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we're hitting the ball well again," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "We had a little bit of a flat spot last week. Now we're hitting again and, hopefully, this will carry us through."

The Hawks also merited Plymouth Salem on Wednesday, 15-4. Whipple (5-1) was the winning pitcher, throwing all six innings. He scattered seven hits, fanned five and walked none.

Harrison ripped Salem pitching for 20 hits. The leaders were Richeson and Kevin Zerbo with four apiece. Stanton, Ghannam, Andy Wingert, Nick Vitanis and Whipple had two hits each.

Stanton knocked in four runs with a solo homer (his fifth of the year), a bases-loaded single and a sacrifice fly. Ghannam, Wingert and Vitanis chipped in two RBI apiece and Richeson one.

FARMINGTON 13, NORTHVILLE 2; Andy

Brown went 4-for-4 and finished off the visiting Mustangs with a two-run homer in the bottom of the fifth inning Wednesday.

The WLAA crossover game ended with Farmington invoking the mercy rule. Joe James went the distance for the Falcons, allowing three Northville hits, walking none and striking out five. Tony Luttman had a total of seven hits. Danny Hostetter went the distance for the Mustangs, allowing 10 hits. Bryan Smith went 3-for-4 for North, and Scott Hegstrom went the distance for the Mustangs, allowing 10 hits. Rich Hegstrom and Kris

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Lakes Division title Thursday by defeating the host Spartans. North is 6-3 in the division and Stevenson is 7-2 following a 1-0 win over Westland John Glenn on Friday and 1-7 overall.

Justin Prinstein pitched the first five innings for the win. He gave up four runs on five hits and three walks. Stevenson had a total of seven hits. Danny Hostetter went the distance for the Mustangs, allowing 10 hits. Bryan Smith went 3-for-4 for North, and Scott Hegstrom went the distance for the Mustangs, allowing 10 hits. Rich Hegstrom and Kris

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Clark had one RBI each with a single and a fielder's choice, respectively. Jason Bertlingame went 2-for-4 and scored a run. Jason Christopoulos hit a two-run single and Chris Severens knocked in one run with a base hit for Stevenson.

"We got a couple double plays and played great defense," North coach Iv Horwitz said. "We only had one error. The kids played a great game, offensively and defensively."

CANTON 18, N. FARMINGTON 8; The Chiefs rode an 18-hit attack to a five-run, mercy victory over the host Raiders in a

WLAA crossover game Wednesday. Everyone got into the offensive act for Canton, with Mark Harston and Nick Mustelman each going 4-for-4 at the plate. Harston scored four runs and drove in three more, slugging a two-run home run to highlight a seven-inning performance.

Muselman had four RBI and scored two runs, collecting a triple. Carl McDevitt got the pitching win, working the first four innings and giving up six runs (four earned) on 10 hits, walking none and striking out three. Muselman pitched the fifth and fanned all three batters he faced.

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Matt Licavoli and Scott Stone finished second at No. 2 doubles, and sophomores Derek Linkous and J.P. Martin were the runners-up at No. 3 doubles.

Senior Andrew Dallas and junior Andre Zeilkov lost a three-setter in the semis to Plymouth Salem's Kyle Jose and Pat Shaw, the eventual runners-up at No. 1 singles.

"Linkous and Martin are still learning," Shenton said. "They have a tremendous amount of talent, and they have gained a lot of experience this year."

"It was a great showing, getting to the conference final in their first full year on varsity."

"Both one and two doubles ran into hot teams. Unfortunately for the No. 1 team it happened in the semifinals."

After dominating the WLAAs for so long, the Raiders expect to be in the OAA Division I next year, facing quality teams from top to bottom.

"The competition will be much more difficult, but it will be fun to play next year," Shenton said.

Raiders win regional

North Farmington dominated the Division II regional tournament at Farmington High School Friday and easily qualified for the state finals May 31-June 1 in Holland.

The Raiders, who won their fifth straight regional title and third in a row under coach Mark Shenton, accumulated 31 team points.

Harstad also qualified with a second-place total of 19 points. Dearborn Heights Crestwood was third (16) and Farmington fourth (15).

North Farmington won every flight championship with the exception of No. 4 singles and was the runner-up at that flight.

"Coming in having the No. 1 seed in all eight flights, we just wanted to make sure we didn't lose our focus," Shenton said. "We still had to go out and play our kind of tennis, which is what we ended up doing."

As the runner-up to North's Mike Kaufman at No. 1 singles, Farmington High's Jon Gore also qualified for the state meet.

All of the final matches the Raiders won were decided in two

sets except for No. 2 doubles where Stone and Licavoli dropped the first to Harstad, 4-6, but rallied to win the next two, 6-4, 6-0.

The No. 1 team of Dallas and Zeilkov won a third set against Harstad in the semifinals, 6-4, before defeating Farmington Harrison in the final.

Bernstein and Zakalik played their best match of the season in the final against Dearborn Heights Crestwood, according to Shenton.

"They played with a lot of intensity and were very aggressive at the net," he said.

The Raiders, who were seventh in the state last year and fourth two years ago, hope to finish in the top five again.

"We have a good opportunity to win some matches over there," Shenton said. "A lot will be determined by how much our players want to work for it over the next two weeks to get ready for it."

"When it comes down to playing the tougher schools, they have to do their job on the courts and win. If they do that, we have the potential to finish in the top five in the state."

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"We were moving the ball up the wings and crossing the ball over. Erin Derow was there and put it in (for the first goal)."

"All our goals were like that tonight. The passing game was the best it has been. If this continues, good things are going to happen for us, because we're really playing the best we've played."

"We're moving the ball around with a lot of short passes, being very patient and letting people run on to the ball."

The Falcons had several other good scoring opportunities, hitting a post and the crossbar twice each, but the Western keeper made some really good saves, according to Montgomery.

Katie Johnson was in goal again in place of the injured Kate Kelly and "playing right where she left off last year," Montgomery said, adding Johnson made eight saves. "One (save) was outstanding. She's a very good athlete and has really good reflexes."

Farmington's defense consisting of Holly Jud, Maggie Valicourt, Kriston Pietist and Shanna Barkume played well as a unit, Montgomery added.

"Shanna had one of her best games," he said. "The defense

played great together, but Shanna stepped up and got a lot of people the ball by making excellent passes and decisions."

Goettlicher, Joyce Rose, Erica Rose and Derow worked well together and were outstanding as an attacking unit, he added. Stephanie Arnold, Maria Lockhart and Jackie Andrusiak excelled at the outside midfield positions.

"Overall, I was very pleased with how we played," Montgomery said. "We're peaking at the right time it seems. We have to make sure we continue to play like this."

"Western is a good team and they play hard. They had some chances and we answered their challenges. That's why I'm excited; they're a good team."

Following a WLAAs crossover game Monday, the Falcons face another good team Thursday night when they play host to unbeaten Royal Oak Dendro (15-0-1) in a non-league contest.

NORTHVILLE 3, N. FARMINGTON 3; The Raiders gave up three first-half goals but played a strong second half against the state's No. 2-ranked Division I team.

North Farmington fell behind at halftime, because it was "playing on its heels," according to coach Tim Russell, who added Northville was helped by a stiff wind and a questionable officials call.

In the second half, North outplayed the

WLAAs Western Division champions, Russell said. Nicole Adena earned a penalty kick, and Lauren Hogan's shot went hard off the post, then off the keeper and into the net.

The Raiders controlled the midfield in the second half, Russell added, and outshot the Mustangs, 6-1.

"The defense had another great game; other than the meltdown on the first goal," Russell said. "Michelle Boothroy, Ashley Lynch, and Christine Taylor played well again. Brandon Loveland limited Larissa Fil's touches on the ball all game, but especially in the second half."

"Melissa Hayes was a major force at stopper, interesting many of Northville's forward offerings the entire game. Nunt Goldenberg had her best game of the season, playing very aggressively, yet very disciplined defense."

"Freshman keeper, Brigitte Beaus, was outstanding once again. In particular, she stopped a wide-open breakaway by Fil that kept the game close."

Russell also cited the play of Meghan Callahan, Jenna Street, Catherine Munaco, Lauren Hogan and Amanda O'Steen in the midfield as well as forwards Adena and Sara Janko.

"Adena and Janko won so many balls up front that they kept the Northville defense backpedaling," Russell said. "If we had finished better on a few plays, either with better crosses or more accurate shots, we could have tied or won this game. That is a huge confidence booster for us."

W.L. CENTRAL 2, HARRISON 0; The visiting Vikings scored two goals a little more than a half minute apart Wednesday. Tammy Unsworth scored at 23:07 of the first half, and Jenny Bakhting got the second goal at 22:30. Harrison goalie Jackie Waldecker made 11 saves.

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