

# No break needed for unbeaten Hawks

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Why stop now?  
That's what Farmington Harrison boys track coach John Schumacher is asking. Why does there have to be a break in the season now, when his Hawks are in the midst of their best start ever?

On Wednesday, Harrison won its second-straight dual meet, crushing visiting Walled Lake Western 95-41. It's a good start, to be sure, but there's more: The previous Saturday, the Hawks walked away with first place in the Milan Invitational, scoring 70 points to easily outdistance runner-up Pinckney, which finished with 46.

South Lyon placed third in the six-team invitational with 44, followed by Novi (33), host-team Milan (31) and Taylor Center.

Combine these recent successes with Harrison's first-ever victory in the Farmington city meet and it's easy to understand why Schumacher would just as soon keep the season going rather than take a two-week break for Easter vacation.

"I JUST hope our athletes keep working," he said. "We'll practice all week, but like everybody else we have a lot of seniors who will be gone."

In the victory over Western, Harrison swept every first in the field events. Dave Gurke won the shot put (40-feet, six-inches), Mark Bonasso captured the discus (139-2). Jason Tink was first in the pole vault (12-0), Brian Soeder was best in the long jump (18-6) and Bob Conlon took the high jump (5-9).

Soeder and Conlon were double-winners in individual events. Soeder

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also won the 300-meter low hurdles (41.3) and Conlon doubled in the 110 high hurdles (15.5).

On the track, other Harrison winners were Aaron Yavarski in the 100 (11.1), Chris Hart in the 800 (2:08.1) and Chad Burgess in the 1,600 (4:41.9). The Hawks also won three relays: the 400 (46.7), the 800 (1:38.4) and the 3,200 (8:35.4).

AT MILAN, Harrison won five events in the all-relay meet. Three of its victories came in mid-distance to distance relays.

The middle-distance team of Soeder, Craig Mertz, Hart and Yavarski won in 5:45.7. Hart, Pat Runk, Bur-

gess and Mertz combined to capture the 3,200 relay (8:28.4), and Burgess, Hart, Runk and Dave Foss were winners in the 6,400 relay (19:28.4).

Conlon, Soeder, Wes Wood and Pat McClintock teamed for a win in the shuttle hurdles relay (1:01.8), and Eric Wise (12-0) and Tink (41-6) gave the Hawks a first in the pole vault relay (a combined 23-6).

So what's gotten into Harrison? What's spurred the Hawks to a perfect record in four competitions this season?

"There are several reasons," said Schumacher. "No. 1, our athletes have desire and commitment. We didn't lose a lot from last year, when

we had a pretty good record, and the kids are picking up where we left off. And it's the personality of these kids (to succeed)."

"Another reason is that it just worked out that we don't have any weak areas. Some teams may be stronger than us in the field events or distance events, but no one can match our depth."

The Hawks managed to maintain momentum from last year to this one. Now Schumacher will try to bridge a two-week gap in the season and keep them rolling.

FARMINGTON CLAIMED nine of 17 first places Wednesday at Westland John Glenn, but it wasn't enough to earn the Falcons a dual-meet victory. Glenn edged Farmington 69-68.

Depth was the difference for the Rockets. They entered the second-to-

last event of the meet — the 3,200-meter run — needing just one point to assure themselves of the victory. They got it when Jerry Allen placed third in 10:34.0. Farmington's Chris Inch won the event in 9:44.2.

The Falcons finished the meet with a win in the 1,600 relay (3:31.0), but that just made the final tally closer. It was their third relay triumph of the meet — they also took the 800 (1:35.3) and 3,200 (8:30.4).

Other Farmington winners were Brandon London in the high jump (6-0); Andrew Holliday in the pole vault (11-9); Pat Inus in the 110 high hurdles (16.8); Dave Barringer in the 300 low hurdles (41.5); and Al Stebbins in the 800 (1:58.0).

Glenn had two double-winners: Marcus Lowe in the 100 (11.4) and 200 (23.0) and Harold Lovelace in the shot put (48-10) and discus (149-4).

## Cage standouts signs with U-D

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Plymouth Salem's Rick Taylor has decided he'll stay at home to play his college basketball.

The 6-foot-7 senior signed a national letter of intent to play for the University of Detroit prior to the Rocks' post-season banquet Tuesday night.

U-D coach Don Sisko, who was on hand for the signing along with assistant coach John Mulroy, believes the Titans got a sleeper in Taylor, who also had seriously considered Kent State.

"I see a player who was pretty well hidden," Sisko said. "He was a well-kept secret. We feel fortunate to sign him."

Taylor, who played on Salem's JV team as a freshman, transferred back from East Lansing for his last year of high school ball but was sidelined by a concussion before the season began.

"WE SAW HIM early in the year and liked him then," Sisko said. "We were prepared to offer him a scholarship at that time, and as the season went on, he got better and better."

"If he had not transferred and been healthy, he would have attracted much more attention than he did. There were mitigating circumstances in his situation."

The early-season illness sapped Taylor's strength and dropped his weight from 220 pounds to 185 just when pre-season practice was starting in November. But he recovered to average 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Rocks, who won the Western Lakes Activities Association title and finished 22-3.

"I have no excuses," said Taylor of his slow start. "I just had to deal with it and have a good season — and we all did. It was a great season."

TAYLOR CAPPED THE year with an outstanding two-game performance in the Class A regional in Eastern Michigan's Bowen Field House.

"I thought the regional he had was phenomenal," Sisko said.

Taylor was 11-of-11 from the floor and scored 24 points as the Rocks eliminated Monroe in the first round. He missed only four shots and had 35 points while playing only 21 minutes against Ann Arbor Pioneer in Salem's unsuccessful bid for the regional crown.

Taylor chose U-D because of its proximity to home and family, the appeal of the program and the rapport he established with the Titan coaches.

"I liked coaches Sisko and Mulroy and the interest they showed in me," Taylor said. "They recruited me pretty heavily."

The left-handed shooting Taylor believes his outside shooting ability will give him an edge in college, and that was one thing Sisko liked about him.

"HE'S A BIG, strong player, and he has unique characteristics for a big man," Sisko said. "He has great basket awareness that a lot of kids his size don't, and he has a great shooting touch."

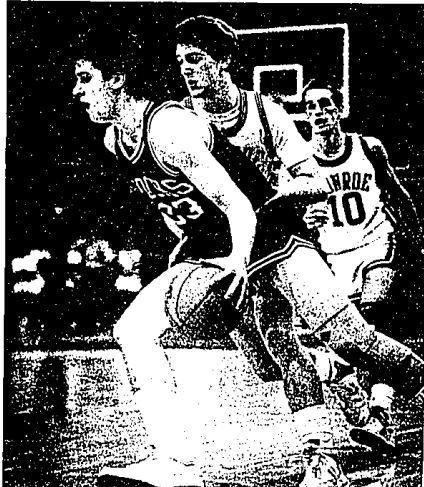
He's a very, very fine offensive prospect, and his body is a plus," he added. "With a college weight program, he's going to get much stronger."

The Titans, who struggled through a 7-21 season, needed help in the frontcourt, and Taylor is the second forward they've signed — their fourth recruit overall.

In the early signing period last November, U-D landed Cincinnati's Allen Clay, a 6-5 guard, Darian McKinney, a 6-7 forward from Lansing Sexton, and Brad Fildfield, a 6-8 center out of St. Paul, Minn.

Recently, the Titans added 6-10 center Stacy Johnson, who played for Mott Community College and was considered one of the top 50 junior college players in the country, according to Sisko.

"We were delighted due to injury, illness and academic ineligibility."



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Salem's Taylor will take his basketball talents to the University of Detroit next year after signing a letter of intent to play for the Titans.

ty," he said. "We needed to replenish our front line. We played way too small last year."

TAYLOR HOPES TO earn a spot in the starting lineup by his sophomore or junior year, and Sisko expects he'll fit into the Titans' plans quickly.

"I think he's got the ability to play early," Sisko said. "I think he'll be in our playing group at forward as early as next year."

Taylor said he's "not afraid" of the competition. "The more talent the better," he said. "I see us going to the next level."

The fact Taylor is familiar with the motion offense — coach Bob Brodie uses the same system at Salem — will help him make the adjustment to college ball, Sisko added.

Brodie was happy Taylor, who also was recruited by Wisconsin Stout and Robert Morris College of Pennsylvania, chose to stay where his roots are and will be playing

college ball in "his own backyard."

"I've heard nothing but good things about coach Sisko, and you like players who you've seen develop go somewhere where you have confidence in the coaching staff," he said.

MIKE HALE, SALEM'S 6-5 forward, and point guard Bryan Kearis plan to play college basketball but have not decided what schools they will attend.

Hale is considering Grand Valley, Ferris State, Northwood and Schodora, and Ferris State, Albion and Delta Community College are in the running for Kearis.

Also, 6-8 center Dave Collins will play for either Albion or Hope colleges, and Jeff Justice plans to walk on at Ferris. Ted Hancock is going to Siena Heights College, but to play soccer.

## Rineer's 2-hitter lifts Harrison past Canton

Farmington Harrison was hoping for a no-hitter, but the Hawks were more than willing to settle for Sam Rineer's two-hitter.

His pitching lifted Harrison to a 1-0 baseball victory over Plymouth Canton and its second win in a row.

The Hawks are 2-1 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 2-3 overall.

Rineer, 1-0, went the distance, struck out five and walked four.

Jason Hicks scored Harrison's lone run in the second inning. He doubled, went to third on Seth Petty's fielder's choice and scored on Todd Kenyon's sacrifice fly.

On Monday, Harrison blasted Walled Lake Western 18-1, scoring half of its runs in the first inning.

Winning pitcher Mark Schmidt pitched four innings of no-hit ball, striking out three along the way, and he also had a pair of doubles.

Kenyon had two hits and three runs batted in, and he scored three times.

## Marlins open their golf season with 2 victories

Farmington Mercy opened its golf season with two straight victories, defeating St. Clair Shores Lakeview 225-285 Tuesday and Livonia Ladywood 208-264 Monday.

Deirdre Gula fired a 49 on the St. Clair Shores Country Club course, and Lisa DeAlexanderis backed her up with a 52.

Jenny Slosser shot 60, and Jenny Duncan and Sonya Hughey tied at 64.

At Meadowbrook Golf Course, Nancy Margherio carded a 50 to pace the Marlins in their win over Ladywood.

Mercy is 1-0 in its league, which includes Grosse Pointe Star of the Sea, Ladywood, Bloomfield Hills Kingswood and Birmingham Marian. The Marlins are idle until April 27 when they play Kingswood at Meadowbrook.

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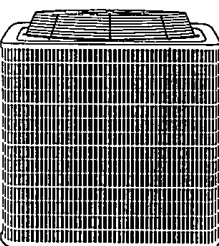
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