

Falcons down Raiders to win district

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soccer game with North Farmington. The adjustment he made resulted in two goals by Lorraine DeDomenico and a 3-0 victory in the final game of the Division II district tournament at Livonia Ladywood.

It was the third consecutive shutout in post-season play and third district championship for the Falcons, who improved to 15-6 and moved within one win of matching a single-season school record.

"I saw a mismatch between the outside mids," Montgomery said, "and we put Beth (Kolacki) over there, with her speed and ability to get the ball in the box — and we did."

Kolacki sent the ball toward the net as planned, and DeDomenico finished twice with a pair of header goals, the first with 7:38 remaining in the first half and the second at 2:36.

The DeDomenico goals followed a temporary suspension of play due to lightning and gave Farmington a 3-0 halftime lead.

"We had two misuses on the left side of our defense, which allowed Farmington to cross the ball without pressure," North

coach Tim Russell said.

"Lorraine DeDomenico did a nice job finishing off those two crosses. I like her competitiveness."

Aside from those breakdowns and resulting goals, the Raiders (8-11-2) played well and even outshot the Falcons in the second half, Russell added.

Farmington dominated possession time and had control of the game in the first half, according to Montgomery.

The Falcons scored their first goal 15 minutes into the game when Erica Rose converted a pass from DeDomenico.

"In the first half, there was no doubt we were the dominant team," Montgomery said. "I think our goalkeeper touched the ball once or twice. That's when we were controlling the ball and wanting to score."

With a three-goal lead, the Falcons backed off the attack and played a more conservative, defensive and possessive style of game, he added.

"(The Raiders) hadn't scored a goal on us in quite a while, and we wanted to make sure nobody got injured," Montgomery said.

"It wasn't that important to us to score that many more goals."

Montgomery cited Plymouth Salem as an example; the Rocks lost a key player in a 3-0 tournament win over Farmington Hills Mercy.

"We wanted to make sure we

go against Grosse Pointe North (in a regional game) healthy, because we've had some injury problems," Montgomery said.

In the second half, we wanted to score but not at the risk of injury. You could say North stopped up its play and took advantage of the situation of us playing a little more defensively."

North was unable to press the attack sufficiently to crack the Farmington defense, however.

Forward Lauren Hogan was 80 to 85 percent healthy after returning from a sprain that kept her out of several games, and the Raiders were without forward Nicole Adena due to a family commitment.

"Without our two best offensive players, we had to rely on people whose specialty is not scoring," Russell said. "We gave our best, but it's a shame we could not match our best with theirs."

"If not for the mistakes on defense and the absence of a significant part of our offense, we would have had a great chance in this game."

"As it is, we had three great opportunities to score. On two of them, we kicked the ball directly to their keeper. On the third, she made a great save on a ball that almost got over her outstretched hand."

Farmington goalie Katie Johnson earned her 10th shutout.

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"In a tournament situation, you're concerned more about scoring goals than developing the play or possessing the ball," he said.

"We stress winning the ball and releasing the ball — no build up, just release it to the corner. Let's play the ball in space and see what we get."

"We get the ball to the forwards as fast as we can. It's not pretty soccer, but we seem to get the ball in scoring position."

From the 30-minute mark, the Falcons had the upper hand, however. They were first to the ball, controlled the game with their passing and demonstrated better skill, but they still had nothing to show for it at half-time.

Erica Rose had a direct free

kick inside the box bounce off a player in the GPN wall, and Beth Kolacki sent a high ball to the net that opposing goalie Merri Farmer just managed to reach with a two-hand save.

The second half was just as frustrating for the Falcons, who had seven corner kicks in the game to the Norsemen's one and 13 quality scoring chances to the opponent's six.

Farmer made saves on two shots by Julie Goettlicher, and the next Farmington missed-opportunity drew a gasp from the spectators.

Lorraine DeDomenico crossed the ball from the left; Farmer fell down and the ball rolled across the open goalmouth.

By the time Rose could get to it, the ball was past the right



Disappointment: Coach Steve Montgomery consoles senior Catherine Brouillette after the regional loss.

post. The angle was too extreme, and her shot went over the back of the net.

Then, on a quick reversal with 21:10 remaining, Japowicz took the ball up the right side and, with two defenders covering her, lifted a high shot that got under the crossbar for her second goal.

"That's the classic counter-attacking style," Stencel said. "We knew they would be forced to play near our goal, and we knew that would leave them a little vulnerable. We had to be ready for the counter-attack."

(Japowicz) bent one of our girls, and there was a little confusion," Montgomery said. "Two players ended up switching, and they switched the wrong way."

In the time remaining, the Falcons fired four shots directly

at Farmer, who only had to stand in the way to make the catch-save.

Until very late, when the Norsemen showed some offensive spark, Farmington had outshot North by a 10-1 margin the second half.

"We beat (GPN) the first time (1-0)," Montgomery said. "They knew it was going to be a tough game, and they came ready to play."

"I'm disappointed in the result but not with the girls. We had a great season. It's hard for them to lose like this, but I'm very proud of how we played."

"We're a young team; we have good talent coming in, and we hope to be here next year."



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KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:
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Construction of **ROAD IMPROVEMENTS** to be located in the City as follows:

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That plans and specifications outlining the improvement and the location thereof are on file with the City Clerk for public examination, along with the costs of said project, which are proposed as follows:

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF PROJECT:	\$137,900.00
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