

SPORTS

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North falters in tennis finals

By C.J. RISAK

Kentwood, 6-1, 6-1, in the second.

Neither North Farmington nor West Bloomfield fared well in the state tennis finals, which started Friday in Holland.

Rains delayed the start of the preliminary matches and Michigan High School Athletic Association rules, stating that high school tennis players can play no more than three matches a day and cannot compete on Sundays, further delayed the finals.

Several matches were held over until Monday and played at a neutral site between the two competing schools. Final results in several of the flights were not available, and, likewise, final standings could not be computed.

North failed to get a player past the second round. Yuriko Kamikura, a Japanese exchange student who played first singles for North, won her first round match but lost in the second. She was the only North player to get past the first round.

West Bloomfield, the regional champions, performed better, with No. 1 singles Kristen Streg advancing to the quarterfinals before being eliminated and two other singles players winning their opening matches before losing in the second round.

Streg easily beat her first two opponents, crushing Lisa Hamilton of Detroit Henry Ford, 6-0, 6-0, in the first round, and Colleen Nylan of East

BUT STRENG met her match in the quarterfinals, losing to No. 3 seed Nancy Martin of Portage Northern, 6-2, 6-2.

Second singles Kathy August and fourth singles Sandy Toner each posted first round wins but lost in the second. August beat Pam Altenburger of Dearborn, 6-2, 7-5, then lost to Meghan McMahon of Grosse Pointe South, the No. 2 seed in second singles, 6-0, 6-0.

Toner downed Lucy Rapadas of Troy Athens, 6-1, 6-2, but, like August, faced a Grosse Pointe South player, No. 1 seed Lisa Micou, in the second round and was blanked, 6-0, 6-0.

Patty Mansfield and Karen Mouzakis were the only doubles team to advance past the opening round for the Lakers. They defeated a Detroit Finney pair, 6-2, 6-0, in the first round but lost by the same score to an Alpena team in the second.

North Farmington won five of seven events during the Northwest Suburban League tennis meet last Wednesday to place first in the meet and tie for first in the final league standings.

NSL standings are determined half by dual meet finish and half by the conference championship meet. North lost twice in league dual meets, both times to Livonia Franklin.

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North's Yuriko Kamikura lost in the second round of the state Class A prep tennis finals. (Staff photo by Randall Borst)

It's no playoff, but local teams to clash in Dome

By C.J. RISAK

The league football season is over for the three Farmington high schools.

Farmington, Harrison saw a promising season end with a 7-6 loss to

Livonia Churchill two weeks ago. With the loss went any chance Harrison had for a Western Six League (WSL) title and a state playoff berth.

North Farmington lost two straight games by 8-7 scores in the Northwest

Suburban League (NSL), finishing in a tie for second place with Garden City East at 3-2.

Farmington won its first two contests in the Inter Lakes League (ILL). But the success didn't last for long — the Falcons

were soundly beaten by the two top teams in the conference, Waterford and Livonia Stevenson, on successive weekends to end any title hopes.

The three Farmington schools have compiled some impressive wins

during the year, but none of the three came away with the one big win that would have given it a league title. With the failure to obtain those goals went any hope to make the state playoffs.

But, fortunately for all

three schools, it didn't cost them the chance to play in the Pontiac Silverdome.

They will all have that opportunity this Saturday in a prep football double-header, starting at 6 p.m. with Farmington facing

once-beaten Southfield. North will take on Harrison in the second contest, starting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

It's not the final game of the football season, but it certainly is the highlight for the three

teams. All challenged for their respective conference championships until the final two weekends of league play, with Harrison and North missing out by the narrowest of margins (a total of three points in three games).

One-point losses have plagued my prediction record as well as the Farmington football teams. I missed another one last Friday, when I picked West Bloomfield

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Raiders bounce Glenn

By C.J. RISAK

North Farmington rallied to beat Westland John Glenn, 17-7, last Saturday, and it a player who wasn't supposed to be playing that made the difference.

Quarterback Greg Goldstein broke a thumb in a game against Redford Thurston three weeks ago. The injury forced him to sit out North's games with Redford Union and Livonia Franklin, both of which the Raiders lost by 8-7 scores.

The senior signal caller wasn't supposed to play against John Glenn, either. But the injury had healed sufficiently enough — he finished Saturday's contest with 10 completions in 16 attempts for 86 yards and ran for a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns to ignite the North's comeback victory.

"The key factor was Greg Goldstein," North coach Ron Holland said after the game. "We need a two tight end attack a lot. I thought we had to pass (to win). We wanted to keep them (Glenn) off-balance."

STILL, NORTH was unable to mount much of a scoring threat for three quarters, as the Rocket defense limited the Raiders to a 22-yard first-quarter field goal.

The score was set up by a 40-yard return of the

opening kickoff by Rich Nutter, to the Glenn 48. A Goldstein-to-Paul George pass gained 13 yards and Nutter gained 13 more on a run, but the drive stalled at the Rocket five. Nutter booted the field goal into a stiff wind to give the Raiders a 3-0 lead.

Glenn managed just four first downs in the first half, crossing midfield only once on a Scott Thornton 17-yard run to the North 49. But quarterback Rick Discher's pass on the next play was intercepted by North's Doug Schulte.

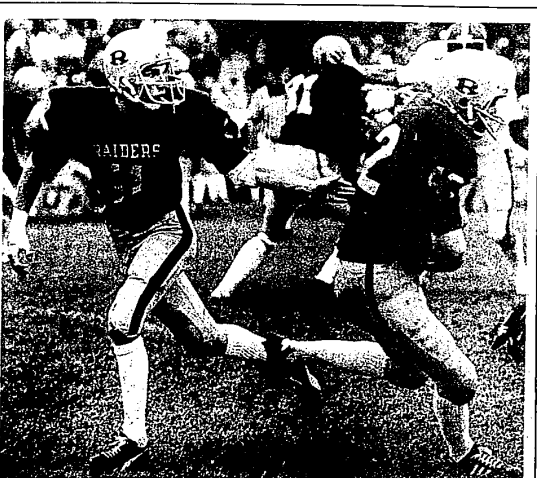
North had the wind advantage in the second period, but failed to capitalize. Nutter tried a 37-yard field goal early in the quarter, but his attempt fell short.

Glenn put together its only scoring drive at the start of the third quarter, going 76 yards in 16 plays and eating up 9:08 of the period. Tailback Ken Liedel carried the ball seven times for 31 yards in the drive, and threw a seven-yard pass halfback option play to Bill Dye for the touchdown.

John Johnston's extra point kick gave Glenn a 7-3 lead.

North ran just five plays in the third quarter and picked up one first down, but got a break when Liedel fumbled after gaining 15 yards on the last field goal.

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North quarterback Greg Goldstein (11) hands off to Rick Roth during last Saturday's contest against Westland John Glenn.

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