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Hawks take on Indians in semi

In terms of playoff history, the Class BB semificial (cotabill game between Farmington Hills Harrison and Tecumseh could be described as the veterans playing the rookies.

The Hawks are among the all-time leaders to post-season appearances, alwaying been in the playoffs all times floce they were started in 1975.

Tecumseh, located in the northeggst corner of Lenawec County, had some powerhouse teams 20 years sign but carned its first playoff berth flis year.

In this particular season, the No-tranked infinas are 11-0 just like Harrison beading into their 3:30 pm. Saturday meeting at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti.

"It's a great challenge for us, and our kids will have to step forward and play the best game they can against them," Tecumseh coach Ray Schmidt said, adding the Indians are well aware of Harrison's No. 1 rating in Michigan and No. 13 standing the USA Today poll.

THE STRENGTH of the Tecum-That is the state of the recom-gent earn is to defense. While the in-dians are not high scorers, they have been consistently three touchdowns better than the opposition. A prima-ty-reason is the efficiency of the de-(epue, which has allowed more than one TD in only three games.

"That is, our strong suit." said

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Schmidt, who spent 11 years as an



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Harrison defensive back Duante Anderson knocked the ball away on this pass intended for Allen Park's Ryan Miller in the

assistant at Tecumseh and is 18-11 get a better matchup on Torres, as head coach. "We had nine returning starters and we improved each week, Plus, we have 23 seniors and guard all season, but Herrington is it's been a great group to work

week. Plus, we may 23 Schlobs and 18 been a great group to work with the Indians use a 4-4 defense styled after Notre Dame. The leading tacklers are inside linebackers leather Fewer (5-11, 180) with 112 and 82, respectively.

"Our down people try to control the line, and those two gentlemen are able to "scrape to "the ball." Schmidt said. Senior Ramon Torres (6-5, 260) anchors the offensive and defensive lines. The Mid-American Conference schools are interested in birm and Michigan State called to inquire the other day, Schmidt said. The Indians also have Jelf Roe (6-3, 214) at the other tackle.

"WE MAY HAVE to play Leon Jefferson (6-1, 265) part time at guard," he said, adding Jefferson plays that position in the Thunder Offense. "Well see how it goes when we line up. Ankawi is a good guard, I just don't know if he's big enough to take on Torres."

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Schind Ramon Torres (6-5, 260) anchors the offensive and defensive halanced Harrison offense on the new artificial surface at Rynearson. His called to inquire the other days, Schmidt said. The Indians also have Jeff Roc (6-5, 214) at the there were the schools are interested in him and Michigan State called to inquire the other days.

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first half Saturday. Miller caught a touchdown pass later to tie the score at 6-6.

ington said. "He's better on turf than

grass."
Schmidt calls Granger, who rushed for 195 yards and four touch-downs in the season opener against Birmingham Brother Rice at the Silverdome, a young Desmond Howard

Birmingham Brother Rice at the Silverdome, a young Desmond Howard.

Granger has rushed for 1,583 yards and 26 touchdowns on 202 attempts. He also has caught six passes for scores and returned a punt for
another.

"We've seen him run behind the
blast, sprint draw, reverse and catter
hasses down fleld," Schmidd said.

"We have to be very aware of where
he is and what he's going to do when
he gets the ball.

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"BUT WE CANT just concentrate on him, because the quarterback is going to pick you apart with his passes."

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Mercy regains league crown

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Katie Knipper, Mandy Speer, Jenny McCombs and Andrea Hoeflein were individual standowts, but Farmiagton Hills Mercy relled on a team effort Sunday to reclaim the Catholic League swim championship at Oakinad University.

The Marlins won nine of the 12 events and had a large number of Hictime-best swims while posting a 4%-point team score. Birningham Marian was seen of the three team "We just had kids who wont nuts," Mercy coach Terl Eudy-Teeters said, "In never had such an amazing taper, It wasn't a matter of 'Is this kid going to drop?' These girls did a super job."

Eudy-Teeters followed the same philosophy as last year by involving everyone on her team. The result was different this time, Marlan upset the Marlins last year, ending her 23-year domination of the league title.

"We laid the groundwork last year—that we are going to swim everybody in this meet," she said, "Everyone realizes they are an important art of this team, and I think that's why we've had such incredible practices and meets."

MERCY GOT more good news Tuesday when diver Amy Dom-

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Falcons advance to final in RU hoop tournament



Denicile Salyer of Farmington steps over Southfield's Doris Holmes in pursuit of a foose ball Tuesday.

Brian Swinchart was stunned, Jeff Climic wasn't surprised.
Both had just witnessed a remarkable comeback in the opening round of the Class A girls baskethall district tournament Tuesday at Red-ford Union. Farmington staged the rally, overcoming an eight-point deficit in the final 3-37 to elip Southfield 52-48.

52-48. Climic knew what was coming. As Southfield's coach, he's seen it. "It's happened to us before," Climic sald. "Our guards make bad judgements, and we start playing like we're behind instead of ahead. I don't know what it is — they're young, they panic."

le."
Swinehart, though, looked like he'd
just won the lottery. The Farmington
coach had no idea how his Falcons —
winners in only four of 20 regularseason games — had pulled off the

season games — had pulled off the miracle.

"How did we win that?" he asked.
"I don't know. We stole one. It was just an awesome effort for our girls to come back like that. But it's tournament time, so we'll take anything we can get."

SWINEHART'S PUZZLEMENT is understandable. After all, there were 49 turnovers in the game - bit the winning team. Southfield made 31; that's the kind of game it was. What it came down to was who would overcome their mistakes better when it mattered most. Farmington did.

Not that the Falcons were mis-

Hawks prevail, reach district final

Farmington Hills Harrison beat Detroit Benedictine, 54-37, Wednesday in a Class B girls basketball distict semifinal game played at Red Irod Thurston.

"But the real test comes at 7 p.m. Priday when Harrison meets beavily devored Detroit Renaissance in the district final-at Thurston.-Renais—and the Classification of the best juniors in the state.

"They're tough, but we look forward to playing them." Harrison each Pete Mantyla said. "We need the playing about the play good teams to find out how good we me. It'll be a good test for disvored Detroit Renaissance in the district final-at Thurston, and the district final-at Thurston, also be district battle and sled by forward Marchoo Dill, one of the best juniors in the state.

added 16 and Erin LaCosse scored eight.

"Coming into the game our No. 1 goal was to play hard and we wanted to execute," Mantyla said. "Men they went to player-to-player defense, we got to put Heather in one-one situations and she's hard to stop that way. Our geards/Reily-Lar-Cosse, Erin LaCosse and Katte McAskin) did a nice job against their pressure."

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