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Erin Deroo and Maggie Ballencourt all played well, and they don't get the recognition they deserve," Montgomery said. "Erica Rose did a great job as our quarterback, winning the ball and distributing the ball for us."

The Falcons wrap up the regular season with an 8-5-2 record and 5-5-2 in the OAA Division II.

Raiders blank Captains

Seeing a zero in the linescore for an opponent has become common in North Farmington soccer games this season.

The Raiders recorded their ninth shutout in 17 games this season with a 2-0 win over the Waterford Kettering Captains Thursday night. North improves to 11-2-4 overall and 9-1-4 in the OAA Division III with the win.

Senior Chris Gabriel scored both goals for the Raiders, both

coming before halftime. Goalkeeper Bridgette Beers got thrown in the net, and combined with her strong defensive teammates, she allowed .825 goals per game this regular season.

"Obviously, we have a great deal to be excited about. I am ecstatic that my seniors have enjoyed a very successful final campaign," said North coach Tim Russell. "They will be difficult to replace, but we have so many tough and skilled players returning, including six starting underclassmen, that we

know we will continue to compete."

Falcons mercy RU

In a district warmup contest, it was no contest between the Falcons and Redford Union Thursday.

Montgomery coached what he said was his first-ever 10-0 mercy-shorted shutout win over the Panthers at Redford. "We weren't trying to score 10 goals," Montgomery said. "It was the first time since I've been coaching we won a game

like that. But we had our starters out of the game the last 20 minutes of both halves."

Megan Stewart scored her first goal of the season for the Falcons. Kristen Titula, who normally plays outside mid-field, tallied her second of the campaign, as the team played several players in new positions.

Evans compiled a hat trick, while Joyce and Erica Rose each scored twice. Deroo added three assists in the victory. Farmington held a 6-0 lead at

halftime.

Katy Kelly got the win in goal for Farmington.

Powers edges Blazers

Stacy Miller's goal off a free kick in the second half proved to be the difference Thursday as host Flint Powers Catholic turned back Livonia Ladywood (6-5-5) 1-0 in a non-league match.

Winning goalkeeper Molly Doyle made six saves. Stefani Szczechowski stopped seven of eight shots for the Blazers.

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games. "It was quite an accomplishment. They set a goal and went right at it, and they did it. Hats off to those kids."

Zalkin's gem leads Hawks

Thirteen turned out to be a number that didn't represent luck, just quality, for Harrison pitcher Eric Zalkin.

The Hawk hurler pitched perhaps his best game of his varsity career Wednesday, tossing a one-hitter with 13 Ks to lead his team to a 7-0 win over Royal Oak Kimball.

The win puts Harrison at 17-9 overall and 8-6 in the OAA Division I.

Zalkin hit one batter with a

pitch and issued no walks, facing just two batters over the minimum in his terrific performance.

He got plenty of early run support from his teammates, courtesy of the long ball. Nick Zintis went 2-for-4 and slammed a two-run home run with 3 RBI in the game.

Kevin Zerbo added a two-run shot as well. Greg Hocking added an RBI single to round out the scoring.

Harrison scored three in the first and four in the second innings, giving Zalkin plenty of confidence and run support in his nearly perfect game.

The Hawks are finished with regular season play, and start the postseason May 31 by facing the winner of the Farmington-Livonia Stevenson pre-district contest.

Raiders down old rival

Old WLAA foes got together on the diamond Monday with visiting North Farmington coming away with an 8-6 non-league victory at Livonia Churchill (8-14).

Scott Moscow and Adam Vieder each collected two hits for the Raiders, who broke a 3-all deadlock with five runs in the fourth inning.

Bryan Smith, the North starter, went the first four innings before giving way to Rich Hegstrom. The two combined for six strikeouts, while giving up nine hits and three walks.

Brad Poremba led Churchill with two hits and two RBI. Wednesday, Farmington absorbed a 5-1 loss to Birmingham Groves, a loss that

allowed the Raiders to win the league title.

Marcus Barlage slammed a solo home run for the Falcons' only offense of the game.

Simpson sparks Trojans

Marc Simpson had a huge day at the plate with 17 total bases in Livonia Clarenceville's first Metro Conference victory of the season, 17-9, Monday at Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett.

Simpson went 4-for-5 with four RBI and four runs scored. Jason Price went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Andrzej Walowicz also went 3-for-4 for the Trojans (9-14, 1-13).

Winning pitcher Mike McWhinnie went the first 4.2 innings, allowing five hits and all nine runs. He struck out seven.

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