

Raiders, Falcons win tight tussles; Hawk kickers fall

Two goals were just enough. North Farmington scored a pair of goals late in the first half Thursday night and eased to a 2-1 Western Lakes Activities Association victory over improved Walled Lake Western.

"It wasn't quite as close as it sounds," said Coach Ron Meteyer of the host Raiders, whose goalie Alex Lubyansky lost his shutout bid with 1:53 left when he jumped too soon for a floating high kick by a Warrior player that went over his head into the net.

The game was played at mid-field through much of the first half.

The Raiders (6-1-2, 3-1-1 WLAA) broke through with 15:48 left in the half.

Mike Leach took a throw-in deep inside the Warriors' end and unmarked Jeff Shumer redirected it off the back of his head inside the near post for a 1-0 lead.

Then, at the 12:07 mark, Jon Parker got his second goal in two games since coming back from an injury.

"He's not getting many minutes," Meteyer said, "but he's making the most of them."

A Walled Lake player tried to

clear the ball but it went right to Parker, who touched it in the air about 25 yards out, then drilled a half-volley curve ball that sliced inside the post on right side.

"Walled Lake Western is a much improved team this year," Meteyer said. "They're much more athletic, much better conditioned. That's the closest game we've had with them in three years."

(New coach) Lee Furman has really made a lot of improvement with that team. They played a good, clean hard game. If he keeps improving them, they'll

win some games."

North Farmington had an 11-5 edge in shots on goal plus a 7-0 margin in corner kicks.

North hosted Berkley on Saturday.

Falcons soar

Matt Okopyn scored a pair of goals Thursday as Farmington (7-1-1) won at Livonia Franklin (6-7, 3-1, in a Western Lakes crossover.

Joe Russo had the other goal in the first minute and 30 seconds.

Greg Polkowski scored on a cross from Brandon Oyer with 26

minutes remaining to cut the deficit to 2-1, but Okopyn's goal with five minutes left from Matt Konopinski sealed it for Farmington.

"It's the best offense we've played all year, but we shoot ourselves in the foot because we only play portions of the game," Franklin coach Dave Hobest said.

Hawks fall

Livonia Churchill (3-5-1, 2-1) broke a 1-1 halftime deadlock with a pair of second half goals to earn the 3-1 WLAA-Western Division triumph Thursday at

Farmington Hills Harrison (2-5-1, 0-2).

Tim Allen scored from Bill Sanders in the first half for Churchill, but Alfred Gjekaj countered for the Hawks.

Cory Muniga tallied the game-winner on a header from Shawn Greenleaf in the second half after the Chargers missed a penalty kick just 36 seconds after intermission.

Goalkeeper Dan Jetke then stopped a Harrison penalty kick with 12 minutes to play.

Allen then put it away with a penalty kick goal with three minutes to play.

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the Hawks.

While she wasn't on the floor, the other Harrison players have had to learn how to score — increasing their confidence in their own abilities.

Richmond led the way for the host Hawks (1-6 overall, 1-0 WLAA) with a career-high 21 points — including five 3-pointers in her first game of the season — while Jessica Condeni had a career-high 12.

Catie Ross added seven and Maggie Condeni and Kristen Kouka had six each. Jennifer Thauvetto led the Rockets (2-6, 0-2) with 11 points while Erica Novack added five.

Falcons flying

Well, we know one of the things Farmington's basketball team will be doing this week.

Farmington shot 25 free throws Thursday night — and made just

six.

Despite that, however, Farmington squeezed out a 44-39 victory over Livonia Franklin in an WLAA game.

It was rebounding that helped make up for the free throw shooting deficiency for the visiting Falcons (3-2, 1-1 WLAA). Julie Kimmel pulled down 19 rebounds to go along with her 10 points. Jerin Atkins added 15 rebounds and five blocks, while Deanna Gauer snared seven rebounds.

"Our forwards and centers really did a good job of rebounding the ball and we hung in there when Franklin came back," Farmington coach Scott Lowe said. "Those three really did a good job and helped us win the game. They got the ball out and that's how our guards scored."

Randin Brown and Brittany Coleman each

scored 13 points to lead Farmington.

Jenie D'Annunzio had 12 for the Patriots (3-4, 1-1 WLAA), while Ashley Sako and Ashley McCall each contributed eight.

"We got beat on the boards the first half," said Franklin coach Mary Kay Whalen, whose team trailed 25-15 at intermission. "We played better in the second half. We just ran out of time."

Raiders stumble

A tough fourth quarter and a big advantage at the free-throw line Thursday night let Northville (4-2, 1-1) to come away with a 37-28 win over North Farmington.

"We played a great first half and a pretty good third quarter," said Raiders' coach Tim Caruthers. "They're an awfully good team and in the fourth quarter they pulled away at the end."

"We were only down three heading into the quarter and I kept telling our kids that we have a chance to win and you never know what's going to happen."

Host Northville, which shot 5-for-8 from the line in the fourth quarter, made 14-for-22 for the game, while the Raiders made all of theirs. Too bad they shot just three.

Jehan Hinde paced North (3-4, 0-1) with six points. Both Lindsey Hirtzel and Meghan Callahan had five. Kelly Anderson led the Mustangs with 17 points and Maggie Oseola had 11.

Marlins edged

Farmington Mercy's girls basketball team isn't there yet, but the Marlins are getting closer.

Mercy visited Marian on Friday night and the strong Mustangs pulled away in the fourth quarter for a 65-56 Detroit Catholic League victory.

"It was a lot better than the score indicates," Coach Kristen Wright-Guinn said. "We just couldn't pull it out at the end."

The game featured an eight-point quarter by both teams in the first half — Mercy held to the low total in the first but retaliating by limiting Marian to that number in the second. The Marlins led, 28-26, at the half.

However, Marian outscored Mercy, 21-12, in the final period, the bulk coming in the last three minutes.

Senior guard Katie Solmar led Marian (1-1, Central Division) with 24 points.

Whitney Johnson scored 11 to lead Mercy (4-3, 0-2) while both Barbara Haczka and Alexandria Marshall scored 10.

Hawks win swim

When it was time to step up, Farmington Harrison's girls swim team did just that.

Harrison outswam host Canton, 104-81, Thursday to improve to 2-1 this season.

"It was a great team effort," Coach Ross Bandy said. "Seventeen out of our 26 swimmers recorded their best times of the year."

"I was really proud of the team. It's nice, hard-working group. We're solid and we're starting to come along. And they're all young."

On Wednesday, Farmington Mercy defeated visiting Grose Pointe North, 126-68. The meet was run in meters.

Amanda Darling scored 189.85 to win the diving for the Marlins while Katie Naglick was a double individual winner, capturing the 100 butterfly and the 100 backstroke.

Caitlin Kelly won the 100 freestyle, Kristin Lorisud took the 200 freestyle and Eloise Page was first in the 600 freestyle.

Mercy also won three relay

events. Jackie Smith, Eliza Beth Garlow, Naglick and Carrie Roble teamed to take the 200 medley relay. Garlow, Lorisud, Katie Benedict and Kelly formed the winning 200 freestyle relay team and Lorisud, Naglick, Benedict and Kelly swam to first place in the 400 freestyle relay.

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200 medley relay: Canton (Patrick, Naples, Goldsmith, Biak), 2:05.65; 200 freestyle: 1. Katie Smith (FI), 2:09.81; 2. Uridge, 2:10.04; 300 IM: Goldsmith (PC), 2:26.34; 50 freestyle: 1. Jackie Waldeck (FI), 27.53; 2. Ellen Doughty (FI), 27.86; 3. Danielle Liebowitz (FI), 28.21; diving: Patty Ahern (PC), 174.30; 100 butterfly: Bess (FI), 1:03.99; 100 freestyle: Waldeck (FI), 56.55; 500 freestyle: Laura Uridge (FI), 5:43.55; 200 freestyle relay: Harrison (Waldeck, Liebowitz, Uridge, Smith), 1:52.85; 100 backstroke: 1. Katie Riley (FI), 1:10.20; 2. Kim Nordhoff (FI), 1:12.77; 3. Elizabeth Stieber (FI), 1:13.07; 100 breaststroke: Alex Evans (FI), 1:18.09; 400 freestyle relay: Canton (Stieber, Liebowitz, Goldsmith, Perlman), 4:08.75; Harrison's dual meet record: 2-1.

Wolfram sets rushing mark

Joel Wolfram put on a rushing performance unparalleled in Lutheran Westland High's football history.

The junior ran for a school-record 273 yards on 35 carries and two touchdowns in the Warriors' 15-0 Metro Conference win Friday at home under the portable lights over Harper Woods Lutheran East.

Lutheran Westland is 3-2 over-

all and 2-2 in the Metro, while East falls to 1-4 and 0-4.

After a scoreless first half, Wolfram ran 72 yards for a score in the third quarter. Andy Moldenhauer hit Ian McLaughlin on the two-point conversion pass to make it 8-0.


Wolfram then added a 3-yard TD run in the final quarter and Rob Sinclair booted the extra point.

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