

Salem wins soccer showdown, 2-1 Basketball from page 1B

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Now that the National Football League has dismissed the instant replay, it may find a warm welcome at Livonia Stevenson.

The Spartans controlled most of the soccer game Tuesday against visiting Plymouth Salem before a controversial goal and an outstanding individual effort by Tom Baker conquered the Spartans, 2-1.

The Rocks (5-0-1) trailed 1-0 with 16 minutes remaining in the game. The score could have been worse had it not been for the outstanding goalkeeping of sophomore Paul Dood, who steered away several point-blank shots.

Salem was given a free kick from around 30 yards out. Brian Spuck lofted the ball toward the Spartan net where Joe Perron headed it to the upper right corner of the net. Stevenson's goalkeeper, freshman Jim Grewe, batted the ball above the net.

But the ball glanced off a screen above the net and rebounded back into play, where junior Ryan Phipps easily looted the ball past Grewe for the tying goal.

The referee and linesman consulted while several Spartans argued their case to no avail — the goal was allowed.

Spartan coach Walt Barrett refused to be upset about the play. Instead he looked back at the several chances his team had to add on to their early lead.

"Considering we have a lot of new starters and a young team, come to-

Rochester tops Falcons

After trailing most of the game, host Rochester scored the winning goal with two minutes remaining Monday to defeat Farmington 4-3 in boys soccer.

The Falcons (4-2) held leads of 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 with a pair of goals by Mike Giesu and one from Sean Noble. Each player had an assist, too.

"We had the lead three times and just couldn't hold it," Farmington coach Luke Juncaj said.

"It's a heartbreaking loss, but it happened."

"We controlled the game for the most part. But they were very good in the air. Any time they crossed the ball in front of the goal they usually scored. That's something we're going to work on."

"All of their goals were scored the same way — six corner kicks or crosses from either side. They're very good on the set plays."

morrow at practice, I don't think anyone will be disappointed," he said. "Tonight our game plan was fine and our strategy was fine."

"But when you are young and playing above your head, you leave yourself open to a crucial call. I have nothing against the referee, he just didn't see it. The next approach is to get a 2-0 lead. If you do that, you don't leave the game up to one call."

The goal gave Salem new life and the Rocks kept the pressure on Stevenson. With 2:10 left, Baker got behind the Spartan defense and dribbled in on Grewe, who came out of the net. Baker then took the ball to the left of the goal.

"I had no angle so I hoped to get a shot on net or get it in front to someone," said Baker, who made the all-state team last season as a junior.

Baker made a nice one-on-one move on the defender and drilled a shot into the center of the goal.

"He's the best player in the state," Salem coach Ken Johnson said. "He covers the whole field and has a great brain. I knew when he had the ball (next to the net) it was a goal."

The Spartans took the lead nine minutes into the game. Senior Jeff Thomas spun away from a Salem defender at midfield and fed senior Adam Pichler, who drove past two Salem players and fired a shot from just over 20 yards out that found an opening in the corner.

That was the only thing that got past Dood, as the sophomore made several fantastic sprawling saves.

"He's a great young keeper," Johnson said of Dood. "He has only given up two goals (in six games) and hasn't played a bad game yet."

The Stevenson coach also praised the Salem keeper.

"(Dood) came up big in some crucial situations," Barrett said. "We're playing a freshman goalie (Grewe) and he held his own, too. He stopped everything. He even pushed one out-of-bounds and it came back in."

The game was very physical as 10 yellow cards were issued. Salem's Jeff Kiley was forced to leave the game after he suffered a bad sprained ankle after a hard tackle.

"It's always this tough," Johnson said. "In the first half, Stevenson came out flying. Their emotion was carrying them. We couldn't beat their emotion. They play with a lot of heart."

"But we kept our composure and were able to stay in the game. They lost some of their emotion, and some of their speed, in the second half."

"I'm extremely proud of every Stevenson player," Barrett said. "We have eight or nine new starters and all have been working on new game plans. We played excellent tonight."

In the past, these two teams have played some classic games, including last season's 2-1 overtime victory by Stevenson in the regionals. The teams also understand the importance of the rivalry in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Whoever wins this game usually wins the division," Johnson said. "But we still have Farmington waiting for us."

shots in the paint but were still able to stay in striking distance until the Lakers outscored Farmington 12-3 in the fourth quarter.

throw shooting. West Bloomfield (1-2), which made 12 of 16 free throws, was led by Marilee Manwaring's 19 points and Kellie Conover's 12.

Senior forward Tammy Allen had 13 points and five assists for the Falcons, who also received 16 points and five steals from sophomore guard Andrea Salyer.

Only three players scored for Farmington.

"We need some other girls to step for us," Swinehart said.

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S'craft's fine start tarnished by losses

How deceiving first games can be. Scholastic College's women's soccer team opened its season Saturday at the Monroe Community College Tournament in Rochester, N.Y., against Orange County CC (from Long Island, N.Y.). The final score: 7-0, SC.

So simple, right?

Not so fast. On Sunday, the Lady Ocelots went up against what SC coach Nick O'Shea called "one of the best junior college teams I've seen" — host-team Monroe. The result: a 6-1 loss.

Combined with Tuesday's disappointing play against Calvin College, which ended up with SC absorbing a 4-1 loss at SC, the confidence gained from the opener has

quickly dissipated.

Teamwork, said O'Shea, is the key to success for SC. "We don't have anybody with blazing speed. We're going to have to move the ball quickly. They're smart players with good skill, but they're not playing at a fast enough pace."

In the win over Orange County, SC got a lot of shooting practice. It was 3-0 by halftime, on goals by Kelly Greaves, Kara Kramer and Shelly Archibald. Jamie Alex, who set up the goals by Greaves and Archibald, scored two consecutive goals in the second half, on assists from Kramer and Greaves.

Archibald followed with her second goal, with Greaves getting her second assist, and Dee Lorenz closed out the scoring with a goal on an assist from keeper Kim Owczarzak. Owczarzak and Julie Brack combined in the net for the shutout.

Against Monroe, the Ocelots trailed 6-0 before finally getting a goal on a penalty kick by Lorenz. The kick was awarded after Archibald was knocked down.

"The positive thing was the girls worked the entire game and never gave up," said O'Shea. He heaped more praise on Monroe: "They have a lot of speed and are awesome eve-

rywhere. There are no weak spots."

The loss to Calvin was not as easy to take. "They looked really tired and played like they were really tired," was how O'Shea described his team. The match was tied 1-1 at the half, with Amy Krajewski scoring for SC on an assist from Archibald. But Calvin owned the second half.

"We've got to combine our efforts if we're going to win," said O'Shea. "We don't have any leaders in the midfield or up front yet. With no leadership, we're not going to get anything done. We need somebody to take charge out there."

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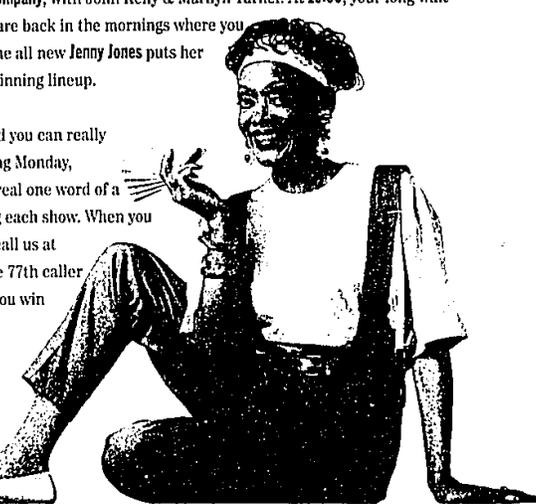
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