

Mercy rallies to win league game; North whips foe, too

Farmington Hills Mercy rallied in the second half Tuesday to defeat visiting Dearborn Divine Child in a Catholic League girls soccer game, 4-2.

The Marlins trailed at half-time, 2-1, but turned their game around in the last 40 minutes to remain unbeaten after two starts.

"I think it was just their intensity," Mercy coach Tania Macioce said of her players. "They picked it up and started winning the 50-50 balls and took control of the game."

"Everybody stepped it up and settled down. We put in a good second-half effort and had a nice comeback."

Mercy scored three second-half goals in the first 15 minutes. Justin Hughes scored the first of two goals to tie the score, 2-2.

Melissa Hogan put the game-winning goal in the net before Hughes added an insurance goal.

Carrie Denton gave the Marlins a 1-0 lead in the first half before the Falcons rallied to go in front at halftime.

Defender Chrissy Argenta was an emotional leader and helped rally the Marlins in the second half, according to Macioce.

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Angie Trudeau, Denton, Katie Esper and Jamie Driscoll had one assist apiece, and Mercy goalie Monisha Berkowski made 10 saves.

"It seemed like a different team from the one that started the game and came out for the second half," Macioce said.

"It wasn't a still thing or something we couldn't do. It was a mental thing. We picked it up in the second half, which was good to see."

"It was a good team effort. Hopefully, we'll bring that out for the whole 80 minutes next time."

The Marlins are 2-0 in the league, the Falcons 0-2.

N. FARMINGTON 6, LAKELAND 1: Lauren Hogan scored three goals and had an assist Monday to lead the visiting Raiders to a nonleague victory.

Lauren Hogan had two goals and Ashley Lynch one. Catherine Munaco had two assists, Hurit Golenberg and Meghan Callahan one each.

Lauren Hogan scored in the second minute after a through ball from Callahan opened up a run down the left wing. Hogan crashed the net and scored at

the near post to make it 1-0, but Lakeland tied the score with about 20 minutes remaining.

Less than a minute later, Lauren Hogan

scored off a pass from Munaco. With

14:50 remaining, she scored again after

Golenberg created a commotion in front

of Lakeland's net. Hogan scored by burying the rebound.

With 2:40 left in the first half, Lynch

scored on Munaco's second assist.

Then, with one second left, Kelly Hogan

scored on a free kick from the left wing.

In the second half, Kelly Hogan

scored in the first minute to make it 6-

1. She hit a solid shot off the keeper's

hands and into the net.

"All in all, I thought we played better

against West Bloomfield," North coach

Tim Russell said, referring to a 2-1 loss

March 28, "but we finished better

again."

Joyce Chung was terrific defensively.

She worked as hard as anyone on the

field. Offensively, Lauren Hogan and

Catherine Munaco were our workhorses.

Between them, they created many

opportunities."

Eric Konheim scored both goals for

West Bloomfield. Lauren Hogan scored

the North goal off an assist by Lynch.

"I think we had a good game, mainly because

we failed to capitalize on our scoring

opportunities," Russell said.

"We sent too many balls past the end

line for goal kicks or into their keeper's

hands. I felt we outplayed them in most

facets of the game, but they definitely

earned the win."

Bad start was costly for Rockers

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At least they gave it a battle. But in the end, the Detroit Rockers just couldn't overcome a dreadful start that left them 16-18 of their first 18 games.

They played .500 soccer after that, going 11-11, but it wasn't enough to make it to the playoffs. Detroit finished 13-27, the worst record in the 10-team National Professional Soccer League.

But going into Saturday's game at Kansas City, the Rockers' playoff hopes were still very much alive. A win would have put them a half-game ahead of the Attack in the National Conference standings.

For most of the game, the Rockers were in command. They scored the game's first nine points and led 11-2 with 2:39 of the second quarter elapsed.

But the Rockers — and they played that way, falling behind 20-0 in their 22-4 defeat.

On Saturday, two-point goals by Martin Nash, Martin Dugas and Matt Knowles and a three-pointer by Joel Shanker gave the Rockers their early lead. Dane Skaric ended Detroit's run, scoring for Kansas City at 9:26 of the opening quarter.

Domenic Mobilio pushed the Rocker lead back to nine with a two-pointer at 2:39 of the second quarter. But the Attack battled back with two-point goals from Wade and Nate Houser and a triple by Zoran Karic to make it 11-9 at the half.

A scoreless third quarter was followed by a wild fourth. Karic's two-pointer knotted the game at

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