

# Hawks sweep N. Farmington

Oh that wacky Western Lakes baseball league.

Just when you think you have it figured out, boom, it tosses another curve.

North Farmington had lost only once going into Friday's double-header with Farmington Harrison. The Hawks, meanwhile, were laboring near the bottom of the Western Division.

Guess what? Harrison swept both games from the Raiders, 7-2 and 8-1.

"These were big games for both of us," said Harrison coach John Herrington. "We had just come off two bad losses and North was fighting for first in the Lakes Division."

The Hawks got a strong pitching performance from Mark Schmidt in game one. The senior allowed just six hits while striking out six to record his first win.

North ace Rob Knapp, undefeated in four previous starts, was the victim of poor defense and his own lack of control. The seven Harrison runs were scored on just four hits. Knapp walked six.

Mike Rudin had the game's big hit, a long triple seventh.

Jon Weisberg shackled the Raiders in game two, allowing four hits and a run through five innings. He fanned four.

Brian Smolinski blasted his third homer of the year off loser Gerry Haight to pace Harrison.

ON WEDNESDAY, Harrison lost a 6-3 Western Division game to Livonia Franklin. Franklin's Paco Chavez shut the Hawks down on five hits.

Gary Schwedt was the losing pitcher for Harrison. The Hawks are 6-4 on the season, 4-3 in the league.

North won a thriller Wednesday, topping Plymouth Salem 8-7. The Raiders trailed 6-4 in the fourth inning.

Rudin had a pair of hits, including a two-run home run in the third. Brian Bosscawen and Steve Brown each knocked in two runs with a pair of hits.

Brian McDanel got the win for North in relief of starter Rick Karcher. Todd Shepard earned a save.

North is now 7-3 in the league, 7-5 overall.

## Hard-luck Harrison splits 2 with North

The Farmington Harrison softball team has lost eight of its 10 ballgames this year — by a total of 21 runs. That means they have lost eight games by less than three runs each.

The hard-luck Hawks salvaged a split of a double-header against Western Lakes and City for North Farmington on Friday, losing the first 10-6, winning the second 9-3.

Harrison simply gave game one away. Six walks and five errors paved the way for a North win.

Game one was ultimately decided by a four-run sixth inning by North. In that inning, Harrison pitcher Heidi Reyst fanned four batters, one reaching on a passed ball. Reyst allowed just five hits and one earned run.

Kara Karhu was rapped a double and scored three times to pace North.

Robin Weatherford was the winning pitcher. Diana Raddatz had three hits and stole three bases for the Hawks. Katie Doll had two hits including a triple.

In game two, Dawn Culbertson recorded the victory allowing three runs on three hits in five innings. She helped her cause at the plate with two hits. Theresa Spisz also had a pair of hits.

Erin Ellis took the loss for North.

FRANKLIN 5, HARRISON 1: Western Division-leading Livonia Franklin used a three-run third inning and the four-hit pitching of Tracy Letica to subdue Farmington Harrison Wednesday.

Letica fanned 10 Harrison hitters and the lone run was unearned.

Dawn Culbertson absorbed the loss for the Hawks, although she allowed just five hits and one earned run. She struck out four and walked one.

W.L. WESTERN 11, FARMINGTON 10: For those keeping score, this was the third straight last-inning defeat absorbed by Farmington last week.

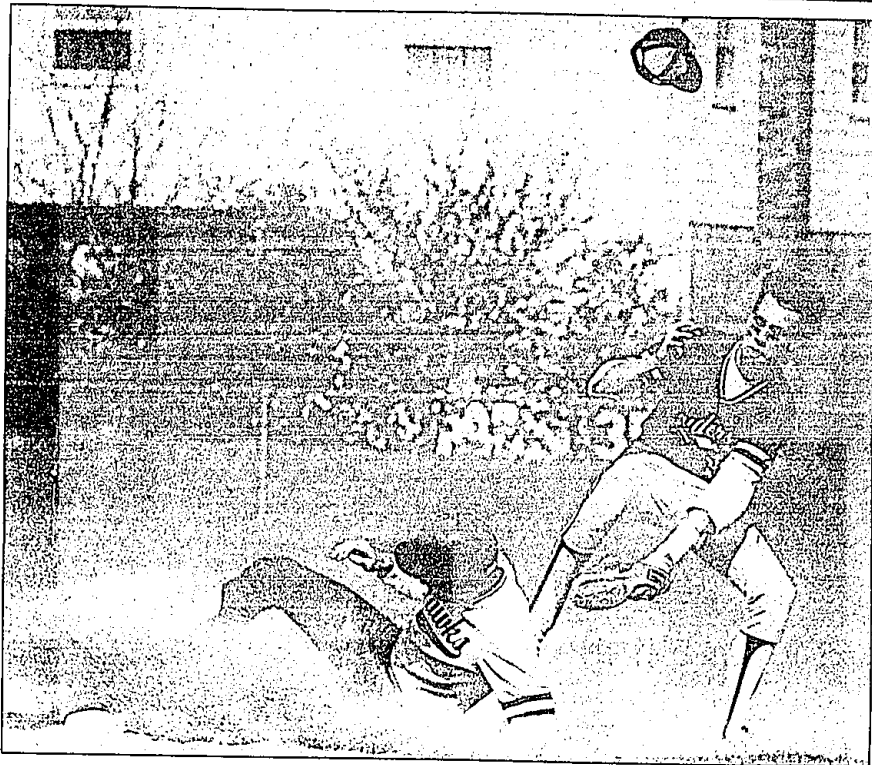
Farmington scored five runs in the top of the sixth to take a 10-8 lead Friday, but Walled Lake Western scored three times in the bottom of the six off junior pitcher Kris Kinsey to win it.

Tracy Schroen knocked in three runs with three hits for Farmington, while Becky Philp went 2-for-4.

On Wednesday, Walled Lake Central scored four times in the seventh to knock off the Falcons 14-10.

Schroen had three more hits and Kinsey rapped a three-run triple.

The Falcons are 3-6 overall, 2-7 in the Western Lakes.



Shawn Brennan slides safely into second base under the tag of North's Brian Bosscawen in game one of Harrison's double header sweep Friday.

RANDY BORST/staff photographer

## C'ville softballers gain sweep in Metro

Rae Lynn Stevens belted out five hits and drove in five runs as Livonia Clarenceville took both ends of a double-header Thursday at Detroit Lutheran West.

Stevens' 2-for-4 performance and four RBIs keyed Clarenceville's 16-6 win in the first game.

Anne Ledda collected two hits including a double and Karen Young knocked in a run with another double.

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Winning pitcher Dawn Goeman aided her own cause by driving home three runs and striking out four Leopard batters.

Clarenceville also benefitted from 17 walks by Lutheran West pitching.

Stevens went 3-for-4 with one RBI in the second game, a 16-10 Clarenceville victory.

Erratic defense and pitching on

the part of Lutheran West also played a factor in the nightcap as the Trojans scored five times on wild pitches and Lutheran West fielders made five errors.

Winning pitcher Diane Lindsey recorded two strikeouts and went 2-for-4 with one RBI at the plate.

On Wednesday, Clarenceville dropped a 12-2 decision to league leading Auburn Heights Avondale.

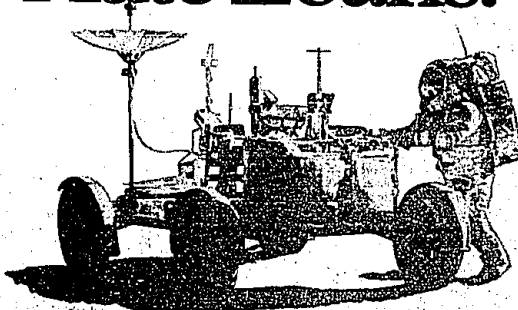
Lindsey and Kelly Watson drove in the Trojans two runs with a double and a single, respectively.

Ledda got the only other Clarenceville hit, a triple.

Lindsey was the losing pitcher.

STEVENSON 13-14, CHURCHILL 14-1: On Thursday, cross-town rivals Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill split a double-header.

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