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Franklin 5-2.
Sarah Ouellette gave the Patriots a 1-0 lead, but Farmington scored the next three goals as Okopy, Amanda Porter and Laurie gave the Falcons a 3-1 halftime lead.
Laurie and Okopy scored again in the second half, and Laurie McWilliam and Frump had two assists each. Beth McQueen netted the other goal for Franklin (4-9-2).

SEAHOLM 11, NORTH 2: No. 3-ranked Birmingham Seaholm added to a 5-2 halftime lead Wednesday with six second-half goals.

The Maples (13-2) will play Birmingham Marian for the district championship 4 p.m. Friday at Seaholm.

Junior forward Ali Lord scored both goals for the Raiders (7-6-2) and finished the season with 31. Her first goal resulted from a penalty kick, and Carrie Rejc assisted on the other.

"They have a scoring machine," said North coach Kris Galczyk of the Maples. "They have excellent forwards, not as good as Ali, but with great speed and powerful shots."

"The girls tried their best, and that's all I expect of them. Seaholm was just a better team, and we have to give them the credit."

"I was very proud of my team throughout the 15 games we played. We improved a lot, and we had a very successful season this year."

In the first round Monday, Lord scored three goals and Erika Dyke one as the Raiders eliminat-

ed visiting West Bloomfield with a 4-1 victory.

Rejc, Amanda Markus and Lord had one assist each. Meike Ziegler, Sarah Green and Stephanie Ziegler took turns playing keeper.

"We created nice counter attacks, and once somebody hits Ali Lord with the ball she's pretty much unstoppable," Galczyk said.

SEAHOLM 5, MERCY 3: The Marlins didn't go down without a fight Monday in a first-round district tournament game.

Mercy fell behind 3-0 early in the game but got within 4-3 in the second half and was pressing its attack. But the No. 3-ranked Maples stood firm on defense and added an insurance goal with 10 minutes left.

"We really outplayed them in the second half," Mercy coach Deepak Shivraman said. "We won the 50-50 balls and our defense did an outstanding job."

Sienna DeAgostino, Lynn Dremiak, Mariasa Spinazze, a midfielder filling a need on defense, and Erin Soisson, who started as sweeper, were defensive standouts, Shivraman said.

Mercy goalkeeper Beth Chmielewski stopped four breakaways and turned away 16 shots — "and a couple were point-blank bullet shots," Shivraman said.

The season had a disappointing end for the Marlins, who lost their last two games. Mercy (9-4-3) was upset in the first round of the Catholic League playoffs prior to the district loss.

"We wanted to defend the Catholic League and do well in

the district," Shivraman said. "A part of me says we didn't accomplish that, and it leaves a bitter taste."

"But anybody who saw us play against Canton and Seaholm today would say we really accomplished more, because I think the Mercy girls defined terms like courage and character."

"We weren't a team of stars. We didn't have big-name players, but all stepped up and came through for us."

Junior forward Monica Kaltrieder scored four Seaholm goals and junior halfback Melissa Janetta the other. Shivraman also praised Seaholm junior goalie Jessica Glaser.

"Their keeper made two outstanding saves," he said. "If any other keeper had been in there, I think the game would have been different, and we would have been on the other end in the match. The saves she made were real pivotal."

MARIAN 6, HARRISON 1: Senior defender Carey Perkins scored the lone goal for the Hawks off a direct kick. Harrison finished the season 3-8-3.

Marian led 3-0 at halftime. The Mustangs defeated Birmingham Groves on Wednesday and will play Birmingham Seaholm for the district title Friday.

"Marian was a really good team; they were tough," Harrison coach Glenn Brennan said. "But we felt we had a good year. I thought the girls gave their best effort and played as well as they could."

Shamrocks drop Warriors, 8-2

When Redford Catholic Central lacrosse coach Jim Ryan referred to his balanced scoring attack in Tuesday's first-round Division I playoff game, he wasn't exaggerating.

Not only did the Shamrocks have eight different scorers in an 8-2 win over visiting Birmingham Brother Rice, but they had a pair who normally don't score at all.

Defenders Jon Wolfe and Matt Marchel took advantage of a porous Rice defense to make field-long rushes that ended in goals for the Shamrocks.

"The reason they were able to

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score is when they got to the offensive zone. Rice picked up our attack men, figuring the long stick wasn't going to shoot it," Ryan said. "No one picked them up so they went right in and shot it."

Mike Avey, Jon Heady, Jeff Lachapelle, Jason Hubenschmidt, Matt Chris Gonzalez and Hubenschmidt scored the other goals. The Shamrocks overcame a 2-1 halftime deficit and goalkeeper Alex Alviar played his best game in net, according to Ryan.

"He was unbelievable," Ryan said.

CC advances to the semifinal where it meets Warren DeLaSalle Cranbrook. Should the Shamrocks win Friday, they will play for the championship at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cranbrook.

CC beat DeLaSalle 6-5 in the regular-season meeting.

"If they put another 40 minutes together like this today, we'll be in the finals," Ryan said. "The fact we got goals from eight different players shows we're playing more team-oriented."



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State qualifier: North Farmington senior Steve Baer earned the right to compete in the Class A tennis championships next week.

North's Baer headed to state

North Farmington senior Steve Baer earned the right to compete in the Class A tennis championships after finishing second in the Northville regional last week.

Baer was runner-up to Northville's Matt Schwagie at No. 1 singles (2-6, 1-6), but the top two players advance to the finals June 3-4 at Midland Community Tennis Center.

"I was real pleased Steve Baer qualified for state," North coach Dennis King said. "It's a nice way to finish his senior year. He's worked real hard for four years."

Baer defeated Farmington's Brett Kotrba (6-2, 6-1) and West Bloomfield's Dave Phillon (7-6, 6-4) in the first two rounds.

North senior Brad Martin was the regional champion at No. 2 singles, and freshman Seth Weingarten was second at No. 4.

Martin posted three straight wins, beating West Bloomfield's Ben Hurvitz in the final (6-2, 7-5). Weingarten allowed only three points in his first two matches before losing to Northville's David Anderson (6-1, 6-2).

"Brad did a nice job this year, and Seth was a great addition to the team," King said.

"I was disappointed the whole team didn't qualify, because West Bloomfield did and we beat them 8-0 during the season."

TENNIS

North's top three doubles teams failed to score a point. All three were seeded and had first-round byes but lost their first matches.

Farmington's Wade Clark and Philipp Brandt won the No. 2 doubles title, defeating the Northville team of Scott Anderson and Vik Srinivasan in the final (6-7, 6-4, 6-4).

CC COASTS TO TITLE

Winning all seven flights, Redford Catholic Central romped through the Southfield-Lathrup boys tennis regional Friday with a 28 of a possible 28 points.

The Shamrocks are headed for the state finals, June 3-4, at the Midland Community Tennis Center.

Also making the trip is University of Detroit-Jesuit (19) and Berkley (16).

CC winners in singles — Jeff Halthcock (No. 1), Mike Shaya (No. 2), Chris Bonn (No. 3) and Steve Halthcock (No. 4).

Doubles champions for the Shamrocks include Doug Newton and Phil Tomey (No. 1); Ranjit

Gill and Steve Hartock (No. 2); Paul West and Rob Villaseor (No. 3).

ELLSTROM QUALIFIES
Livonia Stevenson's Swedish exchange student, Henrik Ellstrom, was runnerup at No. 1 singles in the Class A regional last weekend in Ann Arbor.

Ellstrom, who lost 6-2, 6-3 Saturday in the championship to Ann Arbor Huron's End Ghidirmic, has qualified for the state finals June 3-4 in Midland.

A co-No. 2 seed, Ellstrom (20-2 overall), reached the final by defeating Ann Arbor Pioneer's Evan Hayes in a semifinal match, 7-6 (6 tiebreaker), 3-6, 6-4.

Huron and Pioneer finished one-two in the team standings with 25 and 22 points, respectively. Salline and Stevenson, third and fourth, respectively, missed qualifying with 13 and 12 points. Stevenson's No. 1 doubles team of Kostia Mihajlovski and Chad Crosby suffered their first defeat of the year in the semifinals to Pioneer, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

The Spartans tandem, who finished the year at 21-1 overall, led 6-5 in the third with three match points, but couldn't close it out.

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