Farmington fares well despite setback

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STAFF WRITER

Despite having a setback Friday night, it's been a good year overall for the Farmington United boys lacrosse team.

In its fourth year as a varsity program, Farmington is beginning to reap the fruits of its labor and sported an 8-3 record prior to playing again Saturday.

Farmington had a four-game winning streak snapped Friday in a 7-6 loss to visiting Grosse Pointe South.

The Blues Devils enjoyed a 5-1 halftime lead, but Farmington rallied in the second half and make a good game of it.

South led the entire game, but Farmington refused to fold.

"We kept fighting back; we dominated the second half," United coach John Fillion said. "It was a whole lot of effort, just a little too late.

"We turned up the heat more.

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We pointed out (at halftime) we weren't hustling as hard as we should've been. We just came out more determined."

Farmington had a chance to serve the tying goal in the final seconds, but South blocked the attempt and the shot was never taken.

Matt Balla scored two goals for United; Vince D'Angelo, Mike Murphy, Jeff Tosoian and Mike Mencotti had one each.

The play of Balla, Murphy and Mencotti in the midfield "is really what helped get us going in the second half," Fillion said.

"(Goalie) Joel Rosen played a fantastic game. A goalie showdown is what it became, because their goalie was very good, too."

Fillion added the loss made his players "a little more humble going into playoffs and maybe a little more hungry."

Farmington whipped host Utica Eisenhower on Wednesday, 8-1. D'Angelo scored four goals and Mike Landsberg three; Balla had the other goal.

Tosoian notched three assists; Kyle Hart, Ryan Van Horn and D'Angelo had one each. Farmington led 6-0 at halftime.

"Utica did have a good goalie; otherwise, the score could have been a lot higher," Fillion said. Rosen made 10 saves.

Tosoian was the leading scorer with five goals and one assist Monday as Farmington outslugged visiting Harrison Township L'Anse Creuse, 16-12.

D'Angelo tossed in four goals and assisted on two others; Balla and Van Horn had three goals apiece, and Landsberg chipped in three assists.

United dominated visiting Rockford on May 10 for a 14-3 victory. Landsberg and D'Angelo led the way with four goals each.

Balla and Mencotti added two goals apiece; Zack Thompson and Tosoian, who figured prominently in the scoring again with six assists, added one each.

"Our defense has stepped up, and our attack is really scoring a lot of goals," Fillion said. "The combination of those two is spectacular, and we seem to have plenty of depth in our midfield lines.

"These guys have put in a lot of hard work, and they play with such class. They rally together to make things happen. That makes the difference between winning and losing."

Farmington begins post-season play this week in the Class A state tournament

"We're going into the post-season with guys who are healthy, guys who have stepped up to the plate this year," Fillion said. "Hopefully, that sets us up for a fantastic post-season."

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minutes and 21 seconds.

Kandt notched the fifth goal at 13:59, Lyon the sixth (12:45) and seventh (11:47) and Rattai the eighth (10:38).

Mercy made it close with two goals in the final seven minutes.

Besides scoring goals, Rattai and Kokko played key roles in the midfield to get the offense started, according to Mehall.

"They dug the ball out in the midfield and were able to bring the ball down," he said. "All the scorers played a strong game, but Brittani and Bethany were instrumental in bringing the ball into the offensive end."

Farmington outshot Mercy, 29-18. Lyon, Jenny Adams, Kokko and Jenny Hand had one assist each.

"Both teams played very well, but we had more ground balls and played more aggressively than they did," Mehall said. "That allowed us to have more possessions, thus more shots on goal.

"Typically, the ground balls and interceptions are going to be in the midfield. We had considerably more time at their end, which gave us more shots on goal."

FARMINGTON 8, ATHENS 7: Brittani Kokko scored the winning goal with an assist from Lindsay Hirzel in the final minute of play Wednesday.

Farmington was ahead 6-4 but Athens rallied to take a 7-6 lead. Allison Lyon got the tying goal for Farmington with six minutes remaining.

Ashley Kandt scored three goals and Lyon two. Kathy Hass and Kristie Boskey also had one each. Kokko, Jenny Adams and Christyn Chadwick had one assist.

"As the game progressed, we started to play a better passing game and by the end of the game the defense tightened up," coach Mike Mehall said. "The goals were scored off multiple passes down the field. It was a real fun game to watch.

"Our goalie (Wendy Bakken) did really well. She kept us in the game and allowed us to have the chance to come back.

"It shows B Division is fairly well matched. The competition helps the sport and adds it at additional excitement level to the games. It really increases the quality of the games."

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with 18:02 remaining in the game. She was running from the left wing when Kristina Navas put a long restart on the foot of Munaco, who "basically walked in all alone," according to Russell.

"We were sloppy for a large part of the game," he added. "We wanted to possess a little more, but we did it enough. Harrison came hard at our possession game and made it difficult to possess.

"One thing we did do that we weren't early in the season was working hard and getting bounces. We're going at teams constantly and creating chances, and they're coming our way.

"After a couple losses, we've been on a five-game unbeaten streak since we decided we were not going to let other teams outwork us."

The Raiders are 7-1-4 in the Oakland Activities Association Division III (second place behind Stoney Creek) and 9-2-4 overall. The Hawks are 4-5-3 and 5-5-4, respectively.

Boothroyd and Lynch were "just rock solid in the middle" and didn't allow the Hawks to build up any kind of offensive attack, according to Russell.

Avis Kaplan, Adrienne Sundquist, Navas and Amanda O'Steen were defensive standouts as the Raiders posted their eighth shutout, he added.

"Bridgette earned it with a couple decent saves," he said. "Most were right at her; she didn't have to do a lot of diving.

"The defense didn't allow anything in close. They like to phy defense. The fact three of the four are freshmen means they'll probably be playing it for four years." Brie Loveland and Munaco, who has emerged as an offensive threat in recent games, played extremely well in the midfield, Russell added.

Punzal cited the steady play of Alex Stankovich and Sarah Abou-El-Seoud on defense for Harrison despite the outcome.

Center forward Leanne Burns played hard, chasing down all the through balls from the defense, according to Punzal.

"For us it's come to that point in the season we have a lot of nagging injuries," she said. "We started out with a ton of confidence; we're struggling right now. That comes with being a young team with 14 freshmen and sophomores."

ANDOVER 2, FARMINGTON 1: The host Barons led 1-0 at halftime and scored the deciding goal early in the second half Thursday. Lindsay Evans scored an unassisted goal for the Falcons with 16 minutes remaining in the game. She beat two defenders inside the 18 and fired a shot to the far post.

"The next 16 minutes we put them under pressure and had a lot of shots, but none went in," Farmington coach Steve Montgomery said. "Their keeper (Kiri Fink) made few quality saves in the last 15 minutes. She was a big factor for them."

The Falcons outshot the Barons, 15-5. They also had 18 free kicks, but most were from 20 to 25 yards away. Andover scored both goals on headers, one on a free kick and the other on a corner. "We kinda outplayed them," Montgomery said. "It was a very frustrating game. Andover is a pretty scrappy team. They never gave up and fought pretty hard.

"In the first 15 to 20 minutes, it looked like it might be an easy game, but (the Barons) hung in there and got scrappier. Even though we felt like we were a little better, it doesn't matter. The score is what counts."

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THIS IS PUBLIC NOTICE of the 2003 Summer Meeting Schedule of the Farmington Hills City Council. Council will meet in regular session on the following dates:

June 16, 2003	June 23, 2003
July 14, 2003	July 28, 2003
August 18, 2003	August 25, 2003

All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

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City of Farmington Hills

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
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SPECIAL MEETING
JOINTLY FUNDED AGENCIES BUDGETS
(SUMMARY)

A joint meeting of the Farmington City Council and the Farmington Hills City Council was held on Thursday, May 8, 2003 at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 267-1976.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

FARMINGTON COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Harrison, Mitchell.

FARMINGTON HILLS COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Barnett, Bates, Brickner, Ellis, Grant, McRae (arrived at 7:49 p.m.), Oliverio.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Cantrell, Pastue.

FARMINGTON HILLS CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Brock, Rosch, Whinnery.

The Councils of the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills met to hear presentations of jointly funded agency budgets for 2003-2004. Hearings were held on budgets for the Mayor's Youth Council; Commission of Children, Youth & Families; Farmington Area Commission on Aging; Farmington Area Arts Commission; 47th District Court; Farmington Area Counseling Centers; Farmington Community Library; and Farmington Youth Assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

JAMES K. MITCHELL, Mayor
PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON THE BUDGET FOR 2003-04

The Farmington Public School District will hold a public hearing on its postponed budget for the 2002-03 school year at a special meeting of the Board of Education for the Farmington Public School District at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shiawassee, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, 2003.

Copies of the proposed budget will be available for inspection at the Farmington Public Elementary Schools and Farmington Public Libraries from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, after May 20, 2003.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

GARY D. SHARP, Secretary
Board of Education

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