

# Falcons keep pace in Lakes by beating Raiders

Farmington High supported pitcher Alana Holikainen with flawless defense and produced yet another softball victory Tuesday.

Holikainen scattered seven hits, notched six strikeouts and walked one as the Falcons defeated visiting North Farmington a second time, 8-3.

"As I stated early in the year, Alana goes as the defense behind her goes," Farmington coach Jerry Osborne said, "and today was a good example of that."

"Of the 21 outs, we came through and made 16 plays. When you play good defense, it really helps your pitcher."

The Falcons remain tied with Walled Lake Central for first place in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association at 6-1. Farmington is

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13-6 overall.

Kathie Collins pitched a complete game, allowing nine hits and walking two, for the Raiders, who slipped to 3-4 and 9-1.

North scored twice in the top of the sixth inning to tie, 3-3, but Farmington won the game with five runs in the bottom of the sixth.

The Falcons staged their decisive two-out rally with four hits and a walk, and they were helped by two of four Raider errors.

Farmington's Maureen Carolan was 2-for-4 with a double and Kristin Siskowski 2-for-3. Kelly DePotter knocked in two runs with a timely single, and

Heather Krause and Melissa Mytty also had RBI hits.

"Kelly DePotter had a big hit not only for the team but for Kelly," Osborne said. "She hadn't been hitting well, and that hit really boosted her confidence."

The Falcons won the first meeting in eight innings last month, 2-1.

"We were geared up for (North pitcher Mickey) Spies, so we put the ball in play a little more, and we made all the plays," Osborne said.

"Our strikeout count has been going down, so we've been putting the ball in play and forcing them to make plays."

"I'm very happy with the way the younger kids are playing. The seniors are showing great leadership and coming through with big hits when we need

them." Collins went 2-for-3 with an RBI. Dianna Gustkey and Kristin Timpnar had RBI singles for North.

CHURCHILL 3, HARRISON 1: Adrienne Doyle pitched a three-hit gem Tuesday to lead Livonia Churchill to a 3-1 victory at Farmington Harrison.

Doyle struck out three without surrendering a walk to help the Chargers improve to 7-8 overall and 2-6 in the Western Division of the WLA.

Trailing 1-0, the Chargers led the score in the first inning on a Owen Pertuis run-scoring single. Churchill took the lead with two outs in the sixth after Roger Tisher and Anne Senne drove in runs with singles.

Alli Autt suffered the loss for the Hawks, despite allowing only four hits, fanning two and walking three. She also drove in the lone Harrison run with a single.

Autt had been called out for stepping

out of the batter's box while swinging. But Harrison coach Mike Teachman checked the rule book and convinced the umpire the box was an illegal size. Autt returned the plate and produced the RBI hit.

The Hawks dropped to 8-8 overall and 3-2 in the Western Division.

"We're not hitting and it's hard, because so many kids are slay," Teachman said. "They keep plugging away, but you can tell they're just not sharp."

"It's hard to look us in the eye and say we have to focus more, because some are doing the best they can."

"They're still supporting each other, so that part of high school sports is going well. We're just not getting any breaks."

W.L. CENTRAL 5, STEVENSON 3: Walled Lake Central stayed tied with Farmington atop the Lakes Division Tuesday with its home win over Livonia Stevenson.

Sophomore right-hander Kamil Scott had a game of sevens, striking out

seven and allowing seven hits through seven innings.

Kelly Hale went 3-for-4 with a RBI to lead Central, and teammate Jenny Crutchfield and Kelly Burt each collected a couple hits and crossed the plate twice. Burt also knocked in two runs.

Central is 13-5 overall and 6-1 in the Lakes Division.

NORTHVILLE 8, W.L. WESTERN 4: Six unearned runs spelled trouble for Walled Lake Western Tuesday as the Warriors dropped an 8-4 decision to Northville.

Freshman right-hander Lindsay Repicky went the distance in her first varsity start, striking out four while only walking one.

Repicky drove in a run in the second inning — Western's only run until the seventh inning.

Freshman catcher Maria D'Agostino had two hits and an RBI in the winning effort. First baseman Billie Cavallaro also had a hit and drove in two runs.

The loss dropped Western to 4-11.

# Hawks boost their spirits with victory over Chargers

Farmington Harrison made up for some earlier disappointments with a rejuvenating victory in girls track Tuesday.

The Hawks, who had lost close meets to Livonia Stevenson and Northville, handed visiting Livonia Churchill its first Western Division setback, 68-60.

Harrison is 2-2 in the division, with its other loss being to Plymouth Canton, and 2-3 overall. Churchill is 3-1 and 8-5.

"This was a meet we thought we had to win," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said. "We've had some bad luck; the Northville meet got away from us."

The Hawks were missing some of their best athletes that day, and they were minus Cassie Jemison, their second-leading point scorer, due to a low-back injury Tuesday.

"Today it was the same situation, but the girls were ready and ran well," Babcock said, adding Churchill had beaten Northville in a dual meet.

"This was one we felt we really had to win. We were really pushing for that, and we had a lot of good performances."

Babcock changed some of senior Devron Kennedy's events to compensate for Jemison's absence, but Kennedy still won

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the 300-meter hurdles with her best time of the season (46.87).

Kennedy didn't run the 100 hurdles, but teammate Emily Mayberry won that event with her best time (16.07) and also was second in the 300 hurdles with another personal best (52.8).

The Hawks swept first place in the field events with Kerstin Andrzejewski winning the shot put (32.7 1/2) and the discus (100-0). Yoko Minowa the high jump (4-8) and Mahogany Fletcher the long jump (16-4 1/2).

Fletcher also won the 200 dash (28.89) and anchored a pair of Harrison victories in the 400 and 800 relays.

Kennedy, Cierra Colbert and Mayberry combined with Fletcher for respective relay times of 53.35 and 1:52.15.

"Devron's hurdle time was spectacular — one of the best in the state," Babcock said. "Mahogany had a real good time in the 200; Kerstin won the shot and discus, and those were really big."

"We had a couple freshmen sneak up and get thirds, and we

really needed those. It was a big win for us, and all the girls felt good at the end of the meet."

Harrison's Lisa Rosemary was third in the 200 dash and Lynn Andrzejewski in 100 hurdles.

Hawks second in relays

Devron Kennedy won the 100-meter hurdles and helped second-place Harrison win two relays Saturday at the Algonac Relays.

Kennedy won the hurdles in 16.4 and anchored the winning shuttle hurdle relay team, combining with Emily Mayberry, Cassie Jemison and Lynn Andrzejewski for a 1:13.3 time.

The 400 relay team of Kennedy, Jemison, Mayberry and Mahogany Fletcher also captured first place with a 53.3 time.

"The conditions were terrible; it rained all day," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said.

"I've been coaching a long time, and I don't remember too many meets when we had to sit on the bus the whole day because it was cold and kept on raining."

"By the end of the day, there was no way to stay dry. To the girls' credit, they hung in there, all the way to the end, and we

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The Hawks had one second place, in the 800 relay in which Jemison, Mayberry, Cierra Colbert and Fletcher had a 1:56.3 time.

Harrison was fourth in three events — the 3,200 relay (Allison Best, Amy Schaner, Julie Kluka and Kristin Schleicher), 11:32; high jump (Yoko Minowa, Karen Knutson and Kluka), 13-2; and the 1,600 relay (Jemison, Kristine Knutson, Colbert and Kennedy), 4:43.

The Hawks had a pair of fifths from Kerstin Andrzejewski, Alex Burgess and Erica Berg in the shot put and Best, Schaner and Jackie Watte in the open 1,600 relay.

In the latter event, each girl ran 1,600 meters and the times were added together for a team total. Harrison's time was 19:13.

"A lot of our times weren't that great but, under the conditions, they were pretty good," Babcock

said. Howell won the 24-team meet with 85 points; Harrison had 75.

There were three coed relays the Hawks couldn't enter, because the Harrison boys were at the Oberlin Relays.

If not for those events, the Hawks might have won the meet since Howell scored 20-plus points in the coed relays.

Morris paces Marlins

Angka Morris won the 400-meter run (1:04.3) and contributed to a Farmington Hills Mercy victory in the 800-meter relay Saturday at the Stevenson Invitational. No team scores were kept.

Morris, Rhashida Rudolph, Nicole Carter and Stephanie Cunningham won the 800 relay in 1:51.98.

The Marlins captured the top three places in the shot put with Shawntia Farr (33-11 3/4), Cace Johnson (33-3 1/4) and Kathy

Telford (30-4), respectively. Farr also was second in the discus (98-9) and Jennifer Brazzel fifth (91-3).

Morris, Carter, Cunningham and Jackie Segue were second in the 1,600 relay (4:33.2). Mary was third in the 400 (1:01.1), Natalie Grondin, Kasha Booker and Danielle Chaney and 3,200 (Morris, Segue, Christina Andriola and Cunningham) relays, with times of 57.1 and 10:32.3, respectively.

Grondin also tied for third in the high jump (4-6); Rudolph was fourth in the 400 (1:07.1). Snow and Segue placed sixth in the 100 hurdles (18.4) and 800 (2:36.6), respectively.

On Monday, Harper Woods Regina forfeited its dual meet with the Marlins. The teams had completed three of four field events when the host Saddlelles decided to end it there.

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