

Hawks slip by stubborn Canton, 23-16

By BRAD EMONS

Farmington Harrison's unbeaten football status remained intact Friday night, but not without a struggle from gritty Plymouth Canton.

The Hawks, now 3-0 overall, will

slay in the Class B rankings this week after a narrow 23-16 triumph over Canton.

Harrison scored the winning touchdown midway through the final quarter and withstood final drive by the Chiefs as time ran out.

Falcon kickers win

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NSL, runs next on Thursday at Westland John Glenn.

Farmington Harrison's Dave Tremonti and Brian Anderson finished one-two, but Livonia Churchill runners filled places three through five and won the Western Six League contest, 25-35. Harrison is 1-2 overall and 6-1 in the WSL.

Tremonti won the race (16:48 over Harrison's 5,000-meter course) and Anderson followed (16:58). The next three, all Churchill, were Marc Blais (17:11), Jim Brodie (17:27) and Paul Anderson (17:33).

John Schumacher, Harrison's new cross country coach, has established a "champions club" to reward dedication during practices. So far, four runners — Dale Black, Klayh Dillon, Phil Kimler and Jeff Yorick — have earned membership in the club.

Harrison runs next on Tuesday at Redford Thurston at Cass Benton Park.

BOYS' GOLF

Sophomore Pete Kalligen earned medalist honors Thursday with a four-over-par 36 at San Marino Golf Course, but his Farmington Harrison team dropped a 220-224 decision to Livonia Churchill in Western Six League golf. Harrison is 2-3 overall and 2-2 in the conference.

Greg Alex of Harrison finished second with a 42. Churchill's Dave Klann and Joe Lack each shot 42, and Harrison's Andris Saltsmanis carded a 44. On Monday, Sept. 22, Harrison plays Waterford Mott at Pontiac Country Club.

In another golf meet, Joe Sawyer earned medalist honors with a three-over 36 to help Walled Lake Central overcome Farmington High, 209-233, in the Inter Lakes League. The meet was played at Godwin Glen.

Central golfers Don Brandon, Laine Frye and Greg Boone each had 41. Farmington's Jim Lockhart and Andy Hutton posted 43s. On Monday, Farmington plays Livonia Stevenson at Idylwild Golf Course in Livonia.

GIRLS' SWIMMING

Michele Lister won the 200-yard freestyle (2:11.0) and the 100-yard freestyle (59.0) to pace North Farmington's girls' swimming Thursday.

North's 112-57 win over Farmington Harrison in girls' swimming Thursday. North is 1-0, Harrison is 0-2.

North's 400 freestyle relay (Lister, Debbie Houser, Stacy Greenberg and Monnique Loeck) won with a time of 4:12.2. North's Kirsten Kinsman won the 200 individual medley (2:27.4) and the 500 free (53.7). Harrison's Sue Pickett won the diving event with 163.0 points.

Farmington High opened its season with a 126-42 win over Livonia Franklin. North's 100 free (59.0) and the 100 backstroke (1:08.4). Jenny Ratliff, also of Farmington, set a varsity record in diving with 184.50 points.

GIRLS' TENNIS

North Farmington, winning every match but No. 1 singles, whipped city rival Farmington Harrison, 6-1, last week.

In the top singles match, HHS' Joell Lukasiewicz downed North's Betsy Lee, 6-7, 6-2, 7-5. North's No. 1 doubles team of Barb Krone and Stacy Smith knocked off Liz Kavieff and Leslee Pfaffner, 6-3, 6-1.

In another recent meet, North blanked Redford Thurston, 7-0, in the Northwest Suburban League. Liz Alkon, a freshman, won the No. 3 singles match over Carin Hayer, 6-0, 6-0. Sheila Wall and Karen Madany won a doubles match over Meannette Hietala and Patty MacFarlan, 6-0, 6-3.

Birmingham Marian bested Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, 7-0, in the Catholic League. Marian's Lisa Gould won the No. 4 singles match with a 6-2 showing over Maria Gibson. In the No. 1 doubles match, Marian's Jacqui Asher and Elissa Scraffano topped Patty Hildebrand and Rosanna Lubinski, 6-3, 6-3.

Dearborn High stopped Farmington Heights, 7-0, in a non-league meet Thursday. Farmington fell to 1-2 under coach Ellen Zank.

Dearborn's No. 2 doubles team of Julie Banilburg and Debbie Kunzelman needed three sets to overcome Maureen Maloney and Diane Page, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2.

"We had a great win over Groves (13-12) last week and this brought us back down to earth," said a relieved Harrison coach John Herrington. "We learned we have to play all four quarters."

The game was in sharp contrast to last year's 49-0 Harrison drubbing over the Chiefs. It didn't start out that way, however.

Harrison put 16 quick points on the board in the first quarter.

Canton rallied back with 16 points of its own just before intermission.

Matt Stifter, a junior linebacker, picked off a Canton pass with 8:39 left in the game to set up the decisive score. Harrison quarterback Jim Macielak then directed his team down the field to the four-yard line. Faced with a fourth and goal situation, Macielak handed off to senior halfback Ken Kopko, who crashed into the end zone with 4:54 left. Dave Blackmer's extra point made it 23-16.

Canton staged a final charge. The

Chiefs moved deep out of their own territory when quarterback Billy Childs hit tight end Craig Gerns with a 24-yard pass. An unnecessary roughness penalty against Harrison moved the ball to the Hawks' 40 yard line. Harrison's defense then dug in and held off Childs, despite being penalized 15 more yards on a pass interference call.

The Chiefs, standing on the Hawks' 25, were unable to move the ball for four plays as time ran out.

"THE LAST two weeks I've needed a pacemaker," said Herrington. "Plymouth Canton outplayed us in the second quarter. They're well disciplined and their coach did a super job in preparing for us."

"We're young and inexperienced," said Barr, "and that happens. I'm very pleased with my team. They never quit. A couple of mistakes hurt us."

Harrison's second TD came with 4:02 left in the first quarter when Macielak

ran 12 yards. The score was set up on a fumble recovery by Steve Waldron in the Canton backfield.

"The Hawks made it 16-0 late in the first period when an errant Canton snap from center sailed over the head of punter Mike Clayton and went out of the end zone."

At the start of the second quarter, Canton began to find holes in the Harrison defense with its triple option wishbone attack.

With Childs carrying most of the load, he directed an 80-yard drive consuming almost five minutes. The senior signal caller bolted over from 10 yards and ran in the two-point conversion attempt to cut the lead to 16-8 with 5:07 left.

On Canton's next possession, Childs again took the Chiefs 44 yards for a score. Junior Steve Hamblin hurried into the end zone for the final two yards on third down.

HARRISON 23 — CANTON 16					
	HHS	PC			
First downs rushing	10	8			
First downs passing	1	1			
First downs penalty	0	2			
Yards rushing	170	135			
Yards passing	38	33			
Passes	3-8-0	2-6-1			
Penalties — yards lost	5-65	1-15			
Fumbles — No. lost	0-0	1-1			
Punts — average	3-30	3-31			
HARRISON	16	0	0	7	— 23
CANTON	0	16	0	0	— 16

HARRISON — Tim Macielak 2 run (Dave Blackmer kick)

HARRISON — Macielak 12 run (Blackmer kick)

HARRISON — Safety, ball went out of endzone.

CANTON — Bill Childs 11 run (Childs run)

CANTON — Steve Hamblin 3 run (Childs run)

HARRISON — Ken Kopko 3 run (Blackmer kick)

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