

# 6th man boosts Farmington to city title

Farmington golfer Chris Zbanek knows the importance of concentrating on every shot.

His score was the deciding factor Wednesday in the annual city tournament, allowing the Falcons to capture their fifth straight championship.

Farmington and North Farmington were deadlocked at 202 apiece after counting five individual scores, and Zbanek's round of 44 became the difference when the teams resorted to a sixth-man tiebreaker.

Thus, the Falcons gained a one-stroke advantage over North, whose sixth man, Dave Schlott, finished with 45. Farmington Harrison shot 216.

"Every putt counts and, in this case, it does count," Farmington coach Gene Schoenelch said. "That's one thing I stress -- to make sure you take care in putting and

come in with the lowest possible score."

ZBANKEK, WHO received a boost on No. 17 at Glenn Oaks Golf Course when he birdied the 375-yard, par-4 hole, has been Farmington's top golfer all season, averaging 41 strokes per match.

Schoenelch was no doubt concerned when his best golfer, playing in the top threesome, came off the course first with a score in the mid-40s. In the end, the No. 1 man came through, however.

"He was a little disappointed he hadn't done better," Schoenelch said, "but he gave me some encouragement when he said the other guys were."

The others included Adam Hibba, who paced the Falcons with a 2-over-par 38. Brian Link and Dave Wilson shot 40 apiece, Brian DeSantis 41 and Tim True 43.

Not only was Schoenelch happy to retain

their top golfers, Scott Millman, were led by Larry LaPorte, who won medalist honors with a 1-over-par 38. Rob Wendt and Brian Apple shot 40, Tom Seremet and Steve Fitzpatrick 43.

"That hurts," said North coach Dick Wilson of the loss. "It's a big disappointment. We've been looking forward to winning the trophy for two years. This was the year we thought we had a good shot. It's a real blow."

Tim Story shot 40 to lead the Hawks, Steve Miller 41, John Hagopian 44, Dave Shere 45 and Ken Pellegrino 46.

All three teams participate today in the 18-hole Western Lakes Activities Association tournament at the par-73 Huron Meadows Golf Course in Brighton. The first tee-off is at 9 a.m.

"WE WERE QUITE surprised, because North has a very good team, and I have a lot of inexperience," Schoenelch said. "The kids were ecstatic about it."

The Raiders, who played without one of

North and Farmington are teams considered to have a good chance at coming away with the league trophy.

"OH, I THINK they're fairly good," Wilson said. "But I think Northville is the team to beat. We'll probably have to shoot our best score of the year."

The Raiders recorded an 18-hole, four-man score of 316 in the Oakland County tournament, in which they tied for second place. The highest finisher of the three Lakes teams will take the division title, also.

"From what I hear, Northville really has quite a squad this year," Schoenelch said.

"I guess Northville will probably take the league, but we'll see what happens. Golf is a funny game, and, if the kids all shoot well, you'll come out well."

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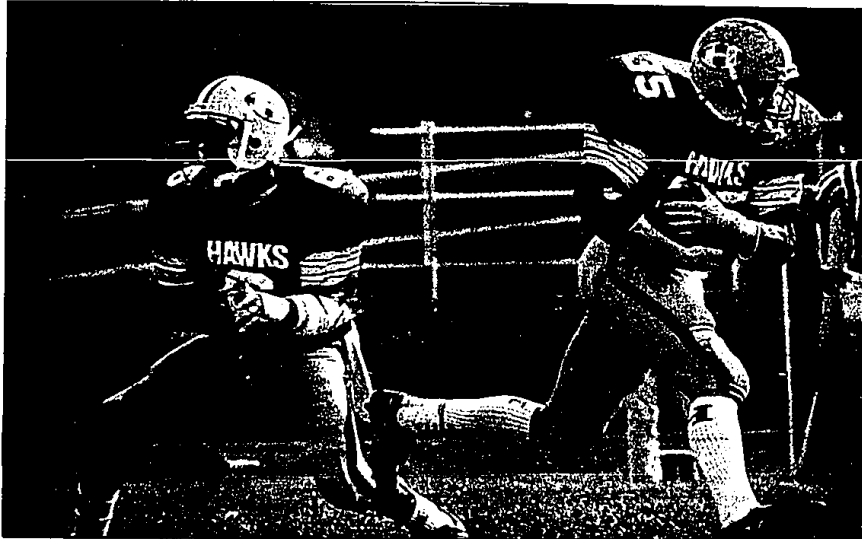
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Joe George takes a handoff from quarterback Mill Coleman en route to 44 rushing yards. Behind the running of tailbacks

George and Matt Conley, the Hawks demonstrated an efficient ground game as they smashed Canton 62-14.

## Raiders ready for Lakes finale

By Dan O'Meara  
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When the family moved last year from Lawrence, Kan., Chris White's parents wanted a high school with a quality football program for their budding young athlete.

And it's on days such as Saturday the multi-talented sophomore is glad they chose the North Farmington School District.

Playing for the unbeaten Raiders, White caught two touchdown passes, returned a punt for another and set up yet another with a pass interception in leading North to a 34-0 homecoming victory over Walled Lake Central.

"We picked the right one," said the 6-foot-3, 180-pound White. "It's a great school with a lot of tradition."

"I'm playing with a great bunch of guys. If I had the chance to go anywhere in the world, I'd choose to stay right here."

NORTH COACH Jim O'Leary also is pleased to have White on the squad, especially after seeing him catch four passes from Mike Filipovich for 112 yards.

Two of those receptions covered 37 and 17 yards for first-half TDs and helped put the Raiders in front 21-0 at halftime. White made it 28-0 late in third quarter with his 45-yard punt return.

White, who also starts in the defensive secondary, gave the Raiders the impetus to get things rolling after a scoreless first quarter.

He just missed intercepting Central quarterback Derek Wallace twice before he finally did, and North, which converted all four pass plays, turned it into a 7-0 lead.

"He amazes me every week," said O'Leary of White. "He does things you expect seniors to do."

"Like the pass he caught just before halftime; he just reached up and took the ball away from the other guy. And the moves on the punt -- you don't coach things like that."

THE VICTORY sets up a showdown Friday night for the Lakes Division title at Westland John Glenn. Both teams are 4-0 in the division and 6-0 overall. The winner plays Farmington Harrison for the Western Lakes Activities Association championship on Saturday, Oct. 22, at Harrison.

North's objective Saturday was to keep its collective mind on the game at hand and avoid a letdown against the Vikings, 1-3 in the division and 1-5 overall.

"It's hard not to concentrate on (the Rockets), but we tried not to think about Glenn," O'Leary said.

"But I assure you, the moment this game was over, that's all we were thinking about."

Senior quarterback Mike Filipovich, who was 6-of-11 passing for 141 yards, knew the Glenn game wouldn't mean as much if the Raiders had lost.

"Everybody did a good job, and we kept our head on our shoulders about the job we had to do," he said.

Coach (Mark) Babcock did a great thing, reminding us about Ohio State (losing to Illinois). He said big upsets occur after big wins like we had."

The Raiders, who beat another contender, Plymouth Salem, 18-7 in overtime last week, hope to atone for their 31-14 loss to the Rockets last year in which a crucial interception ruined North's chances, according to senior two-way tackle Zalm Gummala.

"WE'VE HAD THEM in the back of our minds for a while," he said, but coach kept reminding us we can't be easy on ourselves."

"We're all go for Glenn now," Filipovich said. "We realize this is what everybody has been thinking about."

Filipovich went to the pass when Central gauged up to stop the inside run and did so effectively for the most part.

North's first and last TDs came on short runs of 8 and 2 yards by swing-back Jerry Hakala and tailback Joe Sturtz, but it was the passing attack that broke the game open.

After he intercepted Wallace, Filipovich passed to White on first down to make it 14-0, and his 38-yarder to White set up the other scoring loss on the final play of the first half.

"They blitzed a lot up inside and gave us single coverage," O'Leary said, "so we decided to go to the air. You can't stop Hakala and White 1-on-1."

"PLUS, WE HAVE a great quarterback. On that last play, he changed it at the line and threw a TD pass. We were just trying to throw the ball out of bounds to stop the clock."

Sturtz rushed for 44 yards, and Filipovich scrambled or kept the ball on the option for an additional 39.

North's defense stuffed the Vikings, holding them to 53 yards rushing and enabling the Raiders to gain a 273-71 advantage in total offense.

## Hawks run wild in 62-14 victory

By Steve Kowalski  
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Farmington Harrison tied a school record for points scored Saturday in beating up visiting Plymouth Canton 62-14, but that wasn't all the Hawks accomplished at homecoming.

In a devastating performance, undefeated Harrison proved it has more going for it offensively than the arm of quarterback Mill Coleman.

Behind the duo of Joe George and Matt Conley, the Hawks showed they have a strong running game as well, amassing more than 150 yards rushing.

Harrison received a typically strong performance from Coleman, who completed 11 of 19 passes for 214 yards and three touchdowns. But coach John Herrington was more excited about the running of George and Conley, who finished with 44 and 43 yards, respectively.

With the league title game coming up against either Westland John Glenn and North Farmington and the Class B state tournament after that, Herrington knows balance will be a key to Harrison's success.

"WE DID RUN the ball a little more today, and we were successful when we did it," Herrington said. "We're going to get bad weather along the way, and we may need to run because of it."

"We also might face a team that's going to shut down the pass, so we need balance. We don't want

to have all our eggs in one basket."

Herrington could do little wrong with his play calling Saturday, except early in the fourth quarter when he sent Jon Schaeffer in to kick an extra point. The Hawks' Mike Dombrowski had just scored on the ground to make the score 62-4, and the conversion would have given the Hawks a school scoring record.

Junior Steve Hill made eight straight extra points, but it was Schaeffer's opportunity to make history. He missed.

And the Hawks players had something to joke about.

"It was a bad hold and the snap was high," joked Schaeffer. "And there was a gust of wind that pushed it right."

Remarked teammate Joe Hannawa: "Yeah, did the wind push your leg to the side when you kicked it?"

HARRISON GOT its homecoming crowd in a festive mood early, scoring on its first possession, when Coleman connected with tight end Bryan Wauldron on a 47-yard touchdown pass. Wauldron caught five passes for 124 yards.

The Hawks took a 14-0 lead on a 3-yard run by George near the end of the first quarter. Defensive end Dale Kats gave Harrison a 21-0 lead on the first play of the second quarter when he recovered a Canton fumble and ran it into the end zone from 11 yards.

Coleman completed the first-half scoring for

Harrison, hitting Tim Horton and Chad Burgess with scoring passes of 2 and 30 yards, respectively.

The Chiefs managed to score Saturday at the end of each half. A 22-yard pass from quarterback Jason Deminy to Mark Barrette gave Canton its only first-half score with 15 seconds remaining.

The Hawk defense, led by linebacker Scott Nichols, noseguard Jason Duchan and tackles Jeff Skinner and Hannawa, stymied the Chiefs, forcing six turnovers. Harrison had three interceptions, two coming by defensive back Jason Lichman.

Harrison played the first unit for three quarters and by then the Hawks' lead had escalated to 54-6. Nichols and George both scored TDs in the third quarter from 1 yard out, and Burgess caught his second TD -- a 12-yarder from Coleman.

HERRINGTON WASN'T running up the score; he just wanted to give the first team a chance to play. The first-team defense also played beyond halftime.

"We just wanted to play some more," Herrington said. "There hasn't been much said about our team since they've only given up one touchdown this year when they've been on the field, and they deserve a lot of credit."

Canton's record fell to 1-3 overall, 1-3 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. If nothing else, coach Bob Kheonle hopes the rout taught his Chiefs some valuable lessons.

## Depth helps keep Raiders' record perfect

By Steve Kowalski  
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North Farmington won a girls swimming meet Thursday night because of its ability to finish second, third and fourth.

Say what?

North must have depth to be successful as a team, so second, third and fourth place finishes were a premium in Thursday's 99-73 win over visiting Plymouth Salem.

North also won nine of the 11 events, but the Raiders depth was of more importance. In three events, North swimmers swept the top three places. Nancy Wetterholt twice placed second, clocking 2:12.53 in the 200-yard freestyle and 1:00.30 in the 100 free.

"Barring any problems, I've got six first-place finishes every dual meet from Kerry

Doran, Christie Duthie and Laurie Orwald," North coach Fred Duthie said. "So we didn't think firsts would be the problem. I thought seconds, thirds and fourths would be."

"We were real concerned tonight. We had our work cut out for us. Plymouth Salem is so deep, getting our swimmers in between them is what we had to do. And we did it better than I thought we would."

NORTH REMAINED undefeated in duals at 4-0 overall. Salem fell to 1-1.

Duthie got what he expected out of Doran, Christie Duthie and Orwald. Doran earned a first in the 200 individual medley, clocking 2:18.81, and the 100 breaststroke (1:10.15). Duthie won the 50 free (25.97) and the 100 butterfly (1:04.24).

Orwald qualified for state while winning the 200 free (2:00.23) and she easily outdis-



tanced the rest of the field in the 500 free (5:49.1).

Salem coach Chuck Olson was satisfied with the Rocks overall performance, except in the 200 free and 100 breaststroke events, where Salem failed to place a swimmer in the top three positions.

"I'm disappointed in our lack of aggression in some events," said Olson. "The backstroke . . . we were terrible. The 200 free . . . we were terrible. We can't afford those."

"Overall, though, it was a close score. I told them if we're within 30 points that's

good. There are four real good teams in our (Western Lakes Activities Association) league (Plymouth Canton, Northville, Livonia Churchill and North Farmington). Those are the four we're looking at, and we're struggling to get into that group."

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SALEM KEPT close after five events, claiming the best three scores in the diving competition. Salem's Jennifer Esau won the diving with 186.85 points, teammate Jeny Syra had 159.3 and Shelby Rodgers was third with 149.8.

Salem trailed 88-58 after the 100 free, when Rock swimmer Nicole Basse finished

first in 59.38. The Rocks remained six behind, 68-60, after Orwald captured the 500 free and Salem's Stacey Anderson (5:49.1) and Katy Vesnan (5:40.60) finished second and third, respectively.

But North increased its lead to 78-43 after the 100 backstroke victory by Markey in 1:58.78. North's final win came from the 400 free relay team of Wetterholt, Komar, Orwald and Doran, which clocked 3:54.52.

North was the WLAAs champion in 1987. The Raiders are 2-0 in Lakes Division duals this year and have their sights set on winning the division crown. But the season is far from over.

"We swim Northville (Nov. 3) and they'll be real tough," Duthie said. "And we have to keep an eye on Farmington. We're gearing for the conference meet, but this year, we have a chance for the division, too."