

# Rocks, Spartans prove to be formidable foes for city teams

Plymouth Salem found its offense Monday at Farmington, and the result was a 4-1 win over the Falcons in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer match.

The win kept the Rocks unbeaten in the WLAA Lakes Division at 3-0; they are 6-5-2 overall. Farmington fell to 8-2-1 overall, 1-2 in the division.

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The result also sets up a showdown for top honors in the division and a chance to play for the WLAA championship between Salem and unbeaten Livonia Stevenson, the state's top-ranked team. That match will be Wednesday, Oct. 3, at Salem.

Ryan Fazio scored two goals for the Rocks Monday, both of which were assisted by Brian Poponey, who also netted Salem's fourth goal. Jared Lamborn got the first goal, assisted by Kevin Savitskie.

Farmington's goal was scored by Matt Okopny.

**STEVENSON 5, N. FARMINGTON 1:** J.T. Katikos and Nick Djokic scored two goals apiece Monday to keep the No. 1-ranked Spartans unbeaten in 11 games this season.

Katikos also added an assist and Joe Lubinski picked up Livonia Stevenson's other goal as the Spartans breezed after piling up a 3-0 halftime lead.

Mike Buchwald scored for the Raiders with 15 minutes left in the game. Jeff Shumer's shot bounced back to Buchwald, who scored on the rebound. Stevenson outshot North, 13-5.

"Losing by four goals to the No. 1 team in the state isn't too bad," North coach Ron Meteyer said. "Stevenson is a great finishing team. They jumped on three mistakes we made in the first half and got some amazing shots off."

Buchwald was in goal for the Raiders until it was 4-0 at which time Alex Lubyansky took over, but Meteyer added nobody was going to stop any of the Stevenson shots.

The Spartans are 7-0 in the WLAA, 3-0 in the Lakes Division and 11-0 overall. The Raiders fell to 7-2-2 overall and 1-2 in the division.

North faces the No. 2 team in the state Friday when it plays host to

Plymouth Canton at 4 p.m.

**N. FARMINGTON 4, BERKLEY 0:** Greg Pekarsky and Andrew Moraine scored two goals apiece Saturday in North Farmington's non-league victory over visiting Berkley.

Pekarsky started the scoring at 21:03 in the first half with an assist

from Matt Holland. Moraine gave the Raiders a 2-0 halftime lead with his goal at 13:15; he was assisted by Rob Comaji and Rob Every.

North lost its momentum early in the second half and had to rely on its defense, according to coach Ron Meteyer.

"It seems we fell back and don't play well in the second half," he said. "I have to hand it to Sermot Alvor, Mike Leach, Steven Denton and Jeff Shumer. They denied them opportunities. Berkley had 13 shots but most were from outside."

Pekarsky scored his second goal

at 21:44, carrying the ball into the goal area and playing it off a defender into the net. He also assisted on Moraine's second goal at 6:04.

"We put Steven Denton in the back on defense, and he settled things down," Meteyer said. "He

cut down on the breakaways and scoring threats the other team had been getting."

"Steven is a very clean player who works very hard. He's given us more stability back there. He has come to our aid there and has done well."

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