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**FARMINGTON HILLS  
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**Falcons have good start**

Judging from the early results, it looks as if Farmington High can look forward to a successful season in boys' soccer.

The Falcons won two of three games last week in the Birmingham-Detroit Country Day tournament, and the one loss provided the most encouraging result.

Farmington lost 1-0 to five-time defending Class B champion DCD when Tino Scieluna converted a penalty kick with 15 minutes left in the game. The Falcons defeated Birmingham Seaholm 6-1 and Grosse Pointe South 5-3.

"Country Day is supposed to be one of the toughest teams in the state, and we gave them a real good game," Farmington coach Luke Juncos said.

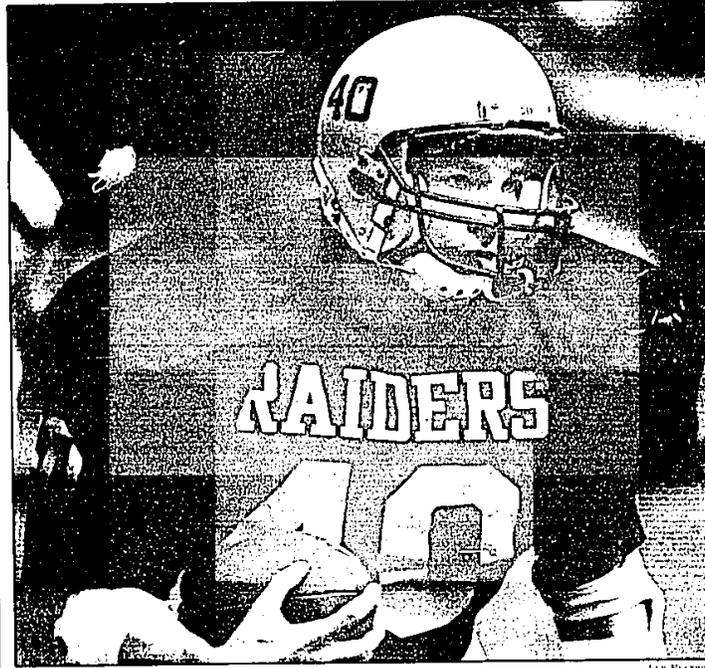
"I think we're going to be very competitive this year. We looked good, and I can't wait until we play the teams in our league. I think we're going to do very well."

Mike Giese scored four goals against Seaholm and three more in the game with GPS. Kris Willenjan had a goal in each game, Jamie Burton and Mark Moffat one apiece. Ryan Ramirez recorded three assists and Sean Noble two.

**Beechview tennis results**

In the finals of the Beechview Swim and Tennis Club's annual tennis tournament Sunday, Gail Helst and Jayne Dreher defeated Judy Velucci and Pat Walters in women's doubles. Jeanette Milnick and Joyce Cornwell defeated Leslie Drayback and Beverly Pollis in the women's doubles consolation. Kerstin Auzas and Mark Steckloff defeated Kathy and Rick Barringer in mixed doubles. Rick and Jason Barringer defeated Joe Bruhn and Jack McDonald in men's doubles and Jason Barringer defeated Mark Steckloff in men's singles.

## Back's return boosts North outlook



North Farmington hopes to build on the success it had last football season. With its star running back and other key players returning, the Raiders could make it happen.

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North Farmington's 1992 football season was put in jeopardy last spring when star tailback Todd Anderson broke an ankle in a trampoline accident.

But his recovery has restored hope to the Raiders, who produced one of their finest seasons in recent memory last year.

North nearly upset Harrison in the Western Lakes Activities Association championship game, made the playoffs for the first time since 1978 and finished with a 6-4 record.

The Raiders, who lost 20-14 to host Ypsilanti in the first round of the Class A playoffs, were arguably a few plays away from being 10-0 and still alive in the post-season.

"People might not think we had a very good season, but given the teams we played it was a good year," North coach Jim O'Leary said.

"This team has the potential to be a decent football team if we can stay healthy. We'll be competitive in the league. I think 6-3 is going to get a team in the playoffs in our region."

A lot revolves around a healthy Anderson (6-0, 175), who made the All-Ontario team after he rushed for 1,175 yards and 12 touchdowns on a school-record 239 carries as a junior. The Raiders also will utilize Anderson as a wide receiver in passing situations.

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Ground gainer: Senior Todd Anderson, fully recovered from a broken ankle, returns to lead the North Farmington offense at tailback.

## NFWB Red Devils capture tournament championship

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Red Devils, a Mustang Division baseball team comprised entirely of 10-year-olds, finished the season Aug. 8-9 by winning the John French Memorial Tournament in Vandercreek Lake near Jackson.

The top team in each of three four-team divisions went to the semifinals along with the best second-place team, which was NFWB based on its greater run production.

Playing three consecutive games Aug. 8, the Red Devils won their first two before losing 9-8 to Clinton. However, NFWB totaled 35 runs in the three games to earn the fourth semifinal berth.

Despite the loss, a productive sixth inning in Clinton game clinched the playoff spot for the Red Devils, who scored five times to lead 8-7. Clinton got two runs in the bottom half to win the game.

NFWB drew Clinton as its semifinal opponent and avenged the loss with an 8-2 victory Aug. 9.

Starting pitcher Dale Young worked the maximum two innings, left with a 4-0 lead and eventually got the win. Ross Patterson, Brian Grohman and Robbie Sparks had two hits apiece for NFWB.

The Red Devils won the championship with a 16-3, mercy-rule win over Northville 1 in the final.

Mark Flanbaum, the tournament most valuable player, was 3-for-3 and scored two runs to lead NFWB. Derek Spicer, Larry Rogers, Matt McCoy and Grohman were 2-for-2. Sparks was the winning pitcher. Flanbaum batted .750 in five games on 12-for-16

hitting and scored eight runs in five games to earn MVP honors. NFWB teammates Brent Schoenbach, Spicer, catcher Kent Taylor, who was behind the plate for 20 of the 28 innings, and Sparks made the all-tournament team.

The Red Devils began the tournament by mering Addison 17-3. Flanbaum was 4-for-5 and scored three runs, Schoenbach 3-for-5 with two runs. Sparks was the winning pitcher.

Flanbaum had two hits in the next game — a 10-3 victory over Northville II — but the Red Devils scored most of their runs on walks and passed balls. Schoenbach picked up the pitching win.

Sparks had a two-run triple in the Clinton game, giving NFWB a 7-6 lead in the sixth inning and enough total runs to clinch the semifinal berth. Sparks and Flanbaum had two hits each in that contest.

NFWB's other top hitters were McCoy (.625), Grohman (.500) and Danny Frey (.444). Each player scored five runs. Schoenbach pitched a team-leading eight innings followed by Young (five) and Patterson (four). Brian Bortman also made a mound appearance during the tournament.

The Red Devils were 18-10 and placed in five of seven tournaments. NFWB also won its own tournament, was second at Belleville, finished third in the Mustang district and was a semifinalist at Eastpointe.

NFWB is coached by Dennis Patterson, Jim Taylor, Ron Schoenbach and Paul Flanbaum.

## Mackie receives co-MVP award

Colleen Baker and Kate Mackie were named co-most valuable players of the Incredible Girls Fast-Pitch Softball League all-star game Saturday at Drake Field in Farmington Hills.

Baker was the winning pitcher as the Americans won 18-16 in nine innings. Mackie was 2-for-2 with a triple and one RBI. She also scored a run.

Baker was the starting pitcher and worked a total of 3 1/3 innings. She returned in the ninth to earn a save, too.

The Nationals had runners at second and third with one out in the last inning, but Baker retired the last two batters on strikes. She allowed no hits, struck out nine and walked one.

For the American team, Jenny Sever had an RBI triple, and Jenne Stanton, Jennifer Cassidy and Nicole Bingaman drove in one run each with singles. Karrie Drinkhahn had two hits.

Lisa Craven had a two-run single and Heather Jones an RBI single for the Nationals. Krista Miller struck out six, gave up only three hits and walked none in three innings but suffered the loss.

The league champion Canton Cobras were repre-

sented by Baker, Laura Ciantar, Drinkhahn, Michelle Metzger, Tina Schafer and coach Jim Arnold.

Other members of the American team were Stanton, Amanda Tubaugh, Jennifer Coleman and Jennifer Lock from the Salem Shags; Mackie, Melanie Cheney, Becky Thurman and Cassidy of the Farmington Hills Diamonds; Sever, Suzanne Major, Suzanne Carlson and Bingaman of the Farmington Fantastics; Jen Charnley, Kim Cinco and Sarah Tambornini from the Livonia Spitfires.

Thurman and Cassidy were alternates playing in place of Rachel Altor and Michele Rogig.

The National team was comprised of Katie Kenny, Miller, Ariana Poniatowski, Debbie Ditekian and Jenna, Farmington Hills Majestics; Amanda Ault, Laura Williams, Jenny Myalinski and Kelley West, Farmington Hills Hornets; Michelle Averill, Misty Valle, Decca Bloch and Craven, Livonia Lasers; Jackie Niccetti, Amy Laprow, Nicole Kovachevich and Anne Allott, Canton Commanders; Lori George and Jennifer Glinski, Northville Niners. The Nationals were coached by Dick Miller of the Majestics.

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