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Hawks, Raiders cop titles; Falcons win

By TOM BAER

Farmington Harrison ran its winning streak to seven and secured its fifth Western Six League football title in the 11-season existence of the school Saturday with a 19-14 victory over Livonia Churchill.

But there were no wild celebrations in the Hawks' locker room after the game.

"If you can play that bad and still win . . . well, OK," said Harrison assistant Ron Brown. "Never knock a victory, that's what I always say."

Head coach John Herrington echoed Brown's sentiments. "Our offense was sporadic," he said. "If we play like that next week (against arch rival North Farmington), also unbeaten this season, we're in big trouble."

It was a mistake-filled game. Harrison took advantage of Churchill's blunders. Churchill couldn't capitalize on Harrison's.

For example, an off-side penalty on a fourth-and-one situation pushed Churchill out of first-down range. Then a bad snap cancelled the punt, and Harrison had the ball on the enemy 47.

On the first play, tailback Ken Kopko ran 53 yards on a draw for the opening touchdown, and sophomore Fred Blackmer added the extra point.

ANOTHER BAD snap in the second quarter left Harrison punter Reggie Upshaw standing outside the end zone for a two-point safety for Churchill. On the second play of the following series, Churchill tailback John Bielis ran 35 yards for a touchdown. A conversion pass failed, but Churchill led 8-7.

Near the end of the half, Upshaw helped the Hawks take advantage of a mistake by recovering a Churchill fumble on the Charger 28. Hawk quarterback Jim Macielak threw to Upshaw for a completion on the 10, and then tossed to Steve Sweeney for the TD. A run for the points failed.

In the third quarter, Kopko, who gained more yards (177) than the entire Harrison offense (168), ripped off another 50-yard touchdown run. A conversion pass failed.

Churchill scored in the game's closing seconds as Bielis, who gained 66 yards in 15 carries, went over from the three.

Harrison's offense may have sputtered at times, but its defense — led by linebacker Bruce Yeager (nine solo tackles, five assists), end Steve Waldron (seven solos, three assists), and Upshaw (eight solos, one assist) — held Churchill to 107 yards rushing and

28 passing. The North Farmington-Harrison game has a 2 p.m. start next Saturday at Harrison.

Churchill, which closed out its Western Six season at 2-3 and fell to 3-4 overall, travels to Livonia Franklin for a traditional non-league game on the same afternoon.

Nth. FARMINGTON 28
LIVONIA FRANKLIN 0

North Farmington tuned up for its showdown with Harrison by trouncing Livonia Franklin, 28-0, in the North-

west Suburban League finale. North, unbeaten through seven games, earned the NSL title outright with the win.

North tailback Doug Schulte, who gained 158 yards in 12 carries, scored a touchdown on a 69-yard run. Jeff LaBelle, an outstanding two-way player, scored one touchdown on a 28-yard pass from Rick Roth, and crossed the goal line again on a 40-yard punt return.

North rushed for 286 yards to Franklin's 82.

FARMINGTON HIGH 13
WATERFORD TOWNSHIP 6
Senior linebacker Jim Steiner recov-

ered three fumbles, made 11 solo tackles and assisted on three others to highlight Farmington High's 13-6 victory over Waterford Township in the Inter Lakes League. The win was Farmington's first in seven starts this season.

Farmington tailback Greg Koinis carried the ball 13 times for 67 yards and two touchdowns on runs of three and one yard. Brian Funnell kicked an extra point for the winners.

Waterford's Marty Scott rushed for 113 yards and one TD.

Farmington entertains non-league Brighton High at 2 p.m. next Saturday.



Harrison's Ken Kopko was stopped by Churchill's Steve Tracy on this play, but the Hawk tailback gained 177 yards and scored two touchdowns. (Staff photo by Randy Bors)

HARRISON 19 — CHURCHILL 14

	HIS	LC
First downs rushing	7	2
First downs passing	3	2
First downs penalty	0	0
Yards rushing	168	107
Yards passing	32	28
Passes	4-10-1	5-17-0
Penalties — Yards lost	3-21	2-10
Punt — Yards	5-3	1-1
Punt — average	5-32	5-31
Punts	7	6
HARRISON	7	6
CHURCHILL	6	6

SCORING PLAYS

HIS — Ken Kopko 53 run (Dave Blackmer kick).
LC — Safety, ball out of endzone on punt.
LC — John Bielis 35 run (pass failed).
HIS — Steve Sweeney 7 pass from Jim Macielak (pass failed).
HIS — Kopko 50 run (Pass failed).
LC — Bielis 5 run (pass failed).

Basketball roundup

FHS wins thriller

By TOM BAER

Chris Looser, Farmington High's 5-foot-11 junior forward, completed a three-point play with only nine seconds left Thursday to lift her team past Pontiac Northern, 57-54, in Inter Lakes League basketball on the Falcons' court.

Looser, who finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds, made the last-second layup and the free throw after being backed by Northern's Sharon Brown. Falcon center Stacy Green fired in 19 points, grabbed nine rebounds and blocked five shots.

Three Northern players hit double figures: Pat King (20), Brown (16) and June Hardy (13). Northern trailed by eight points (33-25) at halftime, but

came back to outscore the Falcons, 29-24, in the second half.

Farmington, now 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the ILL, hosts Waterford Township at 7 p.m. on Tuesday. In another game, Farmington Our Lady of Mercy used a big third quarter to break open a close game and whip Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher, 63-44, in the Catholic League Central Division.

Coach Larry Baker's Mercy club is unbeaten in 11 starts this season. The Marlins are 6-0 in Central Division play.

Mercy junior Kathy Landry scored 15 points, 13 coming in the second half when the winners came from being a point down (27-26) to outscore the opposition, 37-17.

"It was one of those nights when the lid was on the basket," Baker said of his team's luckless first half. "I wasn't really worried. I knew we could come back against this team."

SUZANNE DIETZ scored 14 points, and Denise Basford had 11 for Mercy. Kelly Walker fired in 15 points for Gallagher.

Mercy is off until Thursday, Oct. 23, when it entertains Redford Bishop Borgess in a Central Division game at 7:30 p.m.

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Falcon runners lose title

Farmington High, which has won the Inter Lakes League cross country championship four of the last five years, will have to settle for second place this season.

The league title, based solely on the conference meet, was won Thursday by Milford-Lakeland, which scored 34 points to Farmington's 46. Livonia Stevenson was third with 62 points, Pontiac Northern had 110, Waterford Township 132 and Walled Lake Central 149.

Lakeland's Bob Hughes won the race, covering the 5,000-meter Oakland Community College-Highland Lakes course in 16:28. Farmington's Bill Atkinson placed second with a time of 16:40.

Other Farmington runners: Dave Denny (sixth, 17:12), Bill Anglin (seventh, 17:17), Tom Felten (13th, 17:32), Bruce Rutla (18th, 18:12), Pat Shelly (19th, 18:17), Lenny Pitcel (20th, 18:20).

In a Western Six dual meet, Farmington Harrison's Dave Treanor won the three-mile race at Waterford Mott in 16:16, but his team lost, 25-32. Harrison is 1-8 overall.

Die Hunters of Mott was second in 16:27, and Harrison's Brian Anderson took third in 16:38. Mott's Doug Roggenbauer (16:59) and Mark Turm (17:06) filled out the top five places.

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Carolyn Bart scored five points to help Our Lady of Mercy defeat Bishop Gallagher. (Staff photo by Randy Bors)