

Farmington Unified cruises past Central

Walled Lake Central had the medalist, but Farmington had the match as the Unified golf team stopped the Vikings on Thursday at Glen Oaks, 178-201.

Andrea Mazanka and Chrissy Dwyer led Farmington (6-3) by shooting 44, while Jenn Barriek and Kelly Raymond both shot 46.

Sam Sinclair led Central with a 41, while Sarah McDonald had a 50, Amee Coyle carded a 52 and Christy Peterson had a 68.

GOLF

On Wednesday at Glen Oaks, it took one shot by Northville to give the Mustangs a two-shot win over Farmington.

Of course, it helps when that shot is a hole-in-one — an ace by Kelly Harrison — which gave the Mustangs a 168-170 win.

"Both teams shot well and broke their team records," said Farmington coach Anne Marie Sopha. "But it was the two shots

they gained on that hole-in-one that beat us. It's been tough because three of our losses have been close. A hole-in-one beat us this time, we lost to Stevenson by a stroke and by four to Churchill. It's just been a couple of strokes here and there."

Raymond and Emily Laird led Farmington by shooting 40, while Mazanka had a 43 and Brittney Niccittell and Missy Traczak both had 47. Northville's Kate McDonald was the overall medalist with a 47.

Lady Crusaders end the season with pair of losses

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It was a dream of a season, to be sure.

It started like a nightmare for Madonna University's softball squad. A team ravaged by defections and injuries, the Lady Crusaders started the season with one senior, one junior and six losses in their first seven games.

Didn't look too good. But coach Al White molded this team around their two upperclassmen pitchers — senior Missy VanDoorn and junior Jenny Tenyer — convincing the new players to keep it simple, learn the game and have fun doing it.

His nearly all-new roster did just that, and won too, qualifying for the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference Tournament with six wins in its final seven regular-season games. Once there, however, the pitching and defense faltered as Madonna lost both of its games, 6-3 to Concordia and 10-9 to Spring Arbor Monday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

Madonna ends its season at 25-24.

"I told you how good the girls were getting," said White. "In the last two-and-a-half weeks of the season, they didn't think they could get beat."

"We were very pleased with (the season). We couldn't have been happier."

White knew entering this season it would be all about learning and preparing for future seasons. Apparently, the players had a different idea; they thought it would be fun to win, too.

Which is what they did. Problem was, VanDoorn and Tenyer were the only pitchers they used along the way and, in the end, that proved taxing.

"With two girls pitching every inning for us, I don't know," said White. "You make a couple of errors and they have to pitch to a couple more hitters in an inning. Maybe they were down at the end."

One thing was evident, however: Whatever happened, the team stuck together. "That's the way our team was set up," White said. "They did everything as a team. They got along real well together."

"This was a good experience for them."

In Madonna's first game against Concordia, the Cardinals scored twice in the bottom of the fourth on an outfield error, but the Crusaders came right back with two runs to tie it in the top of the fifth on a single by Tenyer and a two-run home run by Tara Turner.

Four Cardinal runs in the bottom of the sixth clinched the victory. Madonna's final run was scored by Tenyer on a seventh-inning solo home run.

VanDoorn took the loss, allowing six runs (four earned) on six hits and three walks, striking out four in six innings. Kim Horton got the win for Concordia, which improved to 29-18, tossing a five-hitter.

The second game quickly turned into a slugfest, with Spring Arbor scoring five runs in

the second inning. A five-run fourth gave them a 10-4 lead.

Madonna kept battling, however, pulling to within a run in the seventh on consecutive singles by Kathy Day (Livonia Ladywood), Turner and Autumn Batyik and a grand-slam homer by Krystle Shine.

Emily Cunningham followed with a double and Jamie Bobrowski singled, the runners reaching second and third with one out. But the next two batters grounded out, ending the Crusaders' season.

Shina, who also doubled in a run in the fourth, finished the game with two hits and five RBI. Batyik had three hits, scored twice and drove in a run; Cunningham had three hits and an RBI; and Bobrowski, Arin Fowler and Day each contributed two hits, Fowler driving in a run.

Tenyer was the losing pitcher; she gave up nine runs (seven earned) on seven hits and two walks in three innings. VanDoorn relieved and surrendered one unearned run on four hits in three innings. The win went to Holly Davidson, as Spring Arbor advanced with a 24-26 record.

In the two tournament games, Madonna committed seven errors that led to five unearned runs. Improving that defense, as well as finding a pitching replacement for VanDoorn (who graduated), are high on White's off-season priority list.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL HAZELER

O-k-k-k-k-k:
North pitcher
Beth
Danilewicz
struck out 12
batters in
each game
against
Farmington
on Friday.

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more steam on their pitches."

Churchill (17-1) got the only run it would need in the third inning on an RBI two-out single by Sallie Kuratko scored Natalie Krieger, who had a lead-off single.

Kuratko also added a double and a stolen base, while Misiak had a double. Ashley Crawley added a single.

North got its only hit in the fifth inning as Emily Jaffa singled, then was pulled for a pinch runner. But the runner

was out on the next play trying to steal second base.

But the day belonged to the pitchers as Misiak fanned 14 batters, Danilewicz K'd nine and neither pitcher gave up a walk.

Neither team committed an error.

■ CHURCHILL 6, HARRISON 0: Meghan Misiak overwhelmed another opponent Friday.

The senior pitcher from Livonia Churchill, bound for Wayne State, threw

a perfect game and struck out 18 of 21 batters Friday.

Churchill, ranked No. 7 in Division 1 in the latest statewide coaches poll, improved to 18-1 overall and leads the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association at 7-0.

Misiak also went 2-for-3 at the plate, including a 3-run double in the fifth inning.

Catcher Ashley Crawley went 3-for-3, while Marilyn Greis and Natalie Krieger each added two hits.

Losing pitcher Beth Leeb gave up 10 hits. She struck out three and walked three.

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John Sowders got the win for the Warriors.

■ HARRISON 15, CHURCHILL 5: Farmington Hills Harrison (15-4, 5-2) stayed one game off the pace in the WLA Western Division race Friday by unleashing 17 hits in five-inning mercy rule win over visiting Livonia Churchill (9-12, 1-6).

Andy Wingert and Drew Stanton each had three hits and three RBI, while Nick Vitanica contributed two singles and solo home.

Matt Humenay led the Chargers with three hits and one RBI. Losing pitcher Pete Bednarz, who worked four innings, added two hits.

Mike Sacha pitched 2.1 scoreless innings to pick up the win for the Hawks. Robert Whipple went the next 1.3 innings and Eric Zedkin finished up.

On Wednesday, Jake Ghannam and Stanton each collected three hits as host Harrison downed Walled Lake Central in a WLA cross-over, 11-2.

Stanton also had two RBI and two stolen bases, while Ghannam scored a pair of runs.

Wingert, the winning pitcher, did not allow a run in five innings. He gave up four hits, one walk and struck out one.

■ CHURCHILL 10, N. FARMINGTON 9: Jim Krygowski's bases-loaded infield single in the bottom of the seventh scored Tim Knight with the game-winning run as Livonia Churchill (9-11) squeezed out a WLA cross-over victory Thursday over visiting North Farmington (6-10).

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