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innings for the win. Rice had five hits; Picard fanned five and walked none.

Ian Pardonnet and Barone hit a three-RBI apiece. Pardonnet hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning to invoke the mercy rule; Barone had a double and a bases-loaded walk.

Hippler contributed a two-run double; Luttman, Pardonnet and Burcar collected two hits apiece, and Luttman and Burcar, who scored three runs, chipped in one RBI each.

Rice won the first game, 6-3. Andy Brown pitched 5½ innings and took the loss. The Warriors had a 7-4 edge in hits. Burcar, always the hitter, went 2-for-4 and scored a run.

On Wednesday, Farmington lost to Plymouth Canton, 6-3. The Falcons had the tying run at the plate when the game ended.

Barone went 4-for-4 with a home run and two RBIs, and Burcar was 2-for-3 and scored a run. Houchins was the losing pitcher.

HARRISON 5, FRANKLIN 4: Unbeaten Farmington Harrison (8-0, 3-0) rolled to a WIAA Western Division triumph Friday

over host Livonia Franklin (2-6, 0-3) as junior Drew Stanton went 4-for-4 with five RBIs.

Nick Vitanja had three hits for the Hawks. Kevin Zerbe added two runs and two RBIs, while Jake Channan contributed two hits and knocked in a hit.

Winning pitcher Rob Whipple held Franklin scoreless for five innings. He struck out three, did not walk a batter, and allowed four hits, Mike Sachs and Andy Wingert finished up, each allowing two runs.

Franklin starter Joe Ruggiero lasted four innings, and Stanton and Ruggiero collected two hits, each for the Patriots.

On Wednesday, Harrison merited visiting Westland John Glenn in five innings, 11-0.

Tom Dolg, making his first pitching start of the season, no-hit the Rockets for the four innings he was on the mound, striking out seven and walking one. Brent Porhola pitched the final inning.

Stanton hit a three-run homer and had four RBIs. Dolg helped his cause with three RBIs on a single and a sacrifice fly.

Bred Hocking had two RBIs with a pair of sacrifice flies; Sean Sutton and Wingert knocked in one run each with a double and a single, respectively.

N. FARMINGTON 11, FRANKLIN 4: Winning pitcher Eric Odmarr threw a

complete game Wednesday as the visiting Raiders (1-3) earned their first victory in a WIAA crossover.

Odmarr allowed 10 hits but struck out eight and walked only three to keep the Franklin run total down.

Dan Homing, the losing pitcher, gave up six hits over four innings. North had a total of eight hits.

Most Clarks hit a two-run double in first inning to get the Raiders started, and Tom Rosanna doubled and drove in a run in his first varsity at bat.

Pat O'Connell had two hits, including a double, and scored a run. Brian Smith hit an RBI single, and two runs scored when Aaron Drury hit a bases-loaded grounder to the shortstop, resulting in an overthrow at first base.

Smith, Jeff Vieder and Rosanna scored two runs apiece.

"We finally got the key hits when we needed them to win," North coach Mike O'Connell said. "In the last three games, we had plenty of baserunners but never got the key hits when we needed them to drive them in."

Ryan Tracy, who hit a two-run homer, Joe Ruggiero, Steve Tracey and Andy Kelley had two hits each for the Patriots (2-5).

REDFORD CC 5-6, U-D JESUIT 3-0: Redford Catholic Central reached the midpoint of the Central Division season alone in first place, thanks to a double-

header sweep of University of Detroit-Jesuit on Wednesday.

The Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division 1, beat the Cubs 5-3 in the opener, then blanked the Cubs in the nightcap, 6-0.

"We made only one error in the doubleheader, so we were fielding pretty well," said CC coach John Selter as his team moved to 6-2 in the Central and 10-3 overall. "We've had back-to-back doubleheaders and made just one error, so I feel pretty good about that."

CC held a 3-0 lead in the second game, through five innings — thanks to an RBI double by Kyle Crapeau in the first inning and an RBI by Jeff Schultz in the third. Crapeau broke the game open in the sixth inning, though, with a bases-loaded double, Ryan Rogowski and Phil Marrone added singles. Mike Wadoski started and took the win, while Charlie Haeger pitched the last three innings.

Jeff Niemiec started and won the opener, pitching out of a two-out jam in the seventh, where he walked the bases loaded, and gave up a two-run single to Mike Mancuso that cut the lead to 5-3.

CC jumped out to the lead thanks to an RBI single by Crapeau in the first, and two more in the third with Dave Tovey and Jake Vigne getting RBIs.

Tovey had two singles, while Crapeau, Haeger and Marrone singled.

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O'Malley pitched 5½ innings of the second game to get the win before Feduk finished up. O'Malley gave up six hits but didn't issue a walk while sinking out four.

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The Vikings had 12 hits off Farmington pitcher Kelsey Galsberg.

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Farmington places 2nd at South Lyon

GIRLS GOLF

Farmington Unified was second in the South Lyon scramble tournament Friday, finishing four strokes behind Livonia Stevenson, 350-354.

The tournament format called for each school to play two foursomes. While each foursome kept a scramble score, each golfer was designated to play a hole individually on an alternating basis.

The Farmington foursome of Sarah Laird, Karolyn Knutson, Jen Barrick and Jennifer Livingston had a scramble score of 100 and individual total of 77.

The other unit of Kelly Raymond, Brittany Nuccitelli, Andrea Mazanka and Lisa Palanin scored 103 in the scramble format and 74 individually.

Farmington had the same score as last year when it finished fourth, and one of its better players, Chrissy Dwyer, had another commitment and didn't play Friday.

"We were missing two good players," Farmington coach Ann Marie Sopha said, adding the team also compensated for the loss of former star Cassie Jemison. "Considering Cassie is gone, a lot of girls stepped up and filled her shoes real well."

Jemison now plays for Southern University in Baton Rouge, La. She recently won the Southwest Athletic Conference tournament championship and broke the SWAC 18-hole record; she shot 72 to better the old mark by two strokes.

On Wednesday, Farmington lost a Western Lakes Activities Association dual meet to

Plymouth Salem at St. Johns Golf Course, 192-207.

Laird shot 49, Dwyer and Mazanka 52, Knutson 54. Stephanie Mastie shot 47 for Salem, Danielle March and Jenny Schwan 48, Ashley Burgess 49.

In the Thursday Observer-Farmington, 3-2 overall and 2-1 in the WIAA, was incorrectly reported to have finished ninth in the Oakland County tournament Tuesday. Farmington tied for fourth place with Rochester Adams, both with 424 scores.

Mercy wins league dual Farmington Hills Mercy improved to 4-0 in the Catholic League by defeating host Dearborn Divine Child Thursday at Dearborn Country Club, 205-216.

The Marlinas, who are 5-0 overall, were led by Monica Pilzner and Tiffany Graham, both of whom shot 50. Kim Warzyniec had 51, Gretchen Andersen-Watts and Courtney Meyer 54 each.

Divine Child's Mary Beth Trainor tied Pilzner and Graham for medalist honors, also with a 50. Christie Zakar shot 53, Aileen Barrera 55 and Amanda Gallery 58.

"(DCC) is a little tougher track," Mercy coach Vicki Kowalski said. "It's a longer course than some we play, so I was happy with the scores."

"Country clubs tend to be tougher courses. To have five girls between 50 and 54 on a country club course is pretty good for us."

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Sinaw also scored two runs.

Nikki Zabkiewicz pitched a complete game for the Patriots (2-5, 0-3), striking out five and walking six.

Zabkiewicz, who also scored three runs, Jenny Mosier and Jennie D'Annunzio had one RBI apiece.

Schrock pitched a no-hitter Wednesday in Harrison's 2-0 defeat of host Westland John Glenn.

Ternes was 3-for-3 and Smylie 3-for-4; Taylor and Schrock added two hits each. Ellery Dime had an RBI with a suicide squeeze.

N. FARMINGTON 6, SALEM 0: Beth Daniewicz pitched a two-hit shutout Friday, striking out 14 and walking one to lead the Raiders to the victory.

North scored all of its runs in the fifth inning when it sent 12 batters to the plate.

Emily Jaffe, Jasmine King and Melissa Melvin had RBI singles. Alyssa Starbridge drew a bases-loaded walk, and the Raiders scored two more runs on a

wild pitch and an error.

Jaffe was 2-for-3, and Allison Goldberg hit a pinch-hit double for her first varsity hit.

North is 3-1 overall and 1-1 in the WIAA Lakes Division.

Salem's starting pitcher, Kaitlin Miller, went 4½ innings and took the loss. Katie Kelly and Amy Szawara had the only Salem hits.

Daniewicz also struck out 14 Wednesday, and scored six hits as two RBIs on a single and a sacrifice fly. North edged visiting Livonia Franklin, 3-2.

The Raiders, who made three errors, had just five hits themselves while drawing six walks and striking out nine times.

Jaffe was 2-for-3 and scored a run. Lauren Zakalik and Staci Russell had RBI singles.

MERCY 4-2, REGINA 0-0: Megan Feduk and Molly O'Malley pitched a pair of shutouts Friday as host Farmington Hills Mercy won its second straight Catholic League doubleheader.

Feduk, who had 36 strikeouts and one walk in 23 innings last week, won the first game, scattering five hits; she had five strikeouts and didn't walk a batter.

Lindsey Feduk was 3-for-3 with two RBIs; Carly Tracey hit a two-run single, and O'Malley was 2-for-4.

O'Malley went 6½ innings in the nightcap, allowing three hits. She struck out seven and didn't walk anybody either. Megan Feduk finished the game with two strikeouts.

Kyriste Shina, who had a pair of RBI singles, and O'Malley were 2-for-3.

The Marlins, who are 10-2 overall and 4-2 in the league, won two from Birmingham Manon on Wednesday, 1-0 and 5-3.

Feduk threw a no-hitter in the first game in which she had 11 strikeouts and no walks.

With two out in the bottom of the seventh, Lindsey Feduk scored the only run when Carly Tracey's grounder to third got past the infielder.

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par (for him) performance in the Whalers' 4-1 loss, stopped 33 of 36 shots. And even though the Erie power play finally clicked — the Otters were 0-for-11 with the extra man in the first two games of the series — it wasn't good enough.

The Otters were 2-of-9, but when trailing by a goal in the final 6:17 of the game, they twice failed on power plays.

Plymouth, meanwhile, continued to wreak havoc early in the game. Kris Vernarsky scored just 3:04 into the first period, with assists from Damian Surma and Chad LaRose. Erie tied it at 1-all with a goal from Cory Pecker at 12:24 of the first, assists going to Darren McMillan and goalie J.F. Purras.

In the second period, the Whalers opened up a 3-1 lead with power-play goals from George Nistas (from Wieman and Stephen Weiss) at 8:41 and Weiss (from Wieman and Kurka) at 13:46. The Whalers were 2-of-6 in the game on their power play.

Carlo Colaiacovo narrowed the gap with Erie's first power-play goal of the series at 15:07 of the second (Pecker and Jason Baird assisted). Derrick Byfuglien then knotted the game at 3-3 at 1:20 of the third period with the Otters' second-straight power-play goal (Mike Nelson, Joe Guenther assisted).

Which set the stage for Kurka's game-winning nearly 10 minutes later. And made the defensive stand in those final minutes so impressive — particularly since two of Plymouth's defensemen, Cole Jarrett and James Wisniewski (from Canton), had earlier received game misconducts, leaving the Whalers with just four defensemen.

The two teams met in Game 4 Saturday; Game 5 is tonight in Erie.

NOTES: The OHL has announced the winners of its post-season honors. Erie's Dave MacQueen was named coach of the year and Guelph's Craig Anderson was the goaltender of the year. Co-edging Plymouth's Rob Zepo, who was the runner-up for the second straight season.

Zepo was selected to the all-OHL second team for the second straight season. Defenseman Ulfar Ulfarsson was the only other Whaler recognized; he was named to the all-OHL third team.



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