcap as she scattered nine hits and one walk over seven innings. She struck out seven.

Moros (2-5), the losing pitcher went five innings, allowing nine hits.

Krystal Shina and Carrie Brankiewicz each had two hits for the Marlins.

Fallon had two hits, including a triple, to lead the Blazers. Wilkenson contributed an RBI double, while Rosperski had an RBI single.

NORTHVILLE 2, FARMINGTON 1: The host Mustangs scored twice in the bottom of the sixth inning Wednesday to erase a one-run lead for the Falcons.

Northville outlit Farmington, 4-1, but scored both runs on wild pitches. Melissa Mytty struck out 12 and walked two.

Becky DePottter had the only hit for the Falcons, who scored their run on an error.

R. FARMINGTON 3, CANTON 0: Beth Danielowicz pitched a one-hitter Wednesday as the Raiders earned a gratifying win over perennial power Plymouth Canton in a WLAAs crossover game.

North scored three runs in the 10th inning to win it. Chrissy King and Alyssa Stanbridge drove in runs with a fielder's choice and a single, respectively. The other run scored on a passed ball.

Canton pitcher Laura Stewart struck out 17 and walked two. She allowed just three hits. Danielowicz and Samantha McComb had the other North hits.

SALEM 8, HARRISON 5: The visiting Rocks used a three-run sixth inning to overcome a 5-3 lead by the Hawks.

Salem's Dawn Allen went 3-for-3 and had three RBI. She knocked in the first run of the sixth inning with a triple.

The Rocks scored their other runs in the sixth on an error and an infield grounder.

Kim Spaulding went 3-for-4 with a double to lead the Hawks. She had one RBI, stole three bases and scored two runs.

Leslie Schrock pitched the first four innings for Harrison, allowing three runs on five hits, but the loss went to Lindsey Emmett, who worked the last three innings.

Uz Dekarske started for Salem; the winner was Jackie Stabodnick, who entered in the fifth after Emmett hit a leadoff homer.

The Hawks had trouble adjusting to Stabodnick's slower delivery, according to Harrison coach Mike Teachman, and hit nothing but ground balls and pop-ups off her.

Both teams had seven hits. Salem made three errors, Harrison one.