

Flyers find extra offense in pair of wins

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Senior Matt Lee scored five goals Wednesday to lead host Farmington Unified to an 11-2 rout of Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day in a non-league hockey game.

The Flyers improved their overall record to 12-5-1 heading into a weekend tournament in Marquette.

Despite outshooting the Yellow Jackets in the first period by a 15-5 margin, the Flyers had just a 1-0 lead when it was over.

Brad Heraghty had scored the first of two goals with assists from Keith Hay and Brett Ramsay at 12:34.

"I knew they had a good goalie," Farmington coach Mike Harris said of Country Day's Andrew Ritchie.

"I was wondering what we needed to do. We talked about getting traffic in front of this guy and moving side to side."

The strategy session paid off and the Flyers responded in the

second period with seven unanswered goals, building an insurmountable lead of 8-0.

The rest of the Farmington scoring was spread around: Marc Rauth had four assists, Hay and Mike Hand three apiece and Brett Laird two.

Lee scored four times in the second period at 12:47 and three in a row at 8:48, 5:11 and 4:04. The other goals came from Laird at 13:07, Heraghty at 9:27 and Nick Maki at 3:56.

The teams traded goals in the third. Brandon Laczowski made it 9-0 for Farmington at 10:52, and the score stayed that way for the next seven minutes.

Country Day sandwiched goals by Jon Cullis (3:44) and Louis Schmidt (1:29) around one by Farmington's Hand at 2:20.

Lee finished the scoring with his fifth of the game with 23 seconds left and assists from Heraghty and Hay.

Ramsay, Heraghty, Mike Colombo, Jeff Tosolan, Chris Frayne, Louie Powell and Brian

Baran contributed one assist each for Farmington. R.J. Ulrich was in net the whole game for the Flyers.

Farmington outshot Country Day, 44-17. The Flyers had five penalties to one for the Yellow Jackets.

"It was another offensive night for us," Harris said. "I was really happy to see this now. We seem to be on the right track; we're getting the offense we need."

"We're not getting any stupid penalties, and we're getting a lot of contributions. The Rauth-Laird line is stepping up and taking the pressure off Hay and Heraghty."

The Flyers played in the Marquette Invitational this weekend at Lakeview Arena. They opened Friday against Negaunee and faced either Orchard Lake St. Mary's or Marquette in the championship game Saturday.

FARMINGTON 9, NORTHVILLE 5: The Flyers spotted the visiting Mustangs a 2-0 lead and then allowed them to get

within a goal in the third period, 6-5, before putting away the victory Feb. 2. Keith Hay recorded a hat trick for Farmington, and Marc Rauth and Brett Laird scored two goals each. Brad Heraghty, Rauth and Sean Ellis had three assists apiece.

Northville's Jake Vitale and Tim Hillbrand put the puck in the Farmington net at 6:49 and 5:18 of the first period. The Flyers, who are 9-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, rallied for a 4-2 lead after one period, however.

Hay put Farmington on the board at 3:10, and the Flyers popped in three more in less than 20 seconds during the final minute — two in a row by Rauth and one by Louie Powell.

"Marc stepped up and showed he's the player we always knew he was," coach Mike Harris said. "He got the puck from the faceoff and went to the goal. It was 'boom, boom, boom.' It was a pleasant sight."

"We were down 2-0 and here we are going into the intermission up 4-2. The last minute of any period is crucial." Farmington seemed to have a safe lead of 6-2 after Laird scored 31 seconds into the second period and Heraghty put up another one 22 seconds

later.

The Mustangs went into the second break trailing 6-2 following a goal by Nick Strach (8:48).

Northville added two more in the third period from Hillbrand and Troy Engeland for a string of three straight that cut Farmington's lead to 6-5.

"It was a coach's nightmare game," Harris said. "We scored a lot of goals, but we let in five and that's too many for our team."

"We have to bear down a bit, especially in our zone. The defense has to move the puck a little quicker."

The Flyers responded with three goals — two by Hay — to clinch the victory. Laird started the rally with a goal at 5:25.

Mike Hand had two assists for Farmington; Hay, Powell, Nick Maki, Jeff Tosolan and Brett Ramsay added one each.

R.J. Ulrich played the entire game in goal. The Flyers outshot the Mustangs, 35-19.

"I look at the offense and have to be pretty happy," Harris said. "But I look at the defense and I'm concerned, because it's defense that wins championships. We have to tighten it up a little bit."

Harris was pleased overall, considering the Flyers have several players out with injuries and one serving a suspension.

"When I look at the score sheet, I have to be happy," he said. "We had more goals than penalties. We only had three penalties. If we did something right, at least we stayed out of the box."

REDFORD CC 4, TRENTON 0: Redford-Catholic Central improved to 13-5-2 after shutting out host Trenton Wednesday. John Perkovich scored CC's only goal of the first period, unassisted, at 5:00.

"(The Shamrocks) played a really good game," CC co-coach Todd Johnson said. "Not unlike how they've been playing the last five or six games."

Andrew Eggert scored at 2:30 in the second period (Mike Ryan and Eric Glosa). The last two goals came in the third period from Glosa (Brandon Nauroto and Pat Colden) and, with three minutes left to play, Tommy Mullen (Perkovich and Jeff Davis).

CC goalie Jim Blanchard stopped all 19 shots while the Shamrocks fired 29 at the opposing net. Trenton's record is 12-6.

Falcons score dual win over Patriots

Farmington has three dual-meet victories in wrestling this season, and two of them were at the expense of Livonia Franklin.

The Falcons defeated the visiting Patriots a second time Thursday in a Western Lakes Activities Association contest, 40-36.

Farmington (3-9) won the first one by a wider margin, posting a 46-32 win over Franklin in early December.

The Falcons staged a comeback from behind victory Thursday, and a pair of freshmen played key roles in that effort.

At 112 pounds, Farmington's Andrew Anderson was losing on points, 11-4, when he pinned Ryan Hawkins in the last minute of the bout.

"That was Andrew's first win of the year, too," coach Al Boyer said, adding Anderson had lost to Hawkins previously, 6-4.

"That was a nice turnaround for him. That was certainly one (bout) that stands out, given that he was down and came

back to win it. It goes to show it's never over."

Cam Murtland pulled the Falcons within two, 30-28, with a victory at 145, but Farmington lost the next bout by technical fall and trailed by seven points.

With Franklin being void at 171, the Falcons planned to pick up six points there, which meant the outcome of the match depended on the result at 160.

Farmington freshman Chris Tague came through with the win, pinning Ray Llonilo in the third period.

"Two freshmen had two big matches," Boyer said. "For being young, they had some pressure put on them."

"Cam wrestled a real good match, as did (Rob) Eganberry and (Jon) Schwartz. We had other kids who weren't able to pin but had to win."

"Franklin came to wrestle. We had some different people in there and so did they. Everybody we had out there put into

it as much as they could and then some."

The Falcons will be host for a Division II team district tournament Wednesday.

In simultaneous matches, Farmington wrestles Harrison Redford Thurston meets Redford Union at 5 p.m.

The final will follow shortly afterward.

FARMINGTON 40
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 36
Feb. 7 at Farmington

189 pounds: James Azorodini (LF) pin. Mike Boyden, 3:02; 285: Richard Martinez (LF) pin. Sammie Jabra, 5:40; 276: Tony Martinez (LF) pin. Adam Hardow, 1:56; 103: Steve Russo (F) pin. Jesse Garock, 0:47; 112: Andrew Anderson (F) pin. Ryan Hawkins, 5:20; 119: Kaman Davidson (LF) pin. Lance Dawson, 3:53; 128: Jon Schwartz (F) pin. David Williams, 0:32; 130: Chris Costas (LF) pin. Andrew Bernicki, 2:54; 138: Rob Eganberry (F) dec. Kaye McCanti, 7:41; 140: Mike Kish (F) major dec. Bob Borowski, 13:21; 146: Cam Murtland (F) dec. Chris Weiss, 9:31; 152: Joe Bolek (LF) tech. fall Brad Stahl, 22:7; 160: Chris Tague (F) pin. Ray Llonilo, 2:36; 171: Nick Belsky (F) by void.

THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Feb. 12
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Franklin, 7 p.m.
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Salem at Harrison, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Luth. East at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
Henry Ford at Boreas, 7 p.m.
St. Paul Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 15
Harrison at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
John Glenn at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Salem at Farmington, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at W.L. Central, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16
W.L. Western at Harrison, 7 p.m.
PREP GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Feb. 12
N. Farmington at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Salem, 7 p.m.
Farmington at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 13
Cville at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 13
John Glenn at Churchill, 7 p.m.
Franklin at Harrison, 7 p.m.
W.L. Central at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Harrison at Salem, 7 p.m.
Farmington at Canton, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 14
Cville at Luth. Westland, 6:30 p.m.
CHS Finals at Madonna, 5:30 & 7 p.m.
FHS at Ledywood, Tuesday, 8 a.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Wednesday, Feb. 13

Churchill vs. Farm. Unified

at Edgar Arena, 8 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 14
Redford CC vs. P.H. Northern at McMoran Arena, TBA.
Friday, Feb. 15
Farm. Unified vs. W.L. Central at Suburban Training Center, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16
Redford CC vs. Cirobrook at Redford Ice Arena, 8 p.m.
Churchill vs. Brother Rice at Hazel Park Arena, 8:30 p.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Feb. 13
Team district tournaments
Division II at Farmington High
Farmington vs. Harrison, 5 p.m.
Thurston vs. Redford Union, 5 p.m.
Final match immediately following.
Saturday, Feb. 16
Individual district tournaments
Division I
North Farmington at Novi.
Division II
Farmington at Groves.
PREP BOYS SWIMMING
Tuesday, Feb. 12
Churchill at Farm. Unified, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 14
W.L. Central at Farm. Unified, 7 p.m.
N. Farmington at Py. Salem, 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 15
Redford CC at A.A. Pioneer, 7 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16
MISCA Meet at EMU, 1:30 p.m.
PREP GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Thursday, Feb. 14

Farm. Unified at Brighton, 7 p.m.

PREP SNOWBO
Thursday, Feb. 14
Class A regional at Alpine Valley, 9 a.m.
OKTAWA HOCKEY LEAGUE
Sunday, Feb. 10
Whalers at Brampton, 2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 14
Whalers at Windsor, 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 15
Whalers at London, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 16
Whalers vs. Sarina at Compuware Arena, 7:30 p.m.
TBA — time to be announced.

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