

# Falcons eye golf success

The Farmington golf team is banking on a successful upcoming season, thanks to six returning lettermen and a promising newcomer.

Junior Chris Zhanek, Adam Hibbs, Brian Link and Tim True, seniors Brian Desantis and David Wilson and freshman Jason Buha will lead the Falcons. They will try to improve on Farmington's impressive 9-2 mark in 1988 — a season that saw the Falcons win their fourth straight city championship.

Zhanek leads the team with a 41 average for nine holes. Hibbs and Link, along with Desantis and Wilson, average 43 and True 45.

"We should be contenders for the league and division," coach Gene Schoenle said, "and, hopefully, the state title. We started out with a real good score at the Brighton Invitational."

The Falcons, who also won the 12-team Farmington Invitational, shot 320 as a team while averaging 80 per player.

"That score would have kept us in contention in the state finals," Schoenle said.

The Falcons were able to knock off Southfield Lathrup 195-215 in their first dual meet. Zhanek led Farmington with 35, while Hibbs and Link, the

medalist in the Farmington tourney, shot 39 and Buha 41.

"Buha is a real good player for being just a freshman," Schoenle said. "It's nice to think he has four years ahead of him. He's a good one."

**NORTH FARMINGTON**

With the loss of five starters to graduation, the North Farmington golf team will use the 1989 campaign as a rebuilding season.

The Raiders are faced with trying to replace the duo of Scott Millman and Larry Laporte. Millman averaged 39.6 and Laporte 40.4.

Seniors Rob Wendt and Brian Apple will try to carry the load for the Raiders. Wendt averaged 43.9 last season, Apple 44.3. Junior Jeff Moss, who averaged 42.5 last season on the junior varsity level, will also be counted on heavily as will sophomore Dan Stein, another former JV player.

In addition to Stein, Wendt, Apple and Moss, freshman Eric Wilson, junior Mike Powers and Jim Mell are expected to comprise North's regular unit.

"This season will be a rebuilding year for us," first-year coach Daryl Case said. "After graduat-

ing five out of six starters, we will have to count on some of our junior varsity and freshmen to help us out."

Last season, the Raiders posted an impressive 9-3 record while winning the Lakes Division title and placing second in the Oakland County Tournament.

"Despite being a rebuilding year, maybe we can surprise a couple of teams by season's end," Case said.

**FARMINGTON HILLS HARRISON**

The Hawks will try to improve last season's 4-7 record.

Senior Tim Story will be the team pacesetter. He carries a 42 average. Sophomore Mickey Story will contribute with his 44 average.

Newcomer Dennis Turner, a junior who averages 45, will step in for the Hawks, who lost six players to graduation. Junior Dennis Turner and freshman Carl Rosenbaum are the top newcomers.

"I think it will be hard for us to be competitive early on," coach Bill Spencer said, "but we'll come together as the season goes on."

# Mistakes take glimmer off win

The match was over; Schoolcraft College men's soccer coach Van Dimitriou managed a weak, nervous, uncertain smile.

With good reason. His team had performed uncertainly in defeating Meramec CC 2-1 Sunday at SC. Maybe, a victory should have been satisfying enough. But the Ocelots' glaring mistakes took the glimmer off the victory.

After John Cortese scored in the first half (Bill Werthman assisted) to put SC ahead, and Khalid Zaidan made it 2-0 early in the second half (with Brendan O'Reilly assisting), the Ocelots had some incredible mistakes.

**TWICE THEY** failed to convert empty-net chances, first Werthman shooting over the goal and then Chris Moore missing wide. In between, Zaidan had the Meramec keeper out of position but booted the ball out of bounds.

A goal with 10 minutes left by the St. Louis team put what had seemed like a certain victory in doubt. The Ocelot defense stiffened, however, assuring the win.

"I noticed our guys' shooting is really horrendous," said Dimitriou. "I know our shooting was a weakness all along. We've been spending a lot of time on it. They know, and they're working on it."

Dimitriou had expected a tough battle, but figured if his Ocelots could run Meramec — which played Macomb CC to a scoreless tie Saturday at Macomb — the chances of victory were greatly improved.

The strategy worked, although it didn't show in the score after the Ocelots failed miserably to finish their plays.

"I think we convinced some people we were a solid ballclub," Dimitriou singled out sweeper Chris Speen and stopper Dave Dingle for praise.

"I think if we had finished better everyone that was there would have been completely convinced."

SC hosts the Detroit College of Business at noon Saturday.

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Men's 36-hole medal play: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17. Entry fee is \$48. Handicap maximum is 36.

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## O&E deadline nears

Time is slipping away.

If you plan on playing in the Observer & Eccentric/Whispering Willows Golf Tournament, better get your entry form (like the one accompanying this story) and entry fee mailed in today. The tournament is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 16-17, at Whispering Willows Golf Course in Livonia (located on the southeast corner of Eight Mile and Newburgh roads).

Registration officially closes at 6 p.m. this Saturday, and the tournament field is limited — and remember, it fills up quickly.

Cost is \$48, which includes a golf gift and both days of golf.

As in the past, play will be divided into flights, with prizes — plaques and gift certificates — awarded in each for best gross and best net scores. Those wishing to compete must reside within the O&E circulation boundaries.

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● **COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

Chad Burgess, a first-year freshman from Farmington Hills Harrison, will start at free safety Saturday for Saginaw Valley State University when the Cardinals open the 1989 season at Wayne State.

Kickoff is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. since Channel 62 will televise the game in the Detroit area.

Burgess was a three-year starter for the Hawks and a key player in Harrison's drive to an undefeated season and the Class B championship last year.

● **SOCCER RESULTS**

A second-half comeback carried Redford Thurston to a 4-2 boys soccer win Friday over host Farmington Hills Harrison.

Goals by Byron Morell and Jamie Zelewski erased a 2-1 second-half deficit and the Eagles held on to reverse the non-conference triumph.

Thurston scored the game's first goal when Jim Marunich put a shot past Harrison goalkeeper Chris Schrowe. Harrison, however, responded with a pair of goals to lead 2-1 at half.

Junior Shaw Brown scored the first Hawks' goal, and freshman Jeremy Teachman tallied the second. Junior striker Mark Lebavits assisted on both.

The second half was a different

story, as Thurston grabbed the lead with a pair of quick goals. Roy Neal earned the win in the nets for Thurston.

Harrison coach Glen Bruhan pointed to the goals by Morell and Zelewski as the difference in the game.

"We just had a little letdown," he said. "We let in a couple of easy goals and that kind of took the wind out of our sails."

The loss drops the Hawks record to 0-2 for the season.

A bright spot in defeat was the play of sophomore stopper Steve Blankenship.

"He is playing very strong for us right now," said Bruhan.

● **SOCCER TRYOUTS**

The Michigan State Youth Soccer Association will conduct open tryouts in all age groups for its 1990 girls Olympic Development Program on Fridays, Sept. 8, 15 and 22, at Bicentennial Park in Livonia 5:30-8 p.m. each date. The age groups trying out will be under-14 (1976-77), under-16 (1974-75) and under-18 (1972-73).

All players in the state of Michigan are eligible to try out for this program. The fee for on-site registration is \$50. Players must bring water, a soccer ball, shin guards and two head-shot photos. For information, call Kathy Coyne at 522-0296.

# No need to worry as Pioneers coast

After losing a player of John Stewart's stature, Oakland University soccer coach Gary Parsons was concerned about on-field leadership. Stewart was a two-time All-American; such players are not easily replaced.

But Parsons' concern was eased somewhat in Saturday's opener at Spring Arbor College, thanks in part to the offensive performance of midfielder Simon Mayo. Mayo had a hand in the first four Pioneer goals, two of which were scored by Alan Stewart, John's brother — in a 6-0 romp.

Not that the Cougars were expected to cause any trouble. OU had won the previous 10 matches going into Saturday's meeting, nine on shutouts, and had outscored them 37-2.

It didn't take the Pioneers long to assert themselves. Alan Stewart scored just 10 minutes into the match, with assists from Earl Parris and Mayo.

**MAYO GOT** the second at the 17:58 mark, assisted by Parris — who also finished with a goal and three assists — and John Brennan. Alan Stewart's second goal, Parris and Mayo assisting, made it 3-0 less than five minutes later.

Emmanuel Charles drilled a shot into the upper left corner to make it 4-0 less than 10 minutes into the second half (Mayo, Brennan assisted). Paul Phillips and Parris wrapped up the scoring: Goran Stojanovski assisted on both. Brian Drury also drew an assist on Parris' goal.

Ralph Torre was in goal for OU, but he made just one save in earning the win. The Pioneers outshot Spring Arbor, 26-5.

It won't be as easy this weekend. OU travels to the Lock Haven Invitational, playing Keene State (of New Hampshire), the 14th-ranked team in the NCAA Division II. Saturday. The fourth-ranked Pioneers meet host team Lock Haven, No. 12 in the polls, Sunday.



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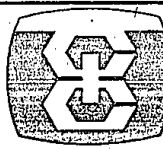


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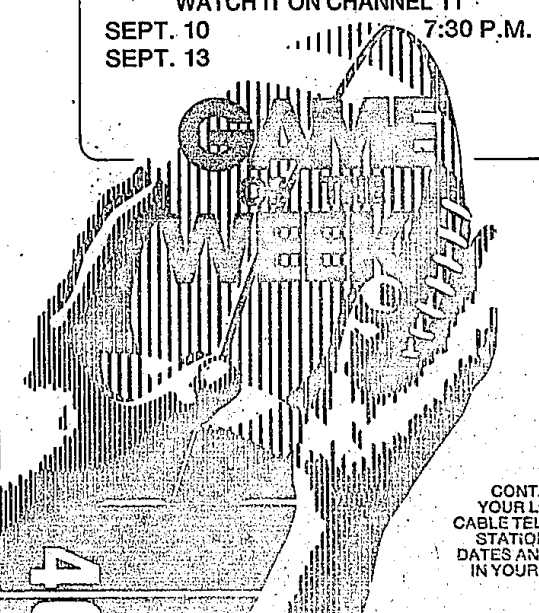
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