

Boys' Lives Country

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Farmington wins soccer finale

Farmington tuned up for the state soccer district tournament with a 2-1 victory over South Lyon.

"It was our 11th win of the season," Coach Luke Juncal said, "and although the game was close, I felt we dominated on the field for 80 minutes."

The Falcons finished their regular season 11-7 and will play at Farmington Harrison on Monday in their district game. The winner goes against North Farmington.

Visiting South Lyon kept Farmington off the scoreboard for the first half, turning back nine shots by the Falcons.

"South Lyon's defense was very aggressive," Juncal said. "We had a lot of good opportunities to score. John Kambouris only missed by a few centimeters on a free kick."

The Falcons stepped up their pressure in the second half and finally broke through the Lions' defense some 10 minutes after the intermission.

Junior Lopata scored off a Kambouris goalkick, beating a drawn-out South Lyon goalie.

Minutes later, following a restart, Adam Lidjely had a breakaway shot stopped. But the rebound came out to Nate Meyer and he put it into the

back of the net.

South Lyon scored with four minutes left to make it 2-1.

Maft Gasparotto had 10 saves in goal for the Falcons, who put 16 shots on the Lions.

"Our offense was creating a lot of good scoring chances," Juncal said. "Our midfield had great game — Lopata, Nick Ramirez and Kambouris."

"And our defense was fantastic. Our last three games have been superb. Our team right now is playing very well. We're looking forward to the district next week."

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