

Harrison wastes strong 1st half in soccer loss

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All season, Harrison soccer coach Stacey Punzal has been emphasizing strong first-half play for her team. She got that against a first-place team Thursday night, except the second half turned out to be the difference.

The Hawks played what their coach called "Our best first half of the season," against Rochester Stoney Creek in an Oakland Activities Association Division II contest at Farmington. But the Cougars busted the 1-1 tie at halftime to the tune of four second-half goals en route to a 5-1 win over the Hawks.

Harrison fell to 4-4-3 overall with the loss and is 3-4-3 in league play.

Punzal said the Hawks came out aggressive, quick and passing crisply in the first half. Sophomore Leanne Burns

scored Harrison's lone goal of the game, with senior Diana Platt chipping in with the assist.

But the second half was a different story, as the Cougars took the play to the Hawks in every facet.

"We let them play their game and it hurt us," Punzal said. "We just chased them all night."

Kali Kariwo and Michelle Cook scored twice for Stoney Creek, with Lauren Carr adding a single tally. Cook's second goal was the fifth of the game for the team and came on a penalty kick.

North wins, ties

North Farmington scored just two goals in its past two games this week, but those were good enough to keep the team from losing either game.

The Raiders scored a 1-0 win over West Bloomfield Friday

night, 24 hours after struggling to a 1-1 tie with the Berkley Bears. North is now 7-2-3 overall and 5-1-3 in the OAA Division III.

Catherine Munaco scored the lone goal of the game against the Lakers with 25 minutes left in the first half. Her tally was set up by an initial shot by senior Ashley Lynch.

Coach Tim Russell said the team's forwards, midfielders and defenders all played excellent as a unit in the win over West Bloomfield.

"Three of our four girls in the back are freshmen, so considering their age, they have played tremendous for us," he said.

Reveland played her best game of the year and the Gabriel sisters (sophomore Annie and senior Kris) played very smart target ball up front.

Goalkeeper Bridget Beards recorded her third shutout of the season, picking up five saves in the process.

Russell said the team didn't match Berkley's intensity in its Thursday tie, but was pleased the team held up to the Bears' swarming offense in the game's final 10 minutes.

"Both teams had great chances, we just couldn't finish ours," he said.

Munaco scored off a free kick by Christine Taylor, who was playing over an injury. Lynch also had what Russell called a "heroic effort" playing over the effects of the flu.

The Raiders battle Clawson Monday before having a rematch with the Lakers Tuesday.

Rice, DCD pick up lacrosse wins

Detroit Country Day's boys lacrosse team improved to 11-5 on the season with a 16-4 win Thursday against visiting Troy.

Sophomore Ben Bukari paced the winning effort with four goals and three assists. Brian Kegley followed with three goals and added one assist. Lincoln Cavallieri added two goals and had two assists. Robby

Denious scored two goals and Adam Krenney chipped in one goal and two assists.

Rice routs CC

Wednesday's Catholic League semifinal play saw Charlie Heid net five goals and Brian Mahler register three goals and two assists to lead the Warriors to a 16-4 win over Catholic Central.

Rice improves to 18-1 on the season with the win.

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finished third at the tournament with 37 points, followed by first-year school Rochester Stoney Creek (28), Athens (26), OAA newcomer Farmington (20) and Lake Orion (21).

Clarkston finished third in the overall standings, while Stoney Creek and Athens tied for fourth, Farmington was sixth and Lake Orion seventh in the final standings.

Clarkston and Stoney Creek had finalists in the No. 1 and No. 2 singles flights, but none was more contested than No. 1 singles showdown between Clarkston senior Andrew Brown and Stoney Creek sophomore Joey Michaels, both ranked among the better players in the state.

Brown eventually squeaked out a 1-hour, 48-minute, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 victory over Michaels, avenging a loss to Michaels in a dual match the previous week. It was the first loss of the season for Michaels (10-1), who competed at Rochester Adams last season and reached the OAA Division I semifinals last season.

"He's a good player and he hits hard," said Brown, who is now second on Clarkston's career victories list and will graduate a four-time league champion. "I played well in the first set and I picked it up at the end of the third set."

"He's legit," said Clarkston coach Kevin Ortwine of

Michaels. "It took one of Andrew's better matches to beat him. In fact, I think the first set was one of the best matches Andrew has played in four years."

Stoney Creek's Michael Schoenhals, who competed at Adams last year and was the No. 2 singles league champion in the OAA Division I last season, downed Clarkston sophomore Amit Surapaneni in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2 singles.

Seaholm and Berkley both sent representatives into the finals in five flights, but the Maples pulled out four wins, three in the doubles flights, compared to one league champion for Berkley, which proved to be pivotal in the two-point tournament win.

Scott Peiser defeated Berkley's Rob White, 7-5, 6-4 at No. 4 singles, the No. 1 doubles duo of Josh Jackson and Matt Easton topped Berkley's Cloutier Sierra and Dustin Cloutier, 6-3, 7-6 (6-3), the No. 2 doubles unit of Mike Domeau and Jeff McCormick joined forces to defeat Berkley's Colin Fraser and Matt Weitzman, 7-5, 6-4, and the No. 3 doubles tan-

dem of Charlie Schuster and Chris Kabot defeated Chris Karaft and Ryan Nelson of Stoney Creek in a three-set thriller, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.

The Maples' sole loss in the championship flights came at No. 3 singles, where Berkley's Steve Hagerman posted a 6-3, 7-5 victory over Seaholm's Todd Elkins.

The other flight winner was the Athens duo of Dean Fo and Ramz Farou, who downed Berkley's Mike Coden and Bobby Siporin, 6-4, 6-3, at No. 4 doubles.

Farmington and Lake Orion were the only schools that didn't have players reach the championship flights, but Lake Orion coach Joy Winkelman, one of the site directors along with Block, said it had nothing to do with not being competitive.

"We played very well actually," she said, noting her team was 4-1 in non-league matches this year. "Tennis in this area is so good. It's hard to finish high, even if you're a competitive team."

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OAA DIVISION II TEAMS

LEAGUE METT

(Thursday at 10:00 AM)

TEAM SCORES - 1. Birmingham Seaholm, 44, 2. Berkley, 42, 3. Clarkston, 37, 4. Rochester Stoney Creek, 28, 5. Troy Athens, 26, 6. Farmington, 25, 7. Lake Orion, 21.

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHTS

SINGLES - 1. Andrew Brown (Clarkston) d. Joey Michaels (Stoney Creek) 6, 3, 6, 6, 2. Michael Schoenhals (Stoney Creek) d. Amit Surapaneni (Clarkston) 6, 3, 6, 3, 3. Steve Hagerman (Berkley) d. Todd Elkins (Seaholm) 6, 3, 7, 4. Scott Peiser (Seaholm) d. Rob White (Berkley) 7, 5, 6, 4.

DOUBLES - 1. Josh Jackson/Matt Easton (Seaholm) d. Nicolas Serra/Dustin Cloutier (Berkley) 6, 1, 7, 6 (6, 3), 2. Mike Domeau/Jeff McCormick (Clarkston) d. Colin Fraser/Matt Weitzman (Berkley) 7, 5, 6, 4, 3. Charlie Schuster/Dan Kabot (Clarkston) d. Chris Karaft/Peter Nelson (Stoney Creek) 2, 6, 4, 1, 5, 4. Dean Fo/Ramz Farou (Athens) d. Mike Coden/Bobby Siporin (Berkley) 6, 4, 6, 3.

DUAL MATCH RECORDS - 1. Berkley 19-0-2, 2. Birmingham Seaholm 14-0-2, 3. Clarkston 12-0-3, 4. Troy Athens 12-2-2, 5. Farmington 9-2-6, 6. Rochester Stoney Creek 9-3-12, 7. Lake Orion 10-6-1.

FINAL STANDINGS - 1. 64 Birmingham Seaholm and Berkley 12, 3. Clarkston 12, 4. Troy Athens, 2, 5. Rochester Stoney Creek, 6. 6. Farmington, 3, 7. Lake Orion, 2.

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