

# SOCCER

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near post, and Parker used the outside of his foot again to flick the ball past the keeper's outstretched arms.

"They mounted a counter attack," Meteyer said. "They had a couple opportunities but shanked them wide. We were able to hang on and win the game."

North outshot Lake Orion 9-4 Tuesday and 11-3 Saturday. In Division II of the Oakland Activities Association, the Raiders are 9-3-2; they're 11-4-2 overall. The Dragons are 6-5-2 and 9-6-4.

## FALCONS DEFEAT COLTS

Farmington outplayed and outshot visiting Troy but settled for a 2-1 victory Tuesday night in an OAA Division I contest.

"The score should've been higher than that," Farmington coach Luke Juncal said. "We had a lot of great chances. We could have easily won this game by five or six goals; so it really wasn't that close."

The Falcons lead 1-0 at halftime and 2-0 early in the second. The Colts didn't score until the final minute of the game.

In the 10th minute, Chris McDaniel scored an unassisted goal off a rebound in the first half. Matt O'Brien got the second after Joe Russo passed to him at the top of the 18 and he nailed the shot.

Farmington is 6-4 in the division and 10-4 overall. Andrew Martin was in goal for the Falcons and made eight saves. Farmington had 16 shots.

"We really played an excellent game," Juncal said. "Matt Okopny, Matt Konopinski, McDaniel, Kacey Lopata, Matt Cave, Derrick Galla and Eric Gaughan all played very well today."

"The only thing I would have liked to see more of would have been goals. We went one-on-one with their goalkeeper several times and failed to get more goals. But we got enough to win the game, and that's what matters."

FARMINGTON 6, CHURCHILL 1: Matt Okopny scored three goals and one assist Monday as Farmington pulled away from visiting Livonia Churchill in the second half Saturday.

The Falcons led 2-0 at halftime, but the Chargers scored first in the second half to put the issue in doubt for a short time.

"Then we got a few quick goals once we got things organized again in the second half," Juncal said.

"They had a quick one and another chance to tie the game. We started the second half a little loose."

Joe Russo scored two goals and had two assists, and freshman Tim Wanser scored his first varsity goal.

Farmington outshot Churchill, 20-8. Andrew Martin played the first half in goal for the Falcons, and Andrew Amis was between the pipes the entire second half.

The Falcons were without forward Matt Konopinski didn't play because of an ankle injury. Juncal decided to rest him to get him ready for the final week of the regular season.

"The other guys stepped up and played really well," Juncal said. "We're playing well now, and it's the right time to play our best soccer of the year. We're getting ready and looking forward to the state tournament."

N. FARMINGTON 3, KETTERING 2: North Farmington ended a five-game winless streak in boys soccer Thursday by winning at Waterford Kettering.

The Raiders, who had eight wins and a tie in their first nine games, had four losses and a tie in their previous five.

Andrew Mouranie's second goal of the game with 6:47 remaining broke a 2-2 tie and enabled the Raiders to get back on the winning track.

Stephen Denton sent a pass up the middle of the field to Mouranie, who had a 40-yard breakaway at the end of which he beat the

Kettering goalkeeper and buried the shot. North gained a 2-0 advantage in the first half, scoring its first goal less than three minutes into the contest.

Rob Camaj centered the ball from the left wing, and the ball caromed off the goalie's hands and into the air. Mike Lieberman, who was approaching from the right side, headed the ball into the net.

The Raiders got their second goal with 15:10 left in the half. Denton crossed to Mouranie from the left, and Mouranie scored from 12 yards into an open net.

The Captains made it 2-1 at halftime and scored the tying goal off a direct kick from outside the box with 17:17 to play in the game.

"We're back on track and we're going to try to keep it that way," Raiders coach Ron Meteyer said.

REDFORD CC 4, HARRISON D: Jon Shaw's

goal 21 minutes into the game proved to be the game winner as Redford Detroit Catholic Central blanked Farmington Harrison at Greenmead Thursday.

"Harrison played hard, but I think what helped us is the caliber of opponent we had been playing," said CC coach Joe Nola as his team improved to 4-0-3 overall.

"We've played teams like Troy, Rochester and Delafield and that helped. We finally put it together in the final third of the field. We played smart and put the ball in the net."

Thomas Early also added a goal and an assist. Gabe DeFazio and Bryan Lowe had goals, and Paul Drain and Pete Bierszynski had assists.

Todd Tindall and Ian Cannon combined to make five saves for the Shamrocks, who had 15 shots on goal in the game.

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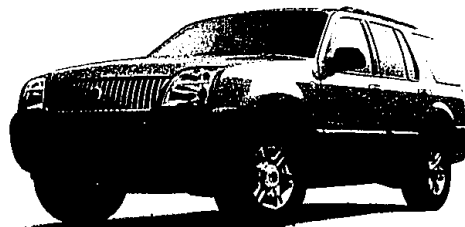
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