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North tops city rival

You would think the North Farmington soccer team won the World Cup Wednesday with its 4-2 victory at Farmington Hills Harrison.

The Raiders ended their near two-year losing streak with the win. "The players were very happy," said North coach Ken Galecyk. "Most importantly, they believe in themselves now and have self-confidence."

The Raiders finished 0-12 and scored a total of four goals last season. Two years ago, North won only one game.

With Wednesday's victory, the Raiders improved to 1-1-1 and have already accumulated nine goals for the season.

"I can't compare this year's team to last year; it's like night and day," Galecyk said. "The team has been working very hard, and the benefits of the hard work are starting to pay off."

North changed the course of the game one minute into the second half. North's George Rodriguez was given a direct free kick and scored to give the Raiders a 3-1 lead.

"We came out fired up in the second half, but the (first) free kick really hurt us," Harrison coach Glenn Breuhan said. "We came on strong at the end, but they outplayed us the entire game. They're a much improved team."

Later in the half, Marcus Geiger was hauled down by a Hawk defender. Rodriguez again found the net on a direct free kick to give North a 4-1 lead.

Junior midfielder Alex Dzyngel gave Harrison the lead 1-0. Jared Lawrence headed the ball into the goal to tie.

The Raiders took the lead (2-1) on a Geiger penalty kick prior to halftime. Dzyngel scored the last goal for Harrison.

Falcons rally to win

Farmington took advantage of Northville's bad temper Wednesday with a come-from-behind 2-1 soccer victory.

The host Mustangs were given six yellow cards and were handed a costly red card in the second half. The Falcons were able to play with an extra player and scored both goals in the second half.

Trailing 1-0 entering the second half, sophomore midfielder Sean Noble tied the game with his second goal of the season on a penalty kick.

Farmington went ahead to stay with about 15 minutes remaining. Senior forward Mike Giese made a crossing pass to senior forward Mark Moffat, who beat the Northville goalkeeper and netted his fourth goal of the season.

"We played better in the second half," Farmington coach Luke Junco said. "Northville played very aggressively in the first half. We began playing physically like them in the second half."

North runners romp

The North Farmington boys and girls cross country teams won a pair of triangular meets Thursday at Oakland Community College.

The North girls defeated Farmdale 16-47 and Bloomfield Hills Lahser 18-38. The boys won 16-44 and 15-46, respectively. Both teams are 3-0.

Emily Shively paced the North girls with a first-place time of 21:07. Keegan Keefover was second (21:34), Alicia Crossland third (22:29), Kerrie Simpson fifth (24:48), Lisa Biederman seventh (25:03) and Elaine Wolff 10th (25:19).

North's Jeff Howell was the top runner in the boys meet (18:11). Brian Reid was second (18:57), Tom Stamboulou third (18:45), Paul Simpson fourth (18:54), Ryan Deuel sixth (19:16), Jordan Sofin 10th (19:34), Adee Almad 12th (20:04) and Scott Sampaet, who improved his time by two minutes, 15th (20:41).

Hawks fare well in meet

Farmington Hills Harrison was second in a triangular girls cross country meet Thursday, but got a needed boost in confidence with an improved performance.

Birmingham Seaholm scored 27 points, the Hawks 29 and host Waterford Kettering 50. Jenny Townsend of Seaholm was the top runner with a 22:41 time.

Harrison sophomore Jenny Hannawa was third (23:38), junior Jamie Riggs fourth (23:57), senior Becky Sharpe sixth (24:39), junior Sherri Stojack seventh (24:50) and freshman Jennifer Davis ninth (25:06).

"They really cleaned us up last year and took the first five places," said Harrison coach Mark Bebeck of Seaholm. "They only beat us by two points today, so we're right where we should be. I think we're on our way."

"We're starting from the bottom up, so we'll try to get some confidence and win a few meets."

Weary paces swimmers

Becky Weary won two individual events and helped Farmington win a relay Thursday when the Falcons began the girls swim season with a 110-76 loss to host West Bloomfield.

Weary swam the individual medley in 2:29.51 and the butterfly in 1:58.21. Kim Seed, Weary, Jill Benivigna and Carris Tellerico combined to win the 400 freestyle relay in 4:11.19.

Benivigna also won the 50 freestyle (28.87) and Seed the 500 freestyle (5:52.68).

Hawks still winners, 21-14 in OT



The Harrison football tradition is alive and well. The Hawks, underdogs for one of the few times in recent history, topped Catholic League power Dearborn Divine Child in overtime Saturday.

By NEAL ZIPPER
SPECIAL WRITER

The Farmington Hills Harrison football team left people shaking their heads after its exciting come-from-behind 21-14 overtime victory over visiting Dearborn Divine Child Saturday.

The Hawks, who have been put in the unusual situation of being underdogs by many critics (including this newspaper), used some divine force of their own in a rare close game seen by the Harrison fans.

"Something in our tradition won the game for us today," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

"We love it when the odds are against us," senior quarterback Jeff Cielo said.

With the score tied 14-14 at the end of regulation time, Harrison won the flip and decided to take the ball first at the 10-yard line in overtime.

Cielo scrambled down to the 1 on second down, and sophomore fullback Nick Williams muscled into the end zone to give Harrison the lead. Brock

Gove's extra point made it 21-14.

The Falcons, who ran at will in the second half against a smaller Harrison defense, were forced into a fourth-and-5 situation. Quarterback Steve Gulbord dropped back but his pass sailed over the outstretched hands of tight end Dave Teraki.

The fans rushed the field and mobbed the players — something Harrison is used to from winning state championships.

But the Hawks returned no starters from last season's Class BB championship squad and were not given much of a chance against a much bigger Divine Child team that had the ball twice as long as Harrison.

"It feels tremendous," Herrington said. "I wasn't sure how we would do today because we have so many young players. They dominated us in the second half, and when we had to stop them in overtime we did it. It was the only time we stopped them."

"It felt relaxing not being expected to win. There is sometimes more pressure

on you when you are always expected to win."

Divine Child coach Wes Wishart felt the weight of Harrison's tradition as he walked off the field with a shocked and disappointed look.

"We don't play the Sisters Of The Poor," he said. "We took them into overtime and not a lot of teams in the past have been able to do that."

The Hawks trailed 14-7 with 4:23 remaining. They only needed 3:04, however, to drive 65 yards and tie the score.

A key play occurred on third-and-7. Cielo connected with wide receiver Keys Smith on a short dump pass, and Smith sprinted 27 yards to the DC 18-yard line.

But after Cielo was sacked Harrison faced third-and-16 at the 24. Cielo threw the ball toward the end zone, and Smith timed his leap perfectly, snaring the ball for the touchdown.

"It was a slant-and-go pattern, but the defensive man went to where I was supposed to go, so I kept going and Jeff found me," Smith said.

Instead of attempting a two-point conversion, Herrington opted for the extra point, which Gove made.

"We were going to go for two, because I felt if it went into overtime, Divine Child would have the advantage," Herr-

ington said. "But then they called a timeout, and I felt they would have their defense ready so we went for the one point."

Harrison marched down the field on its first possession to take the lead 7-0. Cielo faked a handoff and went untouched around the left end for the score, which ended the 10-play, 68-yard drive.

Cielo completed four of six pass attempts for 83 yards. Junior tightback Scott Gurke rushed for 76 yards on 12 carries.

Senior linebacker Dave Gloetzner led the Hawk defense by collecting five individual tackles and assisting on 10 others. Williams had seven tackles and five assists.

Three Hawk fumbles prevented any other Harrison damage. After one of them, the Falcons drove 63 yards in 7:24 and narrowed the margin to 7-6 on a 2-yard run by Kevin Bebeck. The extra point sailed wide and the Hawks led 7-6 at halftime.

The Falcons scored on their first possession of the third quarter to take a 14-7 lead after a 15-play drive, which took 9:28. Gulbord found Teraki open in the back of the end zone on a 6-yard pass for the score. The two also connected for the two-point conversion.

Huskies run past Raiders

By DAN O'MEARA
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Trying to contain Pontiac Northern's explosive football team for an entire game was too Talley-ey an order for the North Farmington defense.

Two long runs in the second half, one by all-state running back Charles Talley, lifted the Huskies to a 20-7 victory Saturday over host North.

It was the third consecutive season opener in which the Raiders lost to Pontiac, and Talley, who rushed for 134 yards on 18 carries this time, played a big role in all three games.

"Speed kills," North coach Jim O'Leary said. "That's the rule of thumb whether you're on the highway or the football field. We knew our secondary wasn't suspect, and we didn't come up and tackle well."

Thomas Hunt, who had 91 yards on eight rushes for the Huskies, sprinted 60 yards for a touchdown and 14-7 lead with 28 seconds left in the third quarter. When Pontiac got the ball again, Talley dashed 70 yards on first down for the clinching score.

Those long runs helped give the Huskies a 205-yard rushing total and 357 in total offense. North had 105 of its 160 yards on the ground, with senior tailback Todd Anderson getting 88 on 23 attempts.

"They keyed on Talley and we went to Thomas Hunt," Pontiac coach Jon Brown said. "He's kind of a sleeper. He took the pressure off Talley, and that helped him."

Following a 7-7 halftime score, the Huskies self-destructed in the third quarter. Rob Chuba's interception, Adam Kammer's fumble recovery and a missed field goal from 21 yards ended their first three possessions.

Meanwhile, the Raiders couldn't control the ball like they did during a long, second-quarter scoring drive and didn't



North workhorse: Senior tightback Todd Anderson carried 23 times for 88 yards in the season opener Saturday, but the Raiders lost to Pontiac Northern.

get another first down until the fourth period.

"We adjusted our defense at half-time," Brown said. "They were blowing us out in the first half."

"I thought we did a good job in the second half. If you can shut down a team like North Farmington, you're going to be a very good defensive team."

The Raiders had only 9 yards rushing and quarterback Joe Danielewicz (7-of-14) 53 of his 55 passing yards in the second half on six complete possessions.

"In the second half, we didn't control the ball and gave them too many oppor-

tunities," O'Leary said. "They came after us. We couldn't block them; we couldn't throw the ball. You can't send kids out there continuously to try to stop Talley."

Pontiac led 7-0 early in the game when Jerome Allen recovered a Talley fumble in the end zone. The Raiders were pinned in their own end on the kickoff, and a short punt gave the Huskies possession at the North 24.

After forcing Pontiac to punt from the North 28, the Raiders drove 80 yards in 18 plays to tie, using nearly seven minutes. Anderson carried 12 times for 57 yards, but Danielewicz got the final

yard and TD with 5:21 left.

"That's what we thought we could do the whole game," O'Leary said. "We did a good job controlling the ball in our scrimmages, and we thought we could do that against them."

"But they brought nice guys up on the line, and we didn't adjust to it. They hit; they're physical and they have great skill people. They're better than they were last year."

North preserved the halftime tie with a goal-line stand after its scoring drive. With seconds remaining and Pontiac at the 1, Jason Kong and Mike Corridore threw Talley for a loss.

Lakers defeat Falcons in grid opener

By BILL PARKER
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West Bloomfield got what it needed in Saturday's football opener at Farmington — a win. The Lakers played a strong defensive game and took advantage of several Falcon mistakes to earn a 28-0 triumph.

"It's a great way for us to get started," said West Bloomfield coach Joe Brandell. "It wasn't very pretty, but I thought we played hard and we didn't back away. You never know, with a young team, how they will respond in the first game, but they came out and played a pretty good game. We still have some things to work on, but we got the win. And I have to commend Farmington. Even though they didn't win, I think they are a much better ball team than they were last year. They've improved."

The Lakers took advantage of their depth (60 players are listed on the roster) and substituted freely throughout the game. West Bloomfield scored once in each quarter with a different player taking it in each time.

Senior tightback Mike Accardo opened the scoring

with a two-yard plunge with 21 seconds remaining in the first quarter. Accardo appeared bottled up in the Laker backfield, but scooted through the congestion for the touchdown. The play capped a 28-yard drive, which was set up by a Farmington turnover.

Junior tailback Donnie Williams scored the Laker's second TD with just :08 remaining in the half on an one-yard run. The play capped an eight-yard drive that was set up when the Farmington punter inadvertently touched his knee on the ground — downing the ball — while trying to field a long snap.

Quarterback Chris Montgomery played the option to perfection late in the third quarter when the Lakers scored for the third time. Montgomery drew the defensive end in, then pitched out to junior fullback Brian Hillman who turned the corner and scored from 12 yards out.

Senior defensive back Kevin DeBruyn set up the Lakers' final TD when he picked off a Falcon pass and gave his team possession at the Falcon 33-yard-line.

Senior tailback Sam Tomlin was dropped for a loss of one on the first play of the ensuing drive, but made up

for the loss on the next play when he decked a pair of defenders and sprinted 34-yards to paydirt with 10:46 remaining in the game.

Senior place-kicker Kevin Mulcaester was good on all four extra point kicks.

Farmington coach Bernie Call was disappointed with the loss and expressed his concerns after the game.

"We have a bad habit. When things go wrong, we don't come up with the big play, we come up with the big bad play," he said.

"We were not prepared and that's my fault. They dominated us offensively and defensively at the line-of-scrimmage and we thought that was going to be one of our strengths."

It appeared Farmington had closed the gap to 14-6 early in the third quarter when senior quarterback Matt April hooked up with junior receiver Mike Tolzar on a 17-yard touchdown pass. But an ineligible receiver call against the Falcons nullified the score and on the next play the Falcons coughed up the ball and West Bloomfield recovered at the nine-yard-line.