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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Falcons net soccer tie

Farmington High has experienced its share of ups and downs this season in boys soccer, but Monday's tie with Livonia Stevenson would rate as a positive result for the Falcons.

Senior Mike Giese scored with eight minutes left in the first half to give Farmington a 1-1 tie with the defending Class A champions. The second half was scoreless.

"We're right up there with the better teams this year," Farmington coach Luke Juncal said. Stevenson scored first when Nick Dern converted a cross from Jeff Thomas in the first seven minutes. Giese recorded his 20th goal of the season with an assist from Kris Wiljanen.

The Falcons are 5-4-1 overall, 2-2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 0-1-1 in the Lakes Division of the WLA. The Spartans are 1-1-1 in the Lakes and 4-1-3 overall. Stevenson attempted 11 shots on goal, Farmington eight.

Juncal cited the play of goalkeeper John Comai, sweeper Aaron Bommarito and halfback Sean Noble as contributing heavily to the Farmington effort.

Farmington, North golf

Livonia Stevenson overcame medalist Jason Buha's round of 34 Tuesday to defeat Farmington in a Western Lakes Activities Association boys golf match at Whispering Willows, 201-212.

The Spartans (5-1) were led by Mark Peterson, who carded a 37.

Rounding out the Stevenson contingent was Mark Magnuson (38), Ryan Gusic (41), Marino Apollinari (42) and Todd Lenalag (43).

Farmington's other scores included Dan Arczyk (42), Peter True (44), Derek Nelson (46) and Mark Bennett (46).

Sophomore Scott Steinlauf shot a 35, propelling host North Farmington to a 207-246 WLA win Tuesday over visiting Westland John Glenn at Copper Creek.

Eric Wilson added a 39 for the Raiders, now 5-2 overall. Other North scorers included Drew Sopha (42), Ron Vedder (45) and Adam Garbooshian (46). On Monday, North defeated Livonia Churchill in a WLA match at Copper Creek, 207-217.



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Hoop action: Carrie May of North Farmington tries to steal the ball from Waterford Kettering's Nicole Freitag. The Raiders lost the non-league game Tuesday night, 65-34.

Bingamen leads Falcons to victory



Farmington High achieved its second win in girls basketball, North Farmington lost to another quality opponent and Harrison extended its winning streak to three games Tuesday.

Free-throw shooting was put to the test in Farmington's 43-37 non-league win at Livonia Clarenceville Tuesday.

Seven players fouled out and 77 free throws were attempted.

"It was a real sloppy game," said Farmington coach Brian Swinehart, whose team improved to 2-4.

Despite all the whistles, the score remained close for most of the game. The

Trojans (2-5) tied the score at 33 before Stefani Rentie put Farmington ahead to stay.

Senior guard Nicole Bingamen scored a career-high 23 points and stole nine Clarenceville passes. Andrea Salyer added 11 points and 10 steals.

"Those two were all over the place," Swinehart said. "It was good to see Nicole do well because of all of her hard

work over the summer. She loves to play and she has fun out there."

The game was tied 17-17 at halftime before the Falcons took a 33-29 lead by the end of the third quarter, thanks to 11 points from Bingamen.

The Falcons couldn't pull away, however, as they shot a dismal 41 percent at the free-throw line (13-of-40). The Trojans didn't do much better, making only 17 of 31 attempts (54 percent). Sophomore center Wendy Roy led the Trojans with 12 points.

KETTERING 65, NORTH 34: North Farmington started a tough three-game stretch with a surprising 48-46 victory

over Pontiac Central last Tuesday.

But the Raiders were not as successful in the last two — a 43-point loss to Plymouth Canton and a 31-point drubbing by Waterford Kettering Tuesday at North.

"This is the first time this season I've been disappointed with the way we played," North coach Lance Davis said. "We got outtaused. There was no fire."

"We just didn't play up to our capabilities. We were flat and lethargic. You can't be that way and be successful."

See BASKETBALL, 4B

Kobane captures crown in O&E golf tournament

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Everyone expected Dean Kobane to make a strong push for the O&E Golf Classic championship, even though he was pulling his own cart on the golf course.

A guy of Kobane's caliber usually is accompanied by a caddy but he decided to go it alone and still won his first O&E championship by nine strokes over second-place Doug Cumming. Kobane, a 1987 Livonia Churchill graduate who placed second in this summer's Michigan Amateur at Oakland Hills, had a two-day total of 138 (2-under par).

Ken Johnson, assistant golf professional at Whispering Willows, said he "got a kick out of" watching Kobane pull his own cart. Kobane could have driven a golf cart or brought along a caddy.

"For as much talent that he has, you'd think he'd be one of these prima donna, snotty kids, but he's out there playing for the championship, pulling a pull cart just like any other 'porch climber or trunk slammer,'" Johnson said. "He's a great guy."

Another '87 Churchill graduate, Kurt Goetzke, golfed in Kobane's foursome. After shooting a 1-over par 71 on Saturday, Goetzke finished 22nd with a two-day total of 159. Goetzke has caddied before for Kobane and would like to remain in that capacity should Kobane make the PGA Tour.

"I was happy to shoot a 71 (Saturday) and get a chance to play with Dean," Goetzke said. "I knew he was going to win. If he makes a million (dollars some day) and I'm still his caddy, I'll take my 15 percent." Canton's Bob Bates won the first flight (77-80/157).

Kobane was expected to be challenged by Pat Stayer, the only other golfer in the field with a zero handicap, but Stayer withdrew after shooting a 76 on Saturday.

Kobane shot a 68 on Saturday and recovered from a poor start Sunday to finish at 70. Kobane bogeyed holes 2 and 3 on the front nine on Sunday but finished strong



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Big hitter: Dean Kobane, former state Class A golf champion from Livonia Churchill High, tied a course record at the O&E tourney.

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Dean Kobane
O&E golf champ

with a birdy on No. 18.

He took home a \$275 gift certificate for winning. A total of \$2,800 in gift certificates were won by golfers in the four flights, said Gary Whitener, Golf Professional at Whispering Willows.

"I just came out and did the best

I could," said Kobane. "The greens were in excellent shape. Some of the pins were in challenging places and you really had to think about your shots."

This was Kobane's first appearance in an O&E Golf Classic since 1985 when he took second in the championship flight. Kobane used to work part-time at Whispering Willows.

"Dean used to be one of my rug rats when he was 65 pounds lighter and 12 inches shorter," Whitener said.

Kobane said he's thinking about turning professional but hasn't made up his mind. He has been golfing since age 10 when his father got him started.

"My dad got me into a lot of sports and that's one of them," Kobane said. "For some reason, I got attached to golf — it presented a challenge."

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Richard Qulton, a veteran O&E golfer who graduated from Livonia Stevenson, got the only eagle over the weekend with a three on the par-5 No. 1 hole Sunday.

Qulton finished fourth in the championship flight (77-74/151), one stroke behind third-place Ian Harris (77-73/150).

Golfing in Qulton's foursome was Kirk Osler, a 1992 Bentley graduate who finished ninth (78-76/154). Osler said the course was in great shape despite heavy rain Friday.

"If you couldn't make a putt this weekend you might as well give up the game," said Osler, who attended a wedding the night before and would have preferred a later Sunday morning tee time. "It's tough working on three hours of sleep."

Kobane's two-day total of 138 tied the O&E record, set by three-time John Van Vleck, of Farmington Hills. Van Vleck said he chose not to play this year because he was spending the weekend with his children.

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