

PREP SOCCER

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That resulted in a Farmington corner kick, out the Ladywood defense cleared the ball without a shot being taken.

With just over a minute to play, Julie Goettlicher turned and fired a hard shot from just right of the Ladywood net. Blazers goalie Stefani Szczochowski was right there to quickly knock the ball down.

"(The Blazers) played a great game," Falcons coach Steve Montgomery said. "We had opportunities and didn't capitalize. We were scoring a lot of goals the last few games, but the week layoff and the distractions that came with the end of the school year didn't help."

"But you can't take anything away from Ladywood. They played well; they did a great job. As much as I hate to admit it, they deserved to win the game."

Montgomery added he thought it was going to be a one-goal game and whoever got it first would have a big advantage.

"We needed more possessions in the middle and didn't get them," he said. "I'd say Ladywood had a few more possessions. Ladywood had good chances and finished one. A real fast forward could capitalize on their off-sides trap, and we weren't able to do it."

With the lead, the Blazers could rely on their strength — defense — though they did continue to attack.

"All year we've had a strong defense, and it starts with the keeper," Logsdon said. "In the second half, (the defenders) worked hard, were first to the ball and got the offense started. If they play well, the whole team plays well."

Montgomery said it was a disappointing loss, but his players took it well and life goes on.

"They don't feel they played their best game, but Ladywood did," he said. "Both teams put pressure on the other, and they came out on top. It was a good game for both teams."

Adena scores hat trick

Following a scoreless half Tuesday, North Farmington put away host Redford Thurston with three goals from Nicole Adena in a district soccer game, 3-0.

The Raiders were minus one player for the entire game and three others left at halftime to attend the school prom Tuesday night.

"In the first half little, we were distracted by the pressure to get goals before everybody left," North coach Tim Russell said.

"We struggled trying to get through that at first. We tried to jam the ball through instead of spreading the defense and working it in."

"In the second half, we were more patient. We worked the wings, got the ball in the middle with crosses and it worked out a lot better."

North takes a 7-8-3 record into another tournament game tonight at Farmington Harrison. The winner goes to the district final Saturday at Livonia Ladywood.

Adena, who leads the Raiders with 12 goals, scored her first following a scrum in front. A shot by Michele Bothroyd rebounded to Adena, who put the ball in the net.

Midway through the second half, Jenna



Post-season play: Farmington's Maggie Vaillancourt stays a step ahead of Ladywood's Christine Williams.

Street used a free kick from 40 yards to put the ball over the top of the defense. Adena ran on to it and headed it into the far corner.

"It was a goal-scoring game," Russell said. "She's finds a lot of ways to put the ball in the net."

With 10 minutes remaining, Catherine Muneco put a hard shot off the keeper, and Adena scored off another rebound.

Thurston had just one shot, that from 40 yards, and was content to play defense the entire game, according to Russell.

"We didn't play a strong game," Russell said. "We're hoping to pick it up against Harrison. In the second half, we got it together, but we didn't play as well as we could. We need to pull it together for the rest of the district if we're going to be successful."

Mustangs oust defending champ Canton

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The chances were there.

But this was not to be the year for Plymouth Canton's soccer squad, the defending Division I state champs. A year ago, the Chiefs dominated every tournament opponent in rolling to the state title; this year they didn't survive a single match, surrendering a goal with 2:41 remaining in a 2-1 loss to Northville in their district opener Tuesday at Canton.

Canton bows out with a 9-5-5 overall record. Northville, ranked No. 2 in the state with a 16-1-1 record, advances to the district semifinals against Plymouth Salem at 7 p.m. tonight at Northville. The winner of that semifinal plays the Ann Arbor Huron-Nowi winner for the district title at 1 p.m. Saturday at Novi.

Both teams scored first-half goals Tuesday, and that's the way it stayed until the final three minutes. The Mustangs, like the Chiefs, had not had a great scoring chance in the second half until, with 2:41 left, Maggie Osola crossed the ball from the right wing to Larisa Fill in the center of the field.

Fill's header got past Canton keeper Briana Wolcott and into the net to give Northville a 2-1 lead, which the Mustangs made stand up.

"Two head balls," said Northville coach Ron Meteyer, also noting his team's first-half goal scored on a header by Lindsay Dunmead. "I guess we don't have to practice that tomorrow."

Certainly it was a different Mustang team that took the field in the second half. Dunmead's goal, scored with 26:16 left before halftime, came following a corner kick by Whitney Guenther.

But Northville's defense was hardly tenuous. Indeed, prior to Dunmead's goal, the Chiefs put a head ball off a corner at the net, but Northville keeper Katie Kneisel made a diving save.

Canton kept getting good scor-

ing chances and, with 15:59 left in the half, Stephanie Johnson fielded a cross from Jessica Dean and knocked in a shot off the post, knotting the score at 1-1.

It wasn't the final offensive opportunity of the half — for either side.

With 10:15 left, Dunmead scored again for Northville but the goal was disallowed after an offside infraction. Then with seven minutes remaining, Rachel Perry took the ball from Guenther at midfield and broke in alone on goal, with Kneisel racing out to confront her.

Perry, however, failed to get off a shot on goal.

"We walked right in on them a few times," said Canton coach Don Smith. "We just didn't take advantage of it. We did what we had to do . . ."

Except score. Failing to pounce on these opportunities would prove devastating for the Chiefs. Northville adjusted its play in the second half, more mentally than technically.

"We got on their case (at half-time)," said Meteyer. "We named names, we named numbers of players who weren't doing what they needed to do. There were no vague generalities."

These were also two teams that knew what the other had to offer. Earlier this season, they had played each other to a 1-1 draw.

"We've played them twice, we've seen them before, we know what they're going to do," said Meteyer.

And they handled it — successfully. Now the Mustangs will try and do the same against Salem, a team they beat 2-1 April 17 at Northville.

It could be a greater challenge this time around. In their first meeting, Salem was without midfielders Jordan Falcusan and Sara Schupra, both out with injuries. Also, star midfielder Marissa Sarkisian was playing in just her first game, having missed three matches due to MHSAA sanctions.

All three are expected to be in prime condition for tonight's rematch.

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- (1) Approval of the Consolidation Agreement dated as of April 23, 2002, between the Bank, FB Interim National Bank and Franklin Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), pursuant to which the Bank shall reorganize and become a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, a Michigan corporation, recently formed to serve as a holding company for the Bank (the "Reorganization").
- (2) To elect eight (8) Directors to serve until the 2003 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- (3) To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) thereof.

Only common shareholders of record at the close of business on April 10, 2002 are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting, or any adjournment(s) thereof.
By Order of the Board of Directors

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