

Raiders rally 3 times to overcome Rockets

North Farmington made a comeback not once or twice, but three times Wednesday to defeat host Westland John Glenn in volleyball, 15-13, 15-13, 15-14.

The Raiders were down 9-2 in the first game, 10-2 in the second and 12-4 in the third but managed to rally and win each time.

"The girls never gave up," North coach Donna Kungelrich said. "We were able to get the momentum back, and the girls were excited to finally win a match."

North is 3-6 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 21-14-2 overall. "Tricia Traczyk served seven straight points in the second and third games to pump new life into the Raiders."

She had six aces in 24 serves and nine kills. Emily Opperfman also had nine kills, Cooker Perkins and Laura Nelson six aces and Lee Nelson four.

Heather Cornwell had 12 kill assists from 37 sets, Perkins seven from 44. Natalie Hoje had 14 opposing aces and received 10 serves. Lee Nelson had eight blocks and a string of six service points.

"We played very well defensively," Kungelrich said. "The Raiders were diving and picking up balls they didn't used to. They had more intensity and aggressiveness at the net with their hits."

On Monday, North lost to Northville, 14-10, 10-14, 3-15, 7-16. The Raiders had a 14-10 lead in the first game.

VICTORY ELUDS HAWKS
"We can't seem to get that victory No. 29," Farmington Hills Harrison coach Ron Shortt said. "We came out smokin' in the first game, 2-15, 15-7, 15-11, 8-15, 10-5 (on Wednesday at Northville, leaving the Hawks stuck at 10-11-8 for the season, 5-4 in the WLA and 2-2 in division play."

"We've got a week off now," Shortt said, "so we'll get in some practice and hope to finish strong."

"We had a shot at tying for first in our division. Now, we'll have to finish strong and get a decent seed for our conference tournament."

Zeke Greene, as usual, paced the Harrison attack with 17 kills in 39 attempts.

"She had a pretty good night," Shortt said. "We just needed to get her the ball a little bit more. We just couldn't seem to."

Sarah Bauch and freshman Ali Auli registered three service aces each while another freshman, Chelsy Chavez, recorded 10 digs. Shortt started two freshmen because of an injury and disciplinary action.

Sara Kloosterman and Abby Auli had 21 digs apiece, and Greene had five solo kills.

"I thought the Northville kids played real hard and real well," Shortt said. "After getting blasted in the first game, they came back and did not quit."

VOLLEYBALL

And when it looked like we would climb back in it, they kept us out of it."

BLAZERS BUMP MARLINS
Livonia Ladywood wrapped up its fifth straight regular season Catholic League volleyball title Thursday with a 10-9, 15-11 defeat of Farmington Hills Mercy. The Blazers entered the Catholic League playoffs with a 29-7 overall record and are 6-0 in the Central Division, 10-0 overall in the Catholic League.

Stacey Dodd led the way with six kills in each game while Erin LaSage and Jessica Gerace had four kills overall. "I didn't expect to get as much out of Stacey this year," Ladywood coach Tom Teeters said. "We're getting a lot of good hitting."

"She started out with a back injury and is coming on. This was probably one of her strongest hitting games. She was 12-for-21 with just one error, that's a great game."

Nicole Vondracek recorded 17 assists to lead the Blazers, and Gerace led the way in blocked shots with six.

SPARTANS SPICE FALCONS
The best time to be playing your best is at the tail end of the season.

Which is just what Livonia Stevenson is doing.

Winning Monday and Wednesday (last week), playing well at the Schoolcraft tournament, we're kind of on an upswing," coach Kelly Graham of the Stevenson pointed out a 10-14, 15-6, 15-3 victory at Farmington on Wednesday to square the Western Lakes Activities Association record at 4-4 and improve to 10-9-7 overall.

Kristi DiBasso spearheaded the attack with 10 kills. Catherine Garry had eight.

WINDING ON THE ROAD
Livonia Clarenceville journeyed to Harper Woods and came home with a 15-12, 10-5 win Thursday.

The Trojans traveled to 6-1 in the Metro Conference and 23-7-1 overall. "We're finally starting to mesh," coach Alissa Love said. "We're getting there; we have a young lineup."

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Harrison triumphs in the end

Kevin Bambenek's three-point basket at the buzzer gave Farmington Harrison a 58-53 victory over host Livonia Churchill in boys basketball Friday.

The Hawks completed a big comeback for the Hawks, who trailed 17-2 after one quarter and 33-29 at halftime.

Harrison was still behind 45-35 after three periods but held the Chargers to just five points in the fourth quarter.

"We had the game under control for three quarters," Churchill coach Tom Long said. "In the fourth, we kinda went in the tank and didn't make our shots."

The Chargers had the ball with 30 seconds remaining and the score tied at 33.

After using a timeout to set its strategy, Churchill lost the ball on a turnover. Harrison was still behind 45-35 after three periods but held the Chargers to just five points in the fourth quarter.

Bambenek had 15 points for the Hawks, Jared Hopkins 12 and Matt Derucher nine.

Churchill's Allen Pulanki scored 18 points and Matt Hughes 13. Jay VanWagner grabbed 11 rebounds.

BASKETBALL

Harrison is 4-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 6-9 overall. The Chargers are 3-6 and 6-10.

CENTRAL 74, NORTH 66: Wallied Lake Central cashed in at the free-throw line Friday to defeat visiting North Farmington.

The Vikings made 33 of 45 free throws, the Raiders 13 of 23.

North was down only three points, 39-36, with three minutes left in the third quarter.

But the difference was 10 (40-39) at the end of three, and Central was eight better (55-17) in the fourth. The Vikings led 35-29 at halftime.

Senior Rich Beal scored 12 points for North and Junior Scott Gold, making his first start of the year, 10. "It was a frustrating night, but the kids never gave up and were aggressive all game," North coach Brian Swinehart said.

"We played one of our better games even though the score doesn't show it. We took care of the ball and took good shots."

Bred Burlingame netted 10 points to pace Central, and Jason Whalen and Greg Lynch scored 14 apiece.

The Raiders are 2-6 in the WLA and 3-11 overall, the Vikings 7-3 and 12-4.

SALEM 70, FARMINGTON 56: Salem outscored host Farmington 23-4 in the third quarter to expand a 29-26 halftime lead Friday.

The Rocks improved to 4-5 in the WLA and 7-8 overall. Farmington is 3-6 and 6-10.

Jake Sklosky scored 10 points to lead Farmington, whose 25-18 fourth quarter included four threes but wasn't enough to negate the third.

Adam Weber and Dave Dilworth got 11 points each. Weber scored all but two of his points in the second quarter.

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Hoops

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run and later scored the final 10 points of the second quarter to take a 20-21 halftime advantage.

Honer's 10 third-quarter points fueled CC's comeback and sparked a 13-2 rally. The Shamrocks took a 42-38 lead midway through the fourth quarter on a Rick Turk triple, but only managed three more points in the final four minutes.

For the second time this season, the Warriors were able to control the point CC offense. CC coach Rick Coratti attributed that to Rico's offensive scheme.

"I don't think it's their defense as much as their deliberate offense," Coratti said. "They slow the tempo down and we wound up with poor shot selection."

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