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us. It's not where one team dominates the other. I don't see that anymore."

The Raiders played the game without their leading scorer, Brian Horr, who received a red card Saturday in a game at Lenawee Christian.

"That takes away a lot of offensive punch," North coach Ron Moteyer said. "We dominated every category except nobody put the ball in the net. We just didn't get the job done tonight."

By their count, the Raiders had a 12-6 advantage in shots on goal and were on the plus side (4-1) as far as corner kicks.

"We had a lot of shots outside the 18, but that gave their goalie (Derek Laskowski) plenty of time to see the ball and play it well," Moteyer said.

"Every time we shot it, it was right at the goalkeeper. He couldn't have made a better target," he put a bulls-eye right on his chest.

The Hawks had two quality scoring chances and the Raiders one despite their advantage in shots, according to Ivezaj.

"Maybe they had more ball control, but when it comes to scoring chances we had better chances," he said. "It was a very competitive game, and it could have gone either way. It was just a good soccer game."

Harrison's defense of sweeper Eric Springer, upper Dave Licht and outside defenders Eric Oswald and Ed Cleland intercepted North's crosses to the box and defused its offense in no time, he added.

"I have two players on either side who understand that, and we work very hard to stop that," Ivezaj said. "In the second half, they wanted to go through the middle, and I have a good sweeper and stopper."

"In the last 20 minutes, they tried to take shots from 30 yards, but from 30 yards you have to have a strong and accurate kick to score. On top of that, Derek Laskowski is a great athlete, and it's almost impossible to score on him."

Moteyer praised the Harrison defense, as well as his own, for a job well done.

"To Harrison's credit, they stood us up fairly well at the 18," he said. "They never really got anything going offensively, either."

"Their offense consisted of trying to get the ball to Kris Wong and letting him finish, but our defense put him down."

"Playing a crosstown rival creates a little extra intensity, and they played very well."

The outcome left North with a 4-4-1 record, Harrison 1-3-2.

"We're having a frustrating season," Moteyer said. "We're having a hard time finishing this season."

"We know, when we lost two players like Craig Hearn and Justin Street, we would have trouble filling the striker position and that's been the case."

"Hopefully, we'll get it together by the time the state playoffs occur."

On Saturday, the Raiders lost at Lenawee Christian, 4-2. North

played a man short the last 18 minutes of the first half and the whole second half.

Horr (penalty kick) and Jake Kaufman scored for the Raiders. Lenawee scored its last two goals in the final 7 1/2 minutes.

REDFORD CC 3, U-D JESUIT 3: The University of Detroit Jesuit battled back from a 3-0 deficit to tie Redford Catholic Central in a Catholic League Central Division game Saturday at Whitman Field in Livonia.

The Cubs scored twice on penalty kicks and once on a free kick.

CC led 2-0 at halftime after goals by Patrick Griffin and Ken Toporek. The Shamrocks upped their lead to 3-0 with a goal by Matt Epaso 10 minutes into the second half.

The tie left CC with a 3-2 record in the Central Division.

CC coach Dana Graucci can't remember too many rallies that were helped so greatly by restarts.

"I don't want it to sound like sour grapes, but it seemed like the referees wanted to have a direct influence on the outcome of the game," Graucci said.

"The game just deteriorated on both sides. There were ridiculous calls for us and U-D. We lost our composure and the momentum. U-D came on strong and in the last 25 minutes and took it to us."

"We didn't respond like we should have. A team should be strong enough to protect a 3-0 lead regardless of the officiating."

CC junior goalkeeper Eric Sullivan played an outstanding game and made some huge saves, according to Graucci. He also praised the all-round play of Griffin.

"Hopefully, we learned a valuable lesson and will, as the state playoffs approach, take our lumps and move on," Graucci said.



Protecting his turf: Harrison goalkeeper Derek Laskowski takes possession of the ball before North Farmington's Kyle Meteyer can get to it in a soccer game Monday.

McComb nears 1,000 mark in North win

North Farmington established a 12-point halftime lead Tuesday at Our Lady of Sorrows and held on for a 48-45 victory over visiting Ann Arbor Huron in girls basketball.

Junior Samantha McComb scored 20 points to lead the Raiders, giving her 960 for her career. She should surpass the 1,000 mark Tuesday at home against Livonia Churchill, if not tonight at Livonia Stevenson.

McComb had another well-rounded performance with six

rebounds, five blocks, five steals and five assists.

Catherine Audette contributed 11 points, six rebounds and three blocks to the victory, helping the Raiders improve to 9-3 overall.

The North tally included nine points from Staci Russell; Johan Hinde added four points, Christina Colombo three points and five rebounds.

"(Huron) applied a little pressure, but we called a quick timeout when that happened," North coach Linda Perkins said. "The girls got their composure and did a great job of finishing."

"They really played hard. I'm really proud of my girls. They did a good job of executing."

Tobiana Pool scored 16 points and Kori Kirk 10 for the River Rats (4-6). North was 12-of-18 at the line, Huron 9-of-14.

The Raiders led 16-8 after one quarter and 28-16 at halftime, but the River Rats cut the difference to five points at the end of three periods, 32-27.

LADYWOOD 49, MERCY 37: The Blazers had to repulse a late rally by the host Marlins to make both teams 2-1 in the Catholic League Central Division.

Kristen Darnos scored 12 points, all on three-point shots, for Livonia Ladywood while Michelle Harakas scored 13 and had 10 rebounds.

Melissa Harakas scored six and had seven steals, and sophomore guard Jana Beumel added eight.

Farmington Hills Mercy got an 18-point game from senior guard Susie Roble. Senior forward Carrie Brankiewicz contributed 11 points and seven rebounds.

"In the first quarter, we were up 11-2," Ladywood coach Andrea Gorski said, adding Barnes and Jana hit threes. "Then, in the second and third quarters, we did a good job of forcing Mercy into rushed shots."

"We got some easy looks inside later. After they cut it to four, Kristen hit two huge threes about a minute apart to

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give us a little bit of a cushion."
Ladywood had an 18-11 margin in the final period.

The Marlins (8-2) went to the line 15 times in the first half to just three for the Blazers (7-2), who had a 42-30 edge in rebounding.

Overall, the Marlins were 10-for-22 from the line while the Blazers shot 9-for-21.

"That's a big difference," Gorski said. "In the second half, we wanted to get the ball inside more, be a little bit more aggressive and get to the line. We still need to shoot free throws better."

"Generally, we just didn't put the ball in the basket," Mercy coach Kristin Wright said. "That's obvious when we score only two points in the first quarter."

"We had a lot of attempts; the ball just didn't fall for us. We couldn't win, but we have to put the ball in the basket."

BERKLEY 49, FARMINGTON 36: The host Bears outscored the Falcons 19-6 in the second quarter Tuesday to take a 27-12 lead into halftime.

Berkley extended its advantage to 40-21 after three periods. Farmington rallied in the final quarter with a 15-9 scoring edge.

Stephanie Marx scored 11 points and had 11 rebounds to lead the Falcons, 8 overall.

Danielle Lewis had nine points; Lindsey Abbott and Julia Kimmel added five apiece. Kimmel chipped in 10 rebounds and Abbott eight.

Farmington was only 10-of-20 shooting free throws. Berkley (5-3) made 11 of 21 attempts.

Coach Scott Lowe credited his Farmington players for staying in the game and competing.

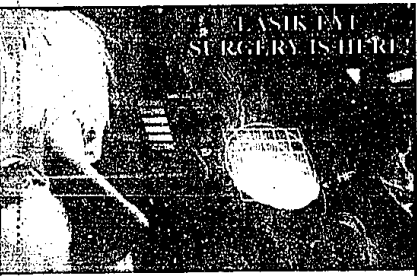
"They battled and played hard; you can't fault that," he said.

HARPER WOODS 63, CLARENCEVILLE 36: A 20-2 first quarter took the Lady Trojans out of the game.

Junior forward Jessica Kennedy tied her career high with 20 points for Clarenceville, wireless in eight games including five in the Metro Conference.

Harper Woods, recording its first win of the season, had 11 points from Sarah Mazzoni.

Clarenceville cut loose with a 20-7 third quarter after scoring just six in the first half.



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