

Farmington Unified downs Franklin, 4-2

Farmington Unified (9-5-1) scored a pair of unanswered goals in the final period Saturday to beat Livonia Franklin (4-7-3) in a boys hockey game at Farmington Hills Ice Arena, 4-2.

Matt Lee tallied the game-winner at 5:31 of the third period from Nathan Pavach. Brad Heraghty added an insurance goal from Matt Kjolhede and Sean Ellis at 7:53.

The Flyers led 2-0 in the first period on goals by Brett Laird (from Marc Rauth and Lee at 0:53) and Rauth (from Laird and Louis Powell at 8:43).

Franklin tied it on first-period goals by Dave McCall (from Scott Sparkes and Keith Robert) and Andy Garbutt (unassisted). Kyle Susewitz was in goal for Franklin, while R.J. Ulrich tended the nets for the Flyers.

P.H. NORTHERN 7, STEVENSON 3: Jason Gray collected a pair of goals and Steven Albert contributed three assists

PREP HOCKEY

Saturday as top-ranked Port Huron Northern downed visiting Livonia Stevenson at McMoran Arena. Northern, rated No. 1 in Division I, is 14-0 overall; Stevenson drops to 7-5-3.

Northern led 2-1 after one period and 5-3 after 30 minutes before scoring two unanswered goals in the final period. The Huskies scored a total of four power-play goals.

Josh Latzman got Stevenson on the board in the opening period, a power-play goal from Bret Vessey and Jamey Messer.

Tommy Zagata scored unassisted in the second period followed by Adam Miller's goal from goaltender Rob Thomas.

"We feel the team making progress," Stevenson interim coach Jeff Hatley said. "Offensively, we're going to generate enough chances. The issue is how many turnovers we're going to give up in our own end and how many penalties we take."

Falcons have solid silver-medal effort at Northwood tourney

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Farmington had another successful volleyball tournament Saturday in Midland, finishing second in the 20-team event hosted by Northwood University.

The Falcons were runners-up to Port Huron Northern, which won the championship with 15-6, 15-3 wins over Farmington.

"They're only an honorable mention (in the state rankings), but I've seen a lot of top-10 teams and they're a lot stronger," Farmington coach Alex Ferrin said of the Huskies. "They're the only team that has taken a game from Fraser and Marysville."

"They blitzed us to begin with, but we upped our level of play and we played well for a while."

"They had a lot of big girls hitting the ball hard. They're just an outstanding team. Their outside pounds the ball, and they run a very fast offense."

The Falcons started to adjust to the speed of what the Huskies were doing and were looking forward to the second game, Ferrin added.

"But they had another level," he said, adding Farmington's serving efficiency fell off a great deal in the second game. "That made the game not very close."

In pool play, which involved rally scoring to 15 points in each game, the Falcons clinched first place after winning its first three matches and then splitting with Warren Cousino, 13-16, 16-14. Farmington had its most com-

VOLLEYBALL

petitive match of the day in the quarterfinals, defeating Oakland Christian in three games, 15-7, 13-15, 15-13.

The Lancers served three consecutive points in the third game to make the score 14-13, but they missed their last serve, which gave the win to the Falcons.

"We were getting a little nervous," Ferrin said. "We weren't playing particularly well, and we weren't really in rhythm."

"The girl served a rocket (on the last serve), but it tipped the top of the net."

"Sometimes you feel sorta bad for a team when they miss a serve like that, but at the same time you breathe a big sigh of relief."

Farmington crushed Rogers City in a semifinal contest, 15-1, 15-5, to advance to the final.

Meghan Young and Julie Kimmel were Farmington's selections for the all-tournament team.

Young had 61 hits with only two errors and 17 kills; she served 37 points, including 18 aces, and had 15 defensive digs. Kimmel recorded 13 kills, six blocks, 27 digs and 29 service points.

"Meghan has stepped up her level of play during the course of the season and has become a real go-to player," Ferrin said.

"She's seeing the whole court when she hits. She used every

shot and used them effectively. If the defense gives her something, she takes it and she'll score points on it."

Jessica Janowicz had 20 kills, Deanna Gauer 11 kills and 11 blocks, Randle Brown eight kills, 16 digs and 57 assists, and defensive specialist Lisa Hellebuyck had 17 digs and 44 service points.

"Lisa has been stepping up in practice and forcing us to give her playing time," Ferrin said. "I figured this would be a good opportunity. She rose up and played the way she's capable."

As for the runner-up team finish, Ferrin said the Falcons simply ran into a better team, and the experience will help them prepare for upcoming matches.

"We'll be playing some of the best teams in the state in a very short time," he said, "so playing (PENN) lets us know where we have to get to if we want to beat some of those teams."

SALEM 15-15, N. FARMINGTON 4-9: Plymouth Salem didn't host and first-place North Farmington its first loss in the Western Lakes Activities Association Monday.

Amy Berke was 8-for-8 serving and Michele Boothroyd 7-for-7 on the blockers, who are 4-1 in the WLAA and defeated the Rocks in an exhibition third game, 15-6.

North coach Deb Calanchi set some of her starters in the first game in a disciplinary move. The Raiders had the Rocks "on their heels" in the second, but a string of points by a Salem server and unforced errors turned the tide against North.



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