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Seth Hoffman, a sophomore at North Farmington, is one of the top players in the state. He was a regional champion and state semifinalist last year.

North team features 1 of best in Hoffman

By Dan O'Meara and Neal Zipser
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With one of the best tennis players in the country and a solid supporting cast, North Farmington hopes the 1991 season will be a success.

The Raiders, who were 10-3 in dual meets, are led by sophomore Seth Hoffman, who won the under-16 national indoor championship in December and will play No. 1 singles for North again.

Hoffman, who was 13-0 in duals and 19-1 overall, was a regional champion last year, defeating Seth Denawetz of West Bloomfield in the final. He was a semifinalist at the state meet, losing to eventual champion Jeff Giraldo of Grosse Pointe South.

"He's playing well, and he's improved a lot," North coach Rick Jones said. "He should have a real good year."

"He has the skills to win the state title, but there are a lot of other good players out there, too. The possibility for him to be a state champion is there, but a lot of things have to happen and break right."

North's first match, Monday at Redford Union, was suspended because of rain before it could be completed, but the teams finished enough matches for it to count and the Raiders won 4-0.

Senior Adam Corbin defeated Scott Burton 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 singles, and the Raiders swept the doubles matches. Juniors Brad Pugh and Jeff Monach defeated Mark Payne and Geoff Bossio 6-0, 6-1; freshmen

tennis

David Migdal and Steve Baer defeated Don Chambers and Ed Peplinski 6-1, 6-1; and senior Kelvin Chou and sophomore Chris Buatti defeated Brian Scheele and Mike Griffiths 6-0, 6-2.

The suspended matches involved Hoffman and Pranav Kothari at No. 1 singles, junior Todd Stoneman and Chris Hoessler at No. 2 and sophomore Jason Wendorf and Rob Freeman at No. 4.

Junior Steve Sanipson, a third-year player as is Stoneman, will play singles this year, too. The Raiders also have juniors Brandon Sandler, a transfer from Harrison, and B.J. Hagland to help in doubles matches.

"We've been real young the last couple years," Jones said. "Now we have some people with experience and, with a kid like Hoffman, grade level doesn't matter."

"A winning season is the first goal of course. If things go well, we hope to finish in the top three in the league. I think those things are within reach if we work hard and improve."

Stevenson and the Plymouth schools are good year in and year out, and Northville has Mark Schwagie so they're going to be good."

FARM. HARRISON

Whatever the girls do, the

boys won't necessarily do better at Farmington Hills Harrison this year. Harrison captured the Western Lakes Activities Association girls tennis crown in the fall, but the boys squad will be rebuilding from last year's 8-6 team that lost its top eight players to graduation.

"I've had a few rebuilding years while I've been here, but this will be the biggest," coach Bernie Goldstein said. He begins his 17th year with the Hawks.

Harrison will rely on seniors Jason Barringer and Mike Jacobs — the only returning players with experience — and juniors who played No. 3 doubles, will play No. 1 singles and Jacobs, who played No. 2 doubles, will hold the No. 2 singles position.

Junior Gary Walters and senior Dennis Sayles, who has lived in England the past two years, will be Nos. 3 and 4 singles players, respectively.

The Hawks will have to make up the loss of their top two singles players from last season. Dan Folgo and Brad Aldrich, as well as their top doubles team of Mike Saputo and Chris Sarsfield.

Freshman Jeff Gutman teams with junior Todd Farabee on the first doubles team. Sophomores Kevin Larkowski and Matt Schrowe combine for the second doubles team, and the sophomore duo of Elliott Sperber and Zach Raumi make up the third doubles team.

"We have 25 people on the team, which is the most we've ever had," Goldstein said. "Basically, we are a team of beginners as far as competi-

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Hawks aim for better in '91

By Ray Setlock
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Farmington Hills-Harrison is setting a modest goal for 1991 after a 1-13 season in girls soccer last year.

"We just want to improve as the season goes along," Harrison coach Glenn Bruhan said. "Hopefully, we'll be competitive with half the league."

Freshman Carrie Earle and junior Robin LaHullier are expected to be the forwards for Harrison this season.

"Carrie has excellent skills," Bruhan said. "She is one of the best ball handlers on the team."

Junior Rachel Nichols, who tallied three goals last season, will lead the midfielders. She will be joined by senior Jenelle Kohler and juniors Julie Farabee and Molly Horton.

soccer

"WE WILL be looking for more offensive output from Rachel this season," Bruhan said. "She has been with us since the ninth grade, like many of the girls on this year's team."

Bruhan said he hopes the team can play better on defense this season.

"One of our goals going into this season is to reduce the number of goals scored against us," he said. "We want to play well on defense."

Senior Flora Pluma will lead the defensive unit, playing both stopper and fullback for the Hawks. "She is our strongest physical

player," Bruhan said. "She'll play at both positions throughout the season."

Juniors Stacey Krause and Kelly Chouski are expected to start at sweeper and stopper, respectively. Junior Margaret O'Sullivan will also contribute on defense.

Veteran Leslie Jensen, a junior, will start in goal for the Hawks this season.

"SHE WAS our goalie last year and, hopefully, that experience will pay off," Bruhan said. "We'll need her to be sharp."

Bruhan said he expects Plymouth Canton, Plymouth Salem, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Stevenson to have sound teams in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"I think these teams will be the ones to beat, like always," Bruhan said.

Brothers hailed in Caesars wins

By Dan O'Meara
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Hockey is king in the Dolish family of Farmington Hills, and this week the Dolish family is the king of amateur hockey.

Few players ever have the distinction of being part of a national championship team, but the Dolishes have two.

Scott and Erik Dolish play for Little Caesars teams that won Midget and PeeWee titles Sunday at the Oak Park Compuware Arena.

A few hours after Erik's PeeWee team (ages 12-13) upset the Chicago Young Americans 4-3 in three overtimes, Scott's Midget team (ages 16-17) defeated the Buffalo Regals 8-3 to win its second consecutive championship.

"It was incredible, a once-in-a-lifetime thing," said Sue Dolish, the player's mother. "Last year we were really excited, but this year it's almost too good to be true. After Erik's triple-overtime game, Scott's game was almost anti-climactic."

"WE'RE REALLY proud of the boys, and they're proud of each other, which is really nice."

"Unfortunately, the state championship teams were scheduled to play at the same time, so we had to make decisions. One (parent) went to one game and one the other until the final."

Scott, who turned 18 in March and is a senior at Farmington High School, plays defense. He had seven points in the five-game national tournament, including a two-goal performance in the semifinals.

That game — a 7-2 victory over the Midget Young Americans — was



Scott Dolish
Little Caesars Midget

the closest of the four-day event. Little Caesars blanked Cape Cod (Mass.) 8-0 on Thursday, whipped Woonsocket (R.I.) 9-2 on Friday and blasted Team Indiana 9-0 in the first of two games Saturday in Oak Park. Dolish had three assists in the Friday rout.

"The beginning of the games were pretty close," Scott said. "But we were a better skating team than any of the others, so we kinda took it to them later in the games."

"We're one of only a couple teams to ever win national championships back-to-back, so it was a pretty awesome feeling. Last year everybody got a team jacket. This year we're talking about getting rings that say 'back-to-back championships.'"

OTHER AREA players on the Midget team were David Weaver of

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Canton, Jay Thompson and Ray Gabbert of Garden City, Greg Logas, David Mitchell, Kit Mastroberto and Johnico Blumer of Livonia, Dax Burkhardt of Rochester Hills and Keith Aldridge of Bloomfield Hills.

The Midgets were nearly sidelined in the semifinals of the state tournament. They were losing 2-0 to Michigan National with two minutes left in the game but rallied to win 3-2 in overtime and earn a trip to the nationals.

Not everything went smoothly on Sunday for Scott, however. A hit from behind sent him crashing into the boards in the second period, and he later needed six stitches to close the wound on his forehead.

His dad didn't end until he got home from the hospital around midnight, but the injury didn't stop Scott from finishing the game and attending a pizza party for team members afterward.

"They just put a butterfly bandage on it to keep it together," Scott said.

Erik wasn't around to see his brother's team win a national title. He left following his game for a post-game pizza celebration with teammates, also. Between the PeeWee and Midget games, another Michigan team — the Freehold Flyers of Melvindale — captured the Bantam title.

"HE WAS kidding me that he's going to win more national championships."

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