

Falcons stay unbeaten in Lakes

Senior Melissa Mytty continued to mow down opposing batters Monday, pitching Farmington to a 6-1 softball win over host Westland John Glenn.

While scattering four hits, Mytty struck out 17 and refused to issue a walk as the first-place Falcons improved to 5-0 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"(Mytty) pitched an outstanding ballgame," Farmington coach Jerry Osborne said. "She had very good command of the rise-ball and fastball."

"She mixed in a lot of change-ups, which keeps batters off balance when she's bringing it in as fast as she can bring it."

The Falcons (6-5) had just four hits themselves, but they made them count for something.

Meghan Young's double in the fourth inning scored Becky DePutter (double) to give Farmington a 2-1 lead.

Julie Rotenheiser also drove in a run with a double, and

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Meghan O'Rear had an RBI single. Tricia Krause and Danielle Lewis had one RBI apiece with a pair of sacrifice flies and scored one run each.

The Falcons made only one error, but Mytty took a lot of pressure off the defense, according to Osborne.

"When you're striking out 17 people, you're not getting as many chances in the field," he said. "That makes a lot of defenses look good. Melissa did a fantastic job; she was on fire today."

Glenn's Brooke Robertson had an RBI in the seventh to score Julie Busch, who had triple. Stephanie Fedulchak was the losing pitcher.

The Rockets are 1-5 in the Lakes Division and 3-11 overall.

N. FARMINGTON 6, W.L. CENTRAL 0: Staci Russell had two hits and two RBI

In support of winning pitcher Beth Danilewicz, who tossed a three-hit shutout Monday.

Alyssa Stanbridge (sacrifice fly), Kristy Reinhardt and Christina Colombo (single) batted in one run apiece for the Raiders, who are 3-2 in the WLLA Lakes Division.

Danilewicz struck out one and walked one. Central pitcher Kristy Marzalek allowed seven hits and three walks.

HARRISON 2, NORTHVILLE 0: The Hawks did what they had to do Monday and got help from Livonia Churchill, which upset Plymouth Canton, 10-3.

Harrison, Churchill and Canton are tied for first place in the WLLA Western Division; all three have 4-1 records.

In the first inning, Katrina Vitanis walked, stole second, went to third on Kim Spaulding's single and scored on Jennifer Weiling's sacrifice fly.

Vitanis scored again in the fifth. She hit safely, stole second again, advanced on a wilding single and scored on a wild pitch.

Spaulding had two of Harrison's seven hits. Lindsey Emmett was the winning pitcher, holding Northville to three hits and one walk while striking out four.

The Hawks improved to 6-5 overall.

The Mustangs fell to 1-4 in the division and 2-6 overall.

MARIAN 3-0, MERCY 2-6: The first-place Marlins split a Catholic League Central Division doubleheader Tuesday with visiting Birmingham Marian.

Mercy pitcher Erin Howard deserved a better fate in the 13-inning first game, according to coach Jack Falvo, after she struck out eight and walked none.

The Mustangs, who had a 9-8 edge in hits, scored the winning run with the help of an infield error.

Lisa Shaw was hit by a pitch and sacrificed to second by Melissa Dwyer; she moved to third on Christina Salute's single and scored when Jenny Evan's grounder was misplayed for an error.

Jen Simpson pitched all 13 innings for Marian, 4-4 in the division. Schulte and Danielle Malone had two hits apiece.

Erin Carson, Dana Falvo and Theresa Lawrence hit safely on two occasions each for the Marlins, who lead the division at 8-2 and stand 21-5 overall.

In the nightcap, Megan Feduk pitched a two-hit shutout; she struck out one and didn't walk a batter.

Carson was 4-for-4 with two RBI; Carly Tracey, who had one RBI in the first game, hit a run-scoring double; Falvo had two hits.

one batter.

Nuverre Naami went 4-for-4 and had two RBI to lead the Marlins; Krystal Shina had two hits and one RBI. Ketterling's Andrea Hiltsey and Haley Slade were 3-for-4.

The Marlins defeated Walled Lake Western in their first playoff game, 5-3.

Dana Falvo was 3-for-3 and scored twice; Naami hit a two-run single, and Alex Duda had two hits and two RBI. Howard was the winning pitcher.

In a tight semifinal, Duda (two hits) homered and had three RBI as Mercy defeated Troy, 5-3. Feduk picked up the pitching win.

In the pool-play opener Saturday, Mercy slipped by Cheboygan, 3-2. Duda (triple) and Theresa Lawrence paced the win with two hits each.

Then came a 5-3, come-from-behind win over Midland in which Mercy rallied to score three runs with two outs in the seventh, erasing a 3-2 deficit.

The Marlins rallied on consecutive singles by Naami, Carly Tracey, Lawrence, Erin Carson and Falvo. The last three had one RBI each and two hits overall. Howard benefitted by getting the win.

In the last pool game, West Bloomfield beat Mercy, 1-0. Winning pitcher Heather Robbins raced home from third, colliding with catcher Carson and knocking the ball loose.

Raiders, Marlins fare well in tournament

North Farmington was the B Flight champion and Farmington Hills Mercy the Championship Flight runner-up Saturday in the Saturn Tournament.

In the championship game Sunday at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights, North defeated Alma in five innings due to a time limit, 8-6.

Alma scored four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to tie, 4-4, but North answered with four in the top of the fifth to regain the lead.

"The Fighting Scots had two runs in and bases loaded in the fifth, but Beth Danilewicz fanned their No. 2 hitter for the third out."

Lindsay Taub had two RBI and scored two runs for the Raiders; Christina Colombo had two hits and scored twice, and Alyssa Stanbridge had two hits and one RBI.

In a semifinal game Sunday, the Raiders had 16 hits (all singles) and trounced Imlay City, 12-1.

Danilewicz pitched a one-hitter, struck out five and didn't walk anyone. She helped her

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cause by going 3-for-3 with two RBI.

Chrissy King and Samantha McComb had two hits and scored two runs apiece. McComb, who batted .769 in the tournament, also had three RBI, King two.

Staci Russell went 3-for-4 with one RBI, and Colombo chipped in two hits. Lauren Zakalik got her first varsity hit.

In pool play, North blanketed Waterford Mott as Danilewicz tossed a one-hit shutout, which included seven strikeouts and no walks.

McComb was 3-for-3 with a solo homer and scored four runs; King also was 3-for-3, scored three runs and had one RBI; Kristy Reinhardt had two hits and two RBI.

The Raiders lost their next game to Richmond, 7-4. It was 4-4 after six innings. With the international tiebreaker in effect in the seventh, the Blue Devils scored three times.

Danilewicz allowed seven hits

and three walks. McComb was 3-for-3 again and scored two runs; Reinhardt had another two-hit game.

In a game to decide third place in the pool, North edged Clarkston, 2-1. Danilewicz gave up five hits in earning the win.

Colombo's two-out single in the sixth scored King with the winning run. McComb had two hits and an RBI.

The pool winners advanced to the Championship Flight, pool runners-up to A Flight and third-place finishers to B Flight.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: Mercy finished second in pool play but became a wild-card team in the Championship Flight.

The criteria to determine wild cards was lowest number of runs allowed in pool play. The Marlins allowed just six and were the No. 1 wild-card team. There were eight teams in the Championship Flight — six pool-play winners and two wild cards.

In the final, perennial power Waterford Kettering beat Mercy in 8-4 setback. Mercy had 10 hits off winning pitcher Jessica Brubaker, who struck out six and walked none.

Erin Howard was the losing pitcher; she allowed 12 hits, walked two and hit

GIRLS SOCCER

Mercy-Marian contest ends in 3-3 stalemate

Farmington Hills Mercy received one goal apiece from Cassie Thompson, Marie Latta and Carrie Kline while playing to a 3-3 tie Monday with visiting Birmingham Marian in girls soccer.

The outcome left the Marlins with a 4-2-2 record in the Catholic League. Their overall record stands at 8-2-3. Mercy goalie Kristin Pimlott made 20 saves.

W.L. CENTRAL 3, N. FARMINGTON 0: The Raiders, who have played well against the Western Lakes Activities Association's best teams, suffered the "inevitable letdown" Monday, according to coach Tim Russell.

"It was hard for the girls to adjust to that," Russell said, adding he didn't want to make excuses. "We have enough players we could have compensated for it."

The Raiders fell 3-0 in the WLLA Lakes Division, 9-5 against all WLLA teams and 2-6 overall.

"We were hoping to escape without (losing a game), because we've been playing so well," Russell said. "We were setting ourselves up for it, because we were getting pretty happy with our record. We were kind of in a funk."

"One concern is what we can do to bounce back from it. We had a great practice (Tuesday)."

HARRISON 4, FRANKLIN 0: Kristy Reinhardt and Emily Jackson scored two goals and had one assist each May 3 as Farmington Harrison defeated Livonia Franklin.

"Our forwards and midfielders played well together," Harrison coach Greg Strickland said. "Emily Hooper had a great game as did our keeper, Maire Morel."

The Hawks dropped subsequent games to North Farmington (5-3) Friday and Plymouth Salem (6-0) Monday.

"North Farmington played well and we played flat," Strickland said. "We played better in the second half, but we couldn't generate enough offense to get back in the game."

Harrison trailed at halftime, 4-1. Kellie Mullin scored four goals and assisted on another to lead No. 5-ranked Salem, which improved to

11-0-1 overall.

CHURCHILL 2, FARMINGTON 0: Michelle Espasa and Sarah Phillips tallied goals for the visiting Chargers, who put their record at 7-2-1 with the WLLA win Monday.

Espasa scored in the first half, and the score remained 1-0 until Phillips scored with two minutes remaining in the game.

"We made one mistake, and it cost us," Farmington coach Steve Montgomery said, adding the Falcons had just had five shots at the Churchill goal prior to that.

"We played well. I don't know what the way the girls played. It was a pretty even game. I thought. A lot of it was played in the midfield, and both teams had opportunities."

Espasa's goal was the result of a textbook execution, according to Montgomery.

"You couldn't have stopped it if you wanted," he said. "Usually, it doesn't get by (Farmington goalie) Dana (Wardell) unless it's a pretty darn good kick."

On the second goal, the Farmington defender, instead of kicking the ball out of bounds and giving the rest of the defense time to get back, tried to keep it in play and send it up to the midfield. Phillips stole the ball and had an open path to the goal.

"Overall, the Farmington defense performed well," Montgomery said, as he cited the play of Molly Jud, Catherine Brouillette, Shanna Barkume, Wentin, Erica Rose, Tara Twadsey and Julia Gottlicher, who moved from stopper to center field in place of an absent teammate.

"The Falcons are 3-3 in the WLLA and 6-6 overall."

STEVENSON 4, NORTHVILLE 0: Megan Upfal, who scored a pair of goals and had one assist, was the catalyst Monday as Livonia Stevenson (9-0-2) scored a Western Lakes Activities Association crossover against the host Mustangs.

"Megan was pretty amazing," Stevenson coach Jim Kimble said. "Her play resembled her playoff run of a year ago."

"She was all over the field."

Senior Andrea Sled added a penalty kick goal and Junior Lindsay Gustick also scored for the Spartans, who led 4-0 at intermission.

Katie Beaudoin and Carly Wadsworth chipped in with assists. Goalkeeper Lesley Hooker and Katherine Koch combined on the shutout.

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