



Falcons get the message, pass Raiders in 5-0 win

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Coach Steve Montgomery told his Farmington players to settle down, focus and pass the ball effectively at halftime of a girls soccer game Friday night. Apparently, that was the right message and one his team needed to hear. The Falcons responded with four goals

in the first 10 minutes of the second half and overwhelmed visiting North Farmington for a 5-0 victory. "It was a high-pressure game against a city rival," Montgomery said. "I talked to the kids and told them how to play, what they should be doing. I told them to think of it as any other game, and then things started going our way." While the Falcons improved their

overall record to 5-2-1, it was the first loss for the Raiders, who are 6-1-2. Erica Rose scored the first of her two goals just 25 seconds into the second half. Less than a minute later, Lindsay Evans gave Farmington a three-goal lead. Kelly Hay scored the fourth goal eight minutes later, and Rose finished the scoring two minutes after that. "We started stringing passes together,

keeping possession and moving the ball up instead of playing long ball," Montgomery said.

"I told them to quit playing one-touch soccer, to start playing two-touch and where possible advance the ball by themselves."

"When they pass, pass with purpose

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Sidelines

Carson honored

Alma College's Erin Carson of Farmington Hills was named Position Player of the Week in the sport of softball by the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

The junior catcher batted 11-for-21 as the MIAA champion Scots won four league games. She was errorless in 50 defensive chances and was part of the battery in a no-hit game.

Carson, who starred at Mercy High School and earned all-area honors, had 10 singles and a double. She did not strikeout in 22 plate appearances.

Alma won the league title with a 12-2 record and was 27-4 overall as of last week.

Tennis champion

Freshman Kristen Palombo of St. Mary's (Notre Dame, Ind.) won the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association tennis title at No. 2 singles.

Palombo, a Livonia resident and Mercy High School graduate, defeated Kara Hoorn of Kalamazoo College in the finals, 7-5, 6-2. She was named to the All-MIAA second team.

St. Mary's won its third consecutive MIAA tournament over dual-meet champion Albion, 65-74. Albion won the overall title, however; St. Mary's was second. Albion was 7-0 in duals while St. Mary's and Kalamazoo tied for second place with 5-2 records.

Atallah wins title

Kalamazoo College freshman Dave Atallah of Farmington Hills won the No. 4 singles title and helped the Hornets win the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association men's tournament.

The Catholic Central High School graduate defeated Hope College's Erik Frost in the finals, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2). He was named to the All-MIAA second team.

Kalamazoo had 102 tournament points, Hope 94. The Dutchmen were 5-9 in MIAA duals, the Hornets 4-1. With the dual season and tournament counting 50 percent each, Kalamazoo and Hope were declared MIAA co-champions overall.

Tree dedication

A tree planted in honor of the late Fran Herrington will be formally dedicated at 10 a.m. Sunday, May 11, at Harrison High School. Herrington was the wife of longtime Harrison football coach John Herrington. She died in June, 2001, from kidney cancer.

The tree was a gift from the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association, which chose the tree as a living memorial. The tree is located near the Harrison football field.

Fran Herrington, who was an integral part of the Harrison program, also was involved with the MHSFCA and was friends with many of the members' wives.



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Rain curtails tennis action

Farmington High School's Alex Perez returns a volleyball during the No. 1 singles tennis match Thursday against Rochester Stony Creek. The match was not completed, however; a late afternoon rain shower saw to that. The Falcons were rained out again Friday. The city meet is Tuesday at North Farmington, and the Oakland Activities Association divisional tournaments are Thursday and Friday.

Anderson plays key role for Farmington

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BASEBALL

Andy Anderson knocked in the winning run and made himself the winning pitcher Friday as host Farmington rallied to beat Birmingham Groves in eight innings, 4-3.

In the bottom of the eighth, Anderson put down a suicide squeeze bunt that scored Dave Justice from third base with the winning run.

Anderson had pitched the last two thirds of an inning in the top of the eighth, making him the pitcher of record, too.

Groves had the bases loaded with one out when Anderson entered the game; he promptly got the visitors to hit into an inning-ending, 4-6-3 double play.

Farmington needed two runs in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score at 3-3 and force the game into an extra inning.

Who else but Anderson started the rally with a single. Mike Kish doubled to put runners at second and third.

Tom Scott hit a grounder to first that brought Anderson to the plate, and Tim DePaulis singled to score Kish.

Farmington outlasted Groves, 11-3. Kish was 4-for-4 and was the only Farmington player with more than one hit.

"We didn't play our best game, but we didn't play our worst game," Farmington coach Pete Finn said. "We were fortunate to stay in it despite all the walks (six)."

"Their pitcher (Matt Crowell) held us in check the first six innings. We were happy to have the opportunity and to take advantage of it."

Farmington is 3-2 in the Oakland Activities Association Division II and

was 7-11 overall prior to tournament play Saturday.

On Wednesday, Farmington lost a division game to visiting Berkley, 9-4.

Ryan Brodowsky pitched two innings and got the loss. The Falcons made six errors. Andy Brown worked three innings of relief, Tim Mitchell two.

DePaulis was 2-for-4 with an RBI; Justice and Anderson drove in one run each with a pair of sacrifice flies.

"We didn't play very well from top to bottom," Finn said. "We made mistakes in the field and we didn't hit. We struck out swinging six times and looking three times. That's nine outs that weren't very productive."

Raiders rally in the 7th

North Farmington scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning Thursday to defeat visiting Waterford

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Conference champ OCC hosts state tournament

Oakland Community College will host the Fourth Annual Michigan Community College Athletic Association women's softball state tournament today at the Highland Lakes Campus in Waterford.

The Lady Raiders, who have won the last two MCCA Eastern Conference championships, were 22-2 in the conference and have a 36-7 overall record.

OCC will play Lake Michigan College (23-17, 18-8 Western Conference) in the final Final Four game at noon.

SOFTBALL

The Lady Raiders, who finished fifth in the NJCAA Division II Nationals last season, defeated LMC at the Lake Michigan College tournament in April.

In the second game, two-time defending MCCA champion Lansing CC (26-4, 24-3 Western) will play Macomb CC (26-16, 17-3 Eastern) a half hour after the first semifinal game.

Lansing CC, the defending NJCAA Division II national champion, beat Macomb in the semis last year, 14-0.

The teams have not met this season. Lansing CC is ranked third in the nation and Macomb CC is 16th.

The semifinal winners will meet in the final 30 minutes after the second game.

The Highland Lakes Campus is located on Cooley Lake Road. Admission to the tournament is \$3 per person.

Frantz tosses no-hit victory for Marlins

SOFTBALL

Sophomore pitcher Dana Frantz threw a no-hitter in the first game of a softball doubleheader Thursday for undefeated Farmington Hills Mercy.

Frantz struck out nine and walked one as the Marlins shut out host Birmingham Marlin, 2-0.

She also was the winning pitcher in the nightcap, throwing four innings of no-hit relief. Mercy won that game in eight innings, 4-3.

The Marlins are 8-0 in the Catholic League Central Division and 14-0 overall.

Erin Agency drove in a run with a triple and Sarah Roman (2-for-3) had an RBI single in the first game. Kelly Ferrara (2-for-4) and Caitlin Law scored the runs.

In the eighth inning of the second game, Law walked, advanced to third on

Caitlin Tracey's single and scored the winning run on a two-out double by Agency.

Ferrara and Tracey were 2-for-4; Nicole Gonzalez had an RBI single, and Ferrara also batted in a run.

The Marlins trailed 3-2 going into the seventh inning. With Tammi Karagiosian on base and Ferrara putting the ball in play, Marlin tried to get the lead runner at third and then Ferrara at second.

Ferrara slid safely, the Mustangs booted the ball and Karagiosian scored the tying run.

Colleen Maxwell pitched the first four innings, allowing one run on three hits. The Mustangs scored two unearned runs off Frantz, who fanned six and walked one.

Hawks hammer Highlanders

Farmington Harrison swept a softball doubleheader Friday from host Rochester Adams, 11-3 and 10-1.

Stephanie Leeb pitched a complete game in the opener, scattering six hits; she struck out three and walked one.

Kristen Kluka and Abbey Cleland led the Hawks with four hits apiece. Kluka had three doubles and a single, Cleland a double and three singles. Katie Ross and Liz Ghannam added two hits each.

Harrison had six runs after two innings, added three more in the sixth and finished with a two-run seventh.

Beth Leeb struck out nine, gave up five hits and walked two while going the distance in the nightcap.

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