

Hawks rally to win 2nd straight

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For the second game in a row Monday, Farmington Harrison showed a lot of resiliency and rallied for a come-from-behind victory in girls soccer.

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The Hawks got second-half goals from Alex Cicieri and Leanne Burns to defeat visiting Westland John Glenn, 2-1. Burns scored the game-winner with just 18 seconds remaining. After taking a pass from Cicieri, Burns fired a shot that was stopped initially, but she kicked in the rebound.

Cicieri had tied the score with 16:05 left in the second half off a direct kick just outside the box. The shot hit the crossbar and bounced into the goal.

"We had a lot of great scoring chances tonight, and we just couldn't put them in the net," Harrison coach Stacey Lange-Punzel said, adding the Hawks hit the goalposts four times and had a 17-12 edge in shots attempted.

"(Harrison goalkeeper) Jakki Waldecker made some real big saves when we needed her to. It was a rough game and she played tough."

The Rockets had taken a 1-0 lead with Brittany Zywick's goal in the first half.

Harrison scored three second-half goals Friday night to erase a 2-0 halftime deficit at White Lake Lakeland and take a 3-2 win.

Stacey Potrykus scored the first two Harrison goals with assists from Cicieri and Burns, and she had another called back.

Cicieri scored the winning goal on a shot from near midfield with 9:25 left in the game. She lifted a high ball the goalie caught as she backed into the net, making it a legal goal. Diana Platt had an assist on the play.

"(The Hawks) continue to get better from game to game," Lange-Punzel said. "I hope they continue that. The games have been real nailbiters, the last two."

"They're very hard working and they really seem to pull together in the second half. They never give up. I switched positions, moved people around. The young girls, especially the freshmen, stepped up and did what they had to do (Monday)."

The Hawks are 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

BISHOP FOLEY 2. MERRY O: The host Marins played well Tuesday and held the perennial Catholic League champion Ventures scoreless until the final four minutes.

"There was a little momentum change, because we had a stoppage in play for an injury timeout," Merry coach Tania Macloice said. "There was a quick turnaround; we got caught up and they got a breakaway for the first goal."

Bishop Foley capitalized on a corner kick opportunity for its second goal with two minutes left.

"It's frustrating when you play so well," Macloice said. "The score definitely does not reflect the game at all. We played a tough game the whole time. We just, obviously, had a couple breakdowns."

Monisha Berkowski was in goal the entire game for the Marins, who are 1-2 overall and 1-2 in the Central Division.

"Our keeper had a great game," Macloice said, adding Berkowski made a half dozen saves.

Merry defeated visiting Pontiac Notre Dame Prep in a makeup game Sunday, 2-1.

Melissa Hoger scored in the first 15 minutes with an assist from Lauren Longley, and Longley gave the Marins a two-goal lead 10 minutes later with Jessica Greaney getting an assist.

"The first was off a great cross by Lauren," Macloice said. "Melissa was in a good spot and finished it."

"On the second goal, Lauren dribbled up the side, took on a couple people and shot a great shot into the upper left-hand corner."

Megan Garagola was in goal in the first half for the Marins, and Berkowski played the second half.

"I think the girls worked really hard," Macloice said. "The field was in horrible condition with all the rain. It was one big huge mud puddle. It got pretty tough for them running around."

"But the girls did well. They were still moving the ball around and passing. We didn't resort to a kickball game, which can happen when you get tired."

The Marins lost their first game Thursday to Birmingham Marian, 2-0. The second half was scoreless.

"I think we picked it up in the second part of the game," Macloice said. "It was our first game and we had been so anxious to play, because so many had been cancelled. It took us a little while to get going."

At Farmington, the visiting Raiders remained unbeaten and unscored upon through two games Saturday after defeating the host Bears.

"We had many opportunities to put the game out of reach, but we still need to work on our finishing," North coach Tim Russell said.

"Both teams struggled to pull their feet out of the mud. The field conditions were very hazardous even though the weather at

game time was perfect.

"Both teams were limited by the mud, but the game was very exciting. The half-time score was 0-0 after we missed three point-blank opportunities."

With about 25 minutes remaining in the game, North's Ashley Lynch put away an accurate cross from Meghan Callahan for the winning goal.

Both teams had chances after that. Berkley's best chance, a breakaway around the left side, was stonewalled by freshman keeper Bridgette Bédars, who earned her second shutout in only her second varsity game.

Russell added the members of the defense played a key role on that play, particularly Lynch, who eventually cleared the rebound.

Callahan and Catherine Munaco dominated the midfield, controlling the ball, maintaining game tempo and distributing passes forward, according to Russell.

Offensively, forwards Lauren Hogan and Nicole Adena, along with midfielders Callahan, Munaco, Lauren McKinney and Sara Jakab, put constant pressure on the Berkley defense, he added.

The defense was led by Michele Boothroyd, Lynch and Christine Taylor. Other than a couple of minor lapses, Russell said they severely limited Berkley's chances to score.

"This was a tremendous victory for our team, because we never wavered," Russell said. "Player for player, we showed great character in overcoming a stubborn opponent."

Berkley's record was 2-1.

Trip to Augusta well worth cost

I got a good pair of running shoes last Saturday — caked with red clay — and I didn't care.

That's because I was walking on muddy, yet hallowed ground — Augusta National Golf Club.

Been to the PGA, U.S. Senior Open and the U.S. Open — all at Oakland Hills. But this event has its own flavor, the stamp of Augusta National is written all over it.



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I came away with several impressions.

The field is obviously star-studded. Where can you find a threesome like Duval, Els and Norman, not to mention the best international players in the world?

Palmer strolling up No. 18 for his final appearance at Augusta made your hair stand up.

The fairways are not immaculate, they're perfect. Lots of rolling hills, too.

You can buy a real ham and cheese sandwich, a bag of chips and a Sprite in a Masters plastic cup for \$3.75.

At the U.S. Open it would probably cost \$13.75.

When you enter the main spectator gate, your badge is scanned and you immediately see walk into a mall featuring a museum, concession area, souvenir shop and beer stand. It's organized very well.

No placards or scorekeepers on the fairway, but you can follow the scoring on those giant leaderboards.

The spectators are very reverent.

Saw John Elway in the gallery. The best place to watch is at the No. 5 green, No. 6 par-3 tee box and No. 7 tee box. You can also see the back of the No. 15 green because it's all in the same location.

Logistically, Amen Corner is tough to get to.

The par-5s look like par-6s to me.

Davis Love III hit a vicious duck-hook second shot on No. 2 and scrambled back for a birdie.

Jesper Parnevik has a style all his own.

The only Masters souvenirs are sold at the course.

Despite the mobs around Tiger Woods, he seems to acknowledge his followers and enjoys walking in and through the galleries.

I've worked the NBA finals, run the New York City Marathon, been to the Olympics, Indy 500, Rose Bowl, the Masters, and interviewed Joe Pater-

no. What's my next wish? Wimbledon.

Prep rumblings

Livonia Clarenceville is moving up from Class C to Class B, but the only sport it will really affect is boys and girls basketball.

There's a proposal on the table discussed recently by the Michigan Scholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) about seeding teams in the districts for girls and boys basketball. It's been done without any problems and with great success for years in Ohio. My guess is it will pass. The coaches will vote on the seeding. The motivation behind the move is to eliminate powerhouse teams from meeting in the first round.

Could they also seed teams in hockey, baseball, softball, volleyball?

Speaking of hockey, who is going to be the new coach at Stevenson?

Our All-Area girls gymnastics team will be running soon.

Looking forward to the 100-meter dash next month at the Overland Relay.

This & That

I've been a voter for the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame for years and never been invited to

the banquet. I must be making progress, however, because I was extended interview privileges prior to the cocktail hour.

Thanks a lot, Tim Shaw. I never vote for professional athletes unless they grew up in this state or have become a Detroit sports icon like an Isiah Thomas, Barry Sanders, Steve Yzerman, etc.

As much as I like this year's inductees Gutes Brown and Lance Parrish, I think there are more worthy born-and-bred Michiganders who deserve to be up on that wall at Cobo Hall. I hope guys like Terry Tyler and John Long, when they become eligible, get strong consideration. Those two guys played high school, collegiate and pro ball in this state.

Sorry, that's the way I feel. Read that Michigan and Michigan State came out of spring football unsure about the kicking game. I know a pretty good kicker-punter from Livonia Franklin that may be still be available.

I hate when they use term "city champs" when they don't include all Livonia high schools, including Clarenceville and Livonia, in the competition.

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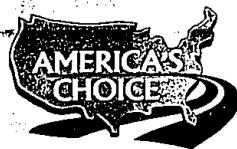
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