

Farmington gridders face rebuilding year

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LUPA (5-11, 187) and Dan Hickey (5-11, 180), "a kid who's definitely going to play," according to Beardley.

FARMINGTON'S FIRST home game is scheduled for Sept. 25 against non-league West Bloomfield. The Falcons Inter Lakes League season begins on Oct. 1 with their homecoming game against Waterford. Farmington has a tough schedule, Beardley said.

"We play three really tough opponents: Harrison, Livonia Stevenson and Southfield High," he said. "We lost to all three of them last season, and I think all three have teams just as good or better this season."

"In the Inter Lakes League, Stevenson has to be the favorite because it played with a mostly-junior ball club last season. From there on in, it should be a real dog fight between the rest of us. Pontiac Northern is always tough because of its speed. Milford Lakeland is, always big. I don't know much about Waterford or Hopedale Lake Central this season."

More than 40 Farmington grad hopefuls attended a one-week summer camp at Camp Itasca Wilka near Traverse City.

Beardley said he feels that the camp was helped his team get off to a good start.

"A lot of good aspects come out of attending a summer camp," he said. "It's not only the physical conditioning, but also the team unity which is formed. A great esprit de corps is created."

"We get to know the boys in a different view than we would with just a coach-student relationship in school. And the kids get to know us better as human beings."

Beardley has two assistant coaches for the varsity team. They are backfield coach Dave Catherman and linebacker and end coach Richard Roy.

FARMINGTON FOOTBALL-VARSITY		at Harrison	at Farmington
Sept. 13	at West Bloomfield	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
Sept. 25	Waterford-Hopedale	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
Oct. 1	at Livonia Stevenson	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
Oct. 9	at Westland Central	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
Oct. 22	at Milford Lakeland	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
Oct. 29	Pontiac Northern	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
Nov. 4	Southfield High	2:00 pm	2:00 pm
Nov. 13	at North Farmington	2:00 pm	2:00 pm

JUNIOR VARSITY	
Sept. 13	Harrison
Sept. 20	at West Bloomfield
Oct. 1	at Waterford
Oct. 9	Livonia Stevenson
Oct. 22	at Westland Central
Oct. 29	Milford Lakeland
Nov. 4	Pontiac Northern
Nov. 13	at North Farmington



Farmington's Rick Mihizer is grabbed from behind during a practice session last week. Mihizer has had plenty of practice carrying the ball for the Falcons over the past three years, but his team suffers from inexperience. Farmington graduated 27 lettermen from last year's team. (Staff photos by Harry Mauthe)



Farmington coach Hal Beardley: "Our kids are young and enthusiastic. I know there are some good ball players here. I just hope they can stand the pressure this season." Beardley's Farmington squad will open its season on Sept. 18 at district-rival Farmington Harrison.

Farmington rec softball results

Following are the winners of the play-off games in the Farmington Area Recreation Council softball leagues.

RESIDENT A LEAGUE
 Women's Bracket—Milford Crusaders 18, Jackson 1; Michigan Crusaders 18, West Bloomfield 10; Detroit Lakes 19, West Bloomfield 10; Detroit Lakes 9, Michigan Crusaders 10; Lakes 9, Detroit Lakes 10; Lakes 9, West Bloomfield 10; Lakes 9, West Bloomfield 10; Lakes 9, West Bloomfield 10.

INDUSTRIAL A LEAGUE
 Women's Bracket—Dan Submarine 15, Livonia 10; Farmington Merchants 7, Dan Submarine 6; Lakes 9, Dan Submarine 10; Lakes 9, Dan Submarine 10; Lakes 9, Dan Submarine 10; Lakes 9, Dan Submarine 10; Lakes 9, Dan Submarine 10.

WOMAN'S OPEN LEAGUE
 Women's Bracket—New Way Bar 12, Honey Bee 10; Lakes 9, New Way Bar 10; Lakes 9, New Way Bar 10; Lakes 9, New Way Bar 10; Lakes 9, New Way Bar 10; Lakes 9, New Way Bar 10.

Margie's ace
 Margie Kurzmann of Southfield shot a hole in one during a round of golf last week at Knollwood Country Club in West Bloomfield. She accomplished her feat on Knollwood No. 4 hole, a par three, 145-yard test, using a four wood. The ace was her first in more than 30 years of golfing. She finished the round with a 21-over-par 103.

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