

Falcons show consistency in home win

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Farmington High earned its first home-court victory in volleyball Monday when it defeated visiting Troy, 15-7, 15-7.

The Falcons finished with a record of 3-9 in the Oakland Activities Association Division I and are 14-20-2 overall. The Colts ended up 0-12 in the division.

"The girls played with a lot of energy," Farmington coach Alex Perrin said, adding it was Parents Appreciation Night and Senior Night.

"I feel like a weight has been lifted from our shoulders, and I'm not sure why that is. With the season winding up, expectations are off and we can just play volleyball again." "We struggled with staying on task for the whole match. During the Mercy match (Saturday), it seemed we started to focus better and we maintained that focus all the way through the North Farmington match. We did it again today."

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"How well Jill plays typically determines how well we finish," Perrin said. "When she does well, we do well. The rest of the players are fairly consistent. Jill has always been the wild card."

"Today she made it look really easy. Jill was just hitting everything extremely well. She was striking the ball the way she should every time."

Melissa Patterson had five kills, four digs and eight points;

Jessica Janowicz had five kills, seven digs, 10 points and three aces, and Deanna Gauer had five kills and two digs. Setter Lisa Hellebuyck had 17 kill assists and dug four spikes on defense.

Hawks demote Captains

Farmington Harrison finished with a 9-3 record in the OAA Division III after dispatching host Waterford Kettering in the final dual match Monday, 15-13, 15-9.

Senior hitter Maggie Condemi was back in action for the Hawks after recovering from an injury, contributing seven kills and four blocks.

Jamila Fair had six kills, two blocks and three aces. Other offensive factors on offense were Merrill DeRose and Diana Platt with three kills had 25 kill assists, respectively.

Defensively, Taylor Wong had seven digs, and Alex Ciceri six. Janelle Lalonde and Katie Ross also had two blocks each.

Bears bump Raiders

Berkley avenged an earlier loss by winning at North Farmington Monday, 15-8, 15-

13. "Our serving and serve-receive were inconsistent, and it's difficult to win without those two skills going well," North coach Gus Dumlaio said. The Raiders finished 4-8 in the OAA's Division II.

Amy Berke and Brittany Pajewski had four kills apiece to lead the North attack. Pajewski also had two solo blocks and three digs in the first game.

Catherine Munaco had three digs, too; Lindsay Lawley, Stephanie Clark, Alicia Rinke and Christine Rinke had two digs each.

Bridgette Bearss and Alyssa Trotsky made one solo block apiece. Berke served two aces, Comstock and Lawley one each.

It was Senior Night and the Raiders recognized their two seniors, Berke and Christina Cheng.

"The girls played with a lot of heart today," Dumlaio said. "I think they really wanted to win the last home match for the two seniors."

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Harrison's Katie Ross tries to block a tip by North Farmington's Brittany Pajewski in the city tournament Saturday at Harrison.

MERCY

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tributed seven kills and nine digs.

"In the Harrison match, we really struggled," Farmington coach Alex Perrin said. "We've had trouble coming to play in the first match of the day. We haven't had much success lately, and I think that played into it."

"We settled down in the Mercy match and started playing well. In the second game, we made a nice comeback and started playing the kind of volleyball I've seen them play in practice."

"Coupled with (a Monday win over Troy) I feel like

we're starting to turn the corner. We're starting to make plays we can make. It's kinda late in the season to do that, but it's better late than never."

The Falcons still need to play a little better in the areas of serving and serve-receive, Perrin added.

"If we can pick it up, everything else will fall into place," he said. "We do have a tournament this weekend (at the University of Michigan-Dearborn) and the district, which we'll be hosting (and includes Mercy)."

"The match against Mercy was fairly competitive. I'd like to see what happens if we bring our best serve-receive against them."

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