

Falcon runners 3rd at West Bloomfield; North girls win dual

It was a busy and successful beginning of the week for the Farmington boys cross country team.

On Saturday, the Falcons equalled their best finish ever at the talent-laden West Bloomfield Invitational, run at Marshall Park. The Falcons finished third with 148 points behind Hazel Park (60) and Grand Rapids Catholic Central (71).

"We did exceptionally well," said Farmington coach Jerry Young. "This third-place finish equals what we did back in 1970 and in 1976."

Chris Loch (17:08) finished 15th, Bryan Lawton (17:32) and Al Stebbins (17:33) went 26th and 39th. Dave Dunsbach (17:37) was 41st, and Bruce Kerr (17:50) placed 44th. Redford Catholic Central won the second Class A division at West Bloomfield.

FARMINGTON'S BOYS came back on Tuesday to win a tri-meet with Southfield and Bloomfield Hills Lahser at Oakland Community College.

Farmington scored 15, followed by Southfield (54) and Lahser (71).

Loch again was the Falcons' top runner. He took first with a 17:15 clocking. Stebbins was second (17:30), Dunsbach third (17:38), Lawton fourth (17:38), Kerr (17:37) and Bruce Kerr was sixth (17:44) — a Falcon sweep.

The Falcons boys are now 3-0.

The Falcons girls placed second in the tri-meet. Lahser was the winner with 29 points. Farmington scored 47, and Southfield had 54.

Nicole Jelley was the Falcons' top runner, finishing third with a 22:04. Anna Quenneville (23:06) was fifth, Diana Wickham (23:55) was eighth, and Kristina Robrecht (25:01) was 12th.

Farmington girls are now 1-2.

FARMINGTON HARRISON'S boys team breezed past Birmingham Groves 18-40 Tuesday. The Hawks took the first four places: Mike Eker (17:23), Chris Hart (17:30), Tom Blason (17:50) and Dave Linn (17:55). Pat Riker placed eighth for the Hawks (18:33).

The Hawks are now 1-2.

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Harrison's girls team didn't fare as well, losing a tight one, 25-30, to Groves. Lauri Runk placed second (20:36), Jenny Anderson (21:09) placed third, Andrea Pascoe (24:34) seventh and Tania Gabler (24:51) eighth. Kim Hest and Marcy Neussbaum finished 10th and 11th.

THE NORTH FARMINGTON girls team got a big break against Livonia Stevenson Tuesday. The Raiders won 24-31, thanks to the disqualification of four runners.

The four front-runners, two from Stevenson and two from North, ran off the OOC course and were disqualified. Had the foursome finished, Stevenson would have won.

As it was, Suzanne Hamblin's second place (23:22), coupled with Donna Chuba's third (23:38), Kathy Kotera's fifth (23:58) and Maria Feldman's sixth (24:05) gave North the win.

The Raider boys lost to Stevenson 25-34. Kirk Armstrong, the Raiders' all-area runner, won the meet in 17:37. Steve Ustin (18:52) took third. But, Stevenson grabbed places two, four, five and six to win the meet.

The North boys are 1-2, while the girls are 3-0.

FARMINGTON HILLS OUR LADY OF MERCY enjoyed its highest finish ever at the West Bloomfield Invitational Saturday. The Marlins placed sixth, getting an eighth-place finish from Ellen McCarthy (20:38) and a 27th place out of Marile Healey (21:40).

The Marlins came back Tuesday to whip Bishop Borgess 20-41 on Tuesday at Cass Benton. McCarthy, fighting off leg cramps, took second with a 21:54. Healey was third with a 22:19.

The Marlins also placed runners four-six: Carol Melampy (22:51), Colleen O'Dea (23:05) and Kathleen Ryan (23:17).

The Marlins are 1-0.

Chiefs nip defensive Raiders

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BILL BREBLER/staff photographer

North forward Karsten Fellen played a strong game Tuesday in the Raiders' 2-0 loss to Plymouth Canton.

It really doesn't matter how much talent you have, or how much you out-play your opponent; if you can't put the ball in the net, you are going to have a tough time winning soccer matches.

Such was the case at Plymouth Canton Tuesday. The Chiefs dominated the contest against North Farmington, yet barely escaped with a 2-0 win.

"Oh, we controlled the entire game," said Canton coach Mike Morgan. "We just couldn't finish the plays."

Now wait a minute, North Farmington has played four games this year. The Raiders are 1-3. In all three losses, to Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Salem and to Canton, the opposition has had trouble scoring against the Raiders.

Instead of being unable to finish scoring chances, couldn't it be that the Raiders might just have a good defensive team?

"OUR DEFENSE played another real strong game," said Raider coach Cathy Cole. "Jeff Keller (midfielder) played his heart out."

So did defencemen Joe Juliano and Monty Najar. Goalie Dennis McCarthy kicked away 16 shots, 12 in the first half.

But, offensively, it was another matter. "We seem to have a hard time anticipating the transition from defense to offense," Cole said.

Canton outshot North 12-3 in the first half. The second half was more evenly played, the Chiefs outshooting North 6-4.

"We had more speed, more talent — we just had trouble controlling our own offense," Morgan said.

After missing numerous golden scoring chances in the first 35 minutes, Canton finally beat McCarthy. Bryan Whitely slipped a low, hard shot just out of the Raider goalie's reach. Steve Morell got an assist on the play.

The ball was rarely out of the Raider end in the first half, but in the second half the Raiders were at times danger-

ous. Canton goalie Brian Gavigan, however, was equal to the task.

SHAUN HOWE and Karsten Fellen each were robbed of tying goals by Gavigan early in the second half. Then Gavigan made the save of the day. Darrell Kraus got free in front of the Chiefs' net some 10 yards out and blizzarded a shot. Gavigan leaped, snagged the ball in his hands, and held on as the force of the shot knocked him flat on his back.

With eight minutes left in the match, Tim Mueller took a nice pass from Whiteley, faked a Raider defender out of his socks at midfield, and broke in alone on McCarthy — making it 2-0.

Defensively for Canton, Pat McGow played a strong game.

The win leaves Canton at 2-0.

SALEM 5, HARRISON 3: Farmington Harrison, coming off a big 3-0 win against Novi Monday, ran into charged-up Plymouth Salem team Tuesday.

Mark Flower scored twice for the Rocks. Kevin Sultana and Dave Demarco each had a goal and two assists. Mike Tanner added the fifth goal.

It was the second straight shutout for the Rocks' goalie tandem of Dan Stahl and Joe Knoeri.

The Rocks are now 2-0.

Harrison (2-3) got two goals each from Eric Reed and Dennis Rande in their rout of Novi. Mike Youreg, Zef Deduzkuj, Jim Hill and Craig Bailey also scored.

NORTHVILLE 4, FARMINGTON 1: Actually, it could have been a lot worse for the Falcons. Northville outshot them 27-10.

"Yes, the score could have been a couple goals higher," said Farmington coach Ed Bartram. "Our fullbacks still need to get stronger, but we're getting better."

Mike Bash played a strong game for the Falcons, scoring their only goal late in the second half.

The Falcons are 2-2.

Revenge a motive in Mercy Hoops Classic

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Rapids Ottawa Hills in the Class B regional finals. The core of that team is back and they, too, have something to

MERCY HAS set its sights on recapturing the Class A state title it lost to Flint Northwestern last year. Back for the third straight year are Amy DeMatia, Ruggiero and Mary Rosowski — starters on the 1982 championship team.

DeMatia, however, has been hobbled

by a sprained ankle. She played sparingly in Mercy's opening day rout of Temperance-Bedford and isn't likely to see much action against Brighton tonight. Baker, though, is confident she will be ready to go by Saturday.

The Mercy Hoops Classic — the pioneer of pre-season girls basketball tournaments in this state — is again expected to draw a large throng of col-

lege scouts. Last year some 50 colleges were represented at the tourney.

"We've had some interesting phone calls already," Baker said. "We expect scouts from as far east as Boston; as far west as Colorado; and as far south as Texas."

Chances are neither scouts nor fans will go away disappointed.

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