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Kloosterman is No. 1

Sara Kloosterman of Farmington Hills is the No. 1-ranked goalie in the Big Ten Conference with a 0.64 goals-against average for the Michigan State University women's soccer team.

The MSU junior, a former Miss Soccer from Farmington Harrison High School, also leads the Big Ten with 89 saves in nine games.

Kloosterman, who is ranked No. 15 in the NCAA, has started 13 of 16 games, has played 1,262 minutes and has posted five shutouts.

The Spartans are 3-5-1 in the Big Ten and 5-8-3 overall with four games left in the regular season.

Marlins shine in meet

Amy McCullough won two individual events and Farmington Hills Mercy won two relays in the annual Michigan Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association meet Saturday at Eastern Michigan University.

No team scores are recorded. McCullough won the 50-yard freestyle and the 500 freestyle with season and Observerland-best times of 24.51 and 4:58.98.

The Marlins won the medley relay and the 400 freestyle relay with respective times of 1:50.38 and 3:35.27, both of which are season bests and top the list of area times.

Mercy also was third in the 200 freestyle relay (1:40.95) but was less than a second off its season best.

Elizabeth Posvar was second in the 100 freestyle and third in the 50; Erin Downs was fourth in the butterfly and 10th in the individual medley.

Posvar had a personal best (24.73) in the 50, and Downs swam her best time in the 100 (2:18.2).

Jeni Blacklock and Kristin Lorida made state cuts in the 50 freestyle (25.36) and the butterfly (1:02.27), respectively.

Colts coral Whalers

A three-goal third period lifted the Barrie Colts to a 5-3 victory over the Plymouth Whalers Saturday in front of 2,206 fans at Compuware Arena.

Sheldon Keefe, the Colts' captain, put the game on ice by scoring twice in the third period after teammate Mike Christien had tied it at 3-all just 5:46 into the period.

Mike Jefferson got a goal and two assists, and Mike Henrich added a goal and an assist for Barrie, which leads the Ontario Hockey League's Central Division with an 8-4 record. Plymouth fell to 3-8-1 with its second straight loss at home; the Whalers are fourth in the five-team West Division.

Denis Shvidki chipped in two assists for the Colts.

The Whalers got power-play goals from Damian Surina and Kris Vornarek in the opening period; Julian Smith's goal in the final minute of the second period gave Plymouth a 3-2 lead. Scott Wray added two assists for the Whalers.

Aaron Molnar was in goal for Plymouth; he made 16 saves. Ben Vanderkirk had 24 saves for Barrie.

Twisters fall in finale

The dream of capturing the Lake Shore Football League championship and eluded the Wayne County Twisters when they fumbled away their final chance in the closing seconds of a 13-10 loss Saturday to the host Central Ohio Lions.

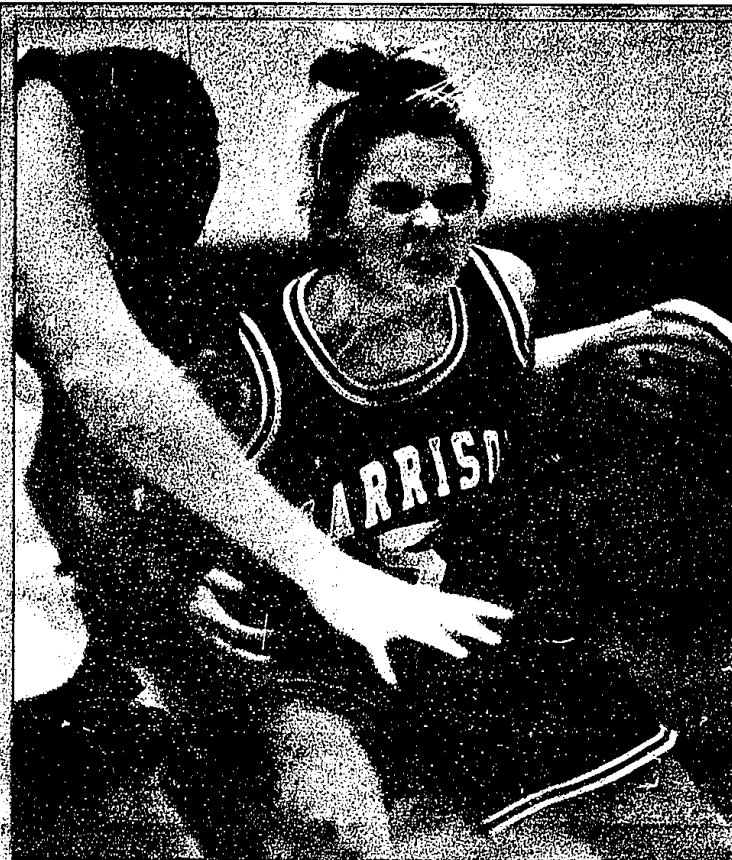
Trailing by three with a first down at their own 23 and 1:46 left to play, the Twisters drove 70 yards in 58 seconds to set up a first down at the Lions' 7. But the Twisters fumbled on their next play, and the Lions recovered, sealing the verdict.

Quarterback Rob Elswick paced the Twister offense by passing for 117 yards and rushing seven times for 87 more. Leonard Morawa caught seven passes for 66 yards as the Twisters outgained the Lions, 305-201.

Teams plan tryouts

The Farmington Motor City Mad-ness girls fastpitch softball team has openings for the 2000 season. Players interested in playing should call Bill McNeil at (248) 471-4953.

The NFWB Cobras 16-year-old baseball team will have tryouts for its federation team in October. Call David Friedman at (248) 788-2595 after 6 p.m. for more information.



Competitiveness personified: Harrison's Kelly Taylor displays an intense and determined look Tuesday. Taylor scored a team-high 13 points in Harrison's 53-41 win over North Farmington.

Hawks best Raiders

North Farmington junior Samantha McComb scored 20 points Tuesday, but the Farmington Harrison girls won the basketball game.

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When a basketball player scores 20 points, it probably sounds a little odd to say the opposing team did a good job playing defense against her.

But Farmington Harrison didn't allow McComb to have a big game — she's capable of scoring twice as many points as she did — and spread its offense around for a 53-41 victory Tuesday over host North Farmington.

In a game played at Our Lady of Sorrows, the Hawks caused McComb to work hard for her points by shadowing her every move and held her to three field goals, one of which was a three.

"I've committed someone to her court and she's been through this and she's been through that and we did a solid job of making it hard for her to score," Harrison coach Pat Macleary said.

"She's really hard to stop. In my four years of coaching varsity basketball, I've never seen a player like her."



On the offensive: Karolyn Knutson looks for the next pass while being guarded by North Farmington's Jehan Hinda.

Raiders carry win streak into tournament

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The good news for the North Farmington boys soccer team is the Raiders will enter post-season play with a three-game winning streak.

The not-so-good news is coach Ron Meteyer's team has to wait nine days between its last regular-season game and its first district tournament contest.

The Raiders finished the regular season Monday with a 5-1 victory over visiting Livonia Franklin in a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover game. North, which was a 2-0 winner Saturday over visit-

BOYS SOCCER

ing Waterford Mott, has a six-game unbeaten streak that includes victories over Walled Lake Central and Westland John Glenn and two ties with Northville and Tecumseh.

But the Raiders (10-5-3) have to wait until Wednesday for their next game when they will face the winner of the Farmington-at-Farmington Harrison district opener Monday.

"Nine days off can either make you very dull or very hungry," Meteyer said. "We're playing well as a

team, and that's what you want to do at this point in the season."

Brian Horr scored three goals and Jim Gabriel two in the win over Franklin. The Raiders beat the Patriots 7-1 earlier in the season, but Franklin was without its top player, Ryan Kracht, who played in the rematch.

"The defense was just stellar," Meteyer said, referring to Dan Shumer, Eric Phillips, Jarrett Kruse, Kyle Meteyer and Mike Leach. "The Patriots' only had four shots on goal, and only one was a good shot. Our defense kept them out of our end."

9-0 mark next step for C'ville

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The last time Livonia Clarenceville had an unbeaten football team?

School historians may have to go all the way back to the 1950s to make a determination.

One thing, however, is for certain.

The Trojans are the Metro Conference champions and one win away from a rare 9-0 season under first-year coach Greg Hudkins.

On Saturday, Clarenceville made it eight straight in a wild shootout against host Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook, surviving a 41-35 outcome.

Once again, sophomore Tim Shaw figured prominently in the scoring with five touchdowns.

FOOTBALL

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound tailback rushed for 300 yards in 27 carries, including three TDs; caught four passes for an additional 75 yards with another TD; and returned an interception 40 yards for yet another score.

Steve Meadows added 73 yards in 16 attempts and one TD, while quarterback Tim Riedl connected on five of 15 passes for 98 yards.

"This team has done everything I've asked and they've worked their tails off," Hudkins said. "They've bought into what we've told them, even with it coming from a first-year coach and a younger coach."

"Right now we've got 30 guys on the varsity and 22 on the freshman team. Everything this year has been positive."

Shaw, although just 16 years-old, is already rewriting the single season rushing records this season set just recently by the graduated Walter Ragland (1995-98).

Shaw has rushed for a total of 1,690 yards leading into Friday night's regular season finale with Macomb Lutheran North.

"Tim combines speed and power," Hudkins said. "He doesn't look like a speed demon, but he's deceptive. When he gets a step, he kicks it into another gear. And when that happens I haven't seen anyone catch him yet."

Shaw, a 4.0 student, also has the respect of his peers, serving as a co-captain along with Riedl, Josh Rose and Kevin Silje.

"Those four guys have shown tremendous leadership qualities," Hudkins said. "Silje, our tight end, didn't catch a pass last year, but this he's had eight and hasn't dropped one yet."

"And I can't say enough about Rose up front, and of course, Riedl, too, as our quarterback."

Clarenceville, which trailed briefly in the game and led by only three at half-time, 16-13, got quite a scare from the Cranes, who changed up their offense to throw off the Trojans.

Cranbrook quarterback Sloan Eddleston passed for 316 yards and wide out Tony Sharpe had eight receptions for 189 yards, both school records.

"It was one of those games where everything they threw up got caught," Hudkins said. "And except for the Borgess game, it was the first time we've been down all year. Cranbrook came out doing some different things offensively. It was frustrating, but in a way it was good for us."

Clarenceville also missed its leading tackler, middle linebacker Kalen McPherson, who sat out the game for disciplinary reasons.

"Kalen didn't play last week," Hudkins said. "He's a good kid. I think he learned his lesson."

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