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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

All-conference soccer

Western Lakes Activities Association co-champion Farmington placed seniors Mike Giese and Kris Wiljonen on the All-WLAA boys soccer team. Giese plays forward, Wiljonen defense.

The Falcons also had senior defenders Aaron Bommarito and Kevin Yoder and sophomore midfielder Sean Noble on the All-Lakes Division team.

North Farmington was represented on the Lakes squad by senior midfielder Jared Lawrence, and Harrison placed senior defender Jeremy Teachman on the All-Western Division unit.

A complete list of the all-league and all-division teams appears today on the weekly state page.

Tennis state finals

North Farmington finished 14th and Farmington Hills Mercy 24th in the Class A girls tennis finals Saturday in Midland.

The Raiders won three first-round matches and scored three points. Allison Walken defeated Kelly Tragle of Rochester Adams at No. 3 singles (6-2, 7-6).

In doubles play, the No. 1 team of Emily Ocha and Renee Chou won 7-5, 6-2 over Dearborn, and Jennifer Kosutic and Jennifer Irani defeated Port Huron Northern 6-2, 6-3 at No. 3.

Kristen Kluska scored Mercy's only point, winning her first match at No. 1 singles over Keely Jones of North Farmington (4-6, 6-1, 7-6).

The Raiders might have scored two more points and moved up in the standings. North lost two three-setters, one being the Kluska-Jones match and Jennifer Raff's loss to Midland Dow's Jill Zyskowski at second singles, 1-6, 6-2, 7-5.

"We improved a notch from last year," North coach Norm Stanislawski said, adding the Raiders had two points in the previous finals. "It's always difficult up there."

North won the Western Lakes Activities Association and Mercy was champion of the Catholic League.

Hawks win championship

The Michigan Hawks won the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association girls under-16 championship with a 2-1 double overtime victory last weekend over Livonia Youth Soccer Club United.

The Hawks, coached by Paul Scicluna and Ken Hamann, will represent Michigan in the Midwest Regional in Missouri next summer.

Members of the Hawks are Aimee Cousino, Michelle Fatute, Laura Fedrigo, Amy Marcoe, Angie Siggia, and Elizabeth Szekrybalo, all of Livonia; Jenny Bazzarelli and Mari Hoff, both of Canton; Kelly Lukaski, Plymouth; Kathryn Sobotta, Bloomfield Hills; Kari Westveer, Troy; Heather Huizing, Jessica Jones and Katie Kohl, all of Northville; Kelly Hamann, Milford; Muthoni Muiruri, East Lansing; and Charlene Ramsey, Belleville.

OU soccer on target

As the end of the regular season draws near, Oakland University men's soccer coach Gary Parsons has to be pleased. His team is peaking at the right moment — in time for the NCAA II Tournament.

Parsons called Saturday's 6-0 victory at Lewis University (in Romeoville, Ill.) the best match his team has played all season. It would be difficult to argue his point: The Pioneers led 4-0 at the half, extended their shutout streak to four-straight games, and so dominated play that Lewis was outshot 19-0.

The win boosted OU to 13-2-1; Lewis slipped to 10-6-2.

Matt Walton opened and closed the scoring for the Pioneers. Walton scored at the 15-minute mark, with assists from Andrew Wagstaff and Jeff Forshey, then got his second goal (and 13th of the season) midway through the second half, Michael Burger assisting.

In between, OU got goals from Dominic Scicluna, his first of the year; Wagstaff, his eighth, from Nathan Bradley; Eli Tiomkin, his 16th, from Wagstaff; and Bradley, his fifth, from John Kropinski and Kevin Lang.

The shutout went to keeper Mike Sheehy, who was in the net for the first 60 minutes. Sheehy now has a string of 298 scoreless minutes, which has lowered his goals-against average to 1.00. Matt Infante was in goal for the final 30 minutes.

OU plays at Tiffin University (Ohio) Saturday before closing out its season Nov. 7 at home against Davis and Elkins.

S'craft women near .500

Schoolcraft College moved to within striking distance of a .500 record in women's soccer with a 3-0 victory over the Oakland University club team Saturday at OU. The win upped SC's record to 6-8-3 with two matches remaining.

Melanie Hoffman scored the only goal of the first half, hammering home her first of the season on a cross from Kristi Hawn. Shelly Archibald made it 2-0 with an aggressive play early in the second half, eluding a screen by the OU sweeper, Archibald knocked the ball away from the Pioneer keeper and into the net.

Kelly Greaves capped the scoring, converting a throw-in from Amy Krajewski.

SC concludes its regular season slate with a match at Western Michigan Saturday.



Farmington Hills Mercy will reign for another year in girls cross country after winning the Catholic League title again Saturday and the City Championship on Tuesday. The Class A regional at Marshbank Park is the next test for the Marins.

Farmington Hills Mercy won its second straight Catholic League and Operation Friendship girls cross country championships in the last week.

The Marins captured their fifth league title and third under coach Gary Servalis since he took charge of the program in 1987.

Servalis, who now has six Catholic League crowns to his credit, also guided Harper Woods Regina to three consecutive titles previously.

Led by senior Shermila Prasad, Mercy outran Detroit Cass Tech in the Operation Friendship meet Tuesday at Marshbank Park.

She ran her best time (19:52) on that course to finish ahead of Cass Tech senior Erica Shepard, who won the Catholic League title as a freshman while running for Redford Bishop Rogers.

"It was the best time of her career out there, and she needed it to beat Shepard," Servalis said.

"I'm real happy for Shermila. It looks like she's putting it all together for the regional. She's having a great year and is a big part of our success."

Mercy's Amy Freund was third (20:21), Mary Thewes 12th (21:52),

Stephanie Johnson 23rd (23:06) and Erin Blazewski 40th (23:38). Sarah Podorssek finished 43rd (23:48).

"Amy Freund is having a great year, too, and that's helped a lot," Servalis said. "Mary Thewes doesn't remember what she ran last year (in the same meet) and to come up and finish 12th is outstanding."

Prasad became the first girl coached by Servalis to win an individual title in the Catholic League when she finished first Saturday in 20:16 at Marshbank.

Freund was second (20:22), Thewes eighth (22:18), Johnson 17th (23:11) and Blazewski 20th (23:28). The top 20 runners were named to the All-Catholic team.

Podorssek and Ann Seymour were not far from making the cut, also. Podorssek finished 22nd (23:41) and Seymour 24th (23:54).

The Marins, who also won league titles in 1977, 1978 and 1987, scored 48 points. Dearborn Divine Child 72, Regina 91 and Livonia Ladywood 109. Southgate Aquinas was fifth and Riverview Gabriel Richard last.

"We're going to lose Prasad and Johnson (after this year)," Servalis said, "but everybody else will be back. So we'll have a good nucleus to win a third time."

Mercy will battle Livonia Stevenson, Plymouth Salem, West Bloomfield, North Farmington, Plymouth Canton, Ann Arbor Pioneer and Ann Arbor Huron in the Class A regional Saturday at Marshbank.

"It looks like Prasad and Freund have a good shot (at qualifying for state)," Servalis said. "Seven good teams will be there. Anything can happen, but it looks like we're coming on."



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Hawk leader: Harrison senior Heather Hopkins is the on-court leader for the basketball team. She scored 21 points Tuesday when the Hawks defeated Farmington. Defending are Stephanie Timako and Bridget Fleet (32).

Hawks top Falcons for 6th straight win

Farmington Hills Harrison will put its six-game winning streak in girls basketball on the line tonight at Plymouth Canton.

Both teams are 8-2 and tied for third place in the Western Lakes Activities Association. Livonia Stevenson is first (10-0) and Plymouth Salem second (9-1).

The Hawks ran their overall record to 10-6 with a 61-25 victory Tuesday over visiting Farmington, 2-8 and 4-11.

Harrison outscored the Falcons 15-0 in the second quarter and led 31-7 at halftime as Krista Snow scored 14 points and Heather Hopkins 12.

Hopkins and Snow finished with 21 points apiece, a career high for Snow, who also had seven rebounds and five steals.

Erin LaCrosse added nine points for the winners. Kelly LaCrosse also had five steals and Hopkins four assists.

The Hawks, using a diamond-and-one defense, held Farmington senior Tammy Allen to seven points. Andrea Salyer added six for the Falcons.

"We went wherever (Allen) went

and denied her the ball," Harrison coach Peter Mantyla said. "She's having a good year and we wanted to shut her down."

Amanda Ault and Jenny Myelinski took turns guarding Allen. Hopkins and fellow captain Lisa Deroccher played the final home game.

"Both are dedicated. Both are honor roll students and have been good leaders," Mantyla said.

NORTH 50, WLW 48: Freshman guard Shannon McCoy scored a career-high 17 points Tuesday to lead North Farmington to the WLAA victory over Walled Lake Western.

McCoy had 11 in the second half, including six in the final period. Junior Carey Perkins added 14 points, sophomore Alisha Gordon eight and junior Allison Stein seven.

Both teams are 4-6 in the league. The Raiders are 8-8 overall, the Warriors 6-9.

North trailed 25-23 at halftime but regrouped in the third quarter to lead 30-32. The Raiders, who led by six points with 1½ minutes left, survived a

late rally by the Western.

McCoy missed two free throws, but Perkins got the rebound, was fouled and made both ends of a one-and-one with 23 seconds remaining for a 50-48 lead.

"When she got fouled, I was very confident she would make the free throws," North coach Lance Davis said, adding Perkins sank 77 of 100 during practice Friday.

Erin Vicary scored 14 points for the Warriors. Gordon also had seven assists. McCoy played a good floor game and good defense, according to Davis.

MARIAN 70, MERCY 42: Birmingham Marian wrapped up a perfect season in the Catholic League Central Division Tuesday with its victory at Farmington Hills Mercy.

The Mustangs are 15-1 overall and 8-0 in the division. The Marins fell to 0-8 and 5-11.

Senior center Tara Walsh scored a season-high 32 points Tuesday in pac-

ing Marian. She also grabbed 15 rebounds. Senior guard Stephanie Storen helped out with 12 points.

The Mustangs led 15-9 after the first quarter and held a 35-24 lead at the break. Marian wrapped up the game with an 18-9 advantage in the third quarter and a 17-9 scoring edge in the fourth.

N'WEST 71, CLARENCE 27: The Crusaders went on a 26-0 run midway through the first half Tuesday to secure this win over visiting Livonia Clarenceville in Metro Conference action.

"We played extremely well in the first quarter," said Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest coach Tim Lochhead. "It was close at first, then all of a sudden we just clicked. We were ahead 7-4; then it was 33-4."

Lisa Goodin paced the winners with 21 points, including 11 in the first quarter. Junior center Ali Gutzkow added six of her 12 points in the opening period. Jodi Graham paced Clarenceville with nine points.

OT goal sends Shamrocks to regional final

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So many chances. So few results.

No, this is not a paid political ad of a certain office-holder up for re-election. It is an eyewitness description of Redford Catholic Central's exploits in Monday's 1-0 overtime win over Ann Arbor Pioneer in the Class A regional soccer opener at Plymouth Salem.

The Shamrocks had chance after chance after chance, but none could be scored. Rich Walos, who seemed to be everywhere at once, set up a couple in the first half. But Matt Kopymeyer missed the net, and Jamie Heitert's header off Walos' corner kick was blocked by Pioneer keeper Scott Johnson.

The second half was a magnification of the first, only this time it was Walos who was turned away. First, his drive after a pass from Anthony Verrino was deflected over the net; next, his direct kick went just wide; and then, when he finally put a shot behind Johnson, it was cleared by Pioneer sweeper

Craig Coleman.

With 1:30 left in regulation, it happened again — a shot got past Johnson and was headed into the Pioneer net, until Coleman interceded. Who could have blamed the Shamrocks if they began to doubt that victory was in the cards for them?

It didn't take long to supply an answer. With 3:53 of the first 15-minute overtime elapsed, a Walos corner was knocked out toward midfield. Walos retrieved it, heading it back toward the Pioneer net. Kopymeyer got off a shot that was stopped, but the rebound went to Heitert, and the junior forward put this one in.

"We had a lot of opportunities," said CC coach Phil LaJoy, whose team improved to 15-2-2. "That's been the story all year. We just haven't been able to capitalize."

"I thought we got out of our style a little bit. The emotion of the game had something to do with that. We're an outside-inside team, but we got out of our pace. We'd like to have a few more touches (passes)

before the shot.

"At least we finally found a way to put one in."

Despite the Shamrocks' overall dominance, their failure to put one in the net threatened to reverse the polarity of their performance, with their frustration becoming a positive force for Pioneer. Heitert's game-winner ended that.

"I was very pleased with our team's effort," said Pioneer coach Bill Browning, whose team finished 12-7-3. "I thought we had the best scoring chance of the first half (Sean Seyferth's corner kick was headed by Dan Reed over the bar), but in the second half (CC) could have easily had three or four goals."

Browning didn't particularly like the Monday scheduling ("We just played a game every bit as intense as this on Saturday (a 2-1 win over Ann Arbor Huron). We had no break"), but he singled out Johnson and Coleman for their effort. Which weren't quite enough to beat CC.