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## Central pass attack topples North

### FARMINGTON FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

#### Raiders post swim win

North Farmington won its third dual meet without a loss in girls swimming Thursday, 60-43 over host Northville.

The Raiders won both freestyle relays and four individual events, and they took the top two places in three events.

"We were lucky we finished first and second in the 50 freestyle, diving and breaststroke," coach Pat Duthie said. "Those were three real big events for us," because of the 6-1 scoring advantage in each one in the smaller Northville pool.

Amy Finkel won the 50 freestyle (27.2), Mandy Terrell diving with 221.6 points and Patricia Swartz the breaststroke (1:17.0). Second place was earned by Stephanie Cohen (27.59), Elise Turner (214.6) and Finkel (1:17.33), respectively.

North's Sherri Richardson won the 100 freestyle (57.67) and also anchored the winning relay teams.

The 200 freestyle unit, which finished in 1:47.13, also included Becky Ashburn, Finkel and Cohen. The Raiders had a 3:53.92 time in the 400 freestyle with Shannon O'Brien, Ashburn and Carrie Worthen swimming the first three legs.

#### North boys unbeaten

North Farmington extended its perfect dual-meet record in boys cross country to seven consecutive victories Thursday, 16-47 over Walled Lake Central at Oakland Community College.

The Raiders, 3-0 in the Lakes Division, were led by Tom Stamboulion with a winning time of 17:38.

North captured seven of the top eight places. Jeff Howle was second (17:58), Paul Simpson third (18:22), Brian Rajdl fourth (18:26), Ryan Deuel sixth (19:03), Adel Ahmad seventh (19:23) and Jordan Soffin eighth (19:34).

#### New runner lifts Falcons

The addition of Kevin Afferbaugh has strengthened the Farmington boys cross country team, which defeated Livonia Stevenson 23-32 Thursday at Casa Benton Park.

"We have a new face on the scene," Farmington coach Jerry Young said. "It's the first time Kevin has run. He just joined us a week ago and is going to make a difference."

"He ran track last spring and ran real well. We're going to be just a little bit tougher team than we have been."

Senior Dave Clineard remains the leading runner and finished first Thursday in 17:17. Tom May was third (17:58), Afferbaugh fourth (18:16), Mike Langdon sixth (18:23) and John Lane ninth (18:51).

The Falcons are 2-1 in the WLAA Lakes Division and 3-2 overall.

#### North girls rout Central

Emily Shively posted her best time of the season Thursday, leading the North Farmington girls to a 23-37 victory over Walled Lake Central in cross country.

Shively ran 20:03 at the Oakland Community College course to capture first place. Tabitha Belcher of Central was second (21:20).

Keegan Keefeover was third (21:33), Alicia Crossland fourth (21:37), Kerrie Simpson sixth (22:26), Nora Curriel ninth (23:59), Elaine Wolff 10th (23:52) and Amanda Hough 11th (24:30) for the Raiders.

Crossland, Simpson and Curriel also recorded season-best times.

North Coach Bill Pinnell said he expected a closer meet since, on previous occasions when he saw Central run and could compare times, he had the Vikings winning 25-30.

He figured the Raiders could win by that score Thursday with the return of Keegan Keefeover, who missed the last four meets with a strained leg muscle.

"What also helped today was Kerrie Simpson ran an outstanding race and beat the group of girls she had to beat," Pinnell said. "Nora, Elaine and Amanda beating their fifth runner helped us to do even better than I thought we would."

The Raiders are 2-1 in the Lakes Division and 6-1 overall.

#### Chiefs overcome Hawks

Farmington Hills Harrison is no longer a pushover in girls cross country as evidenced by Plymouth Canton's close meet 24-31 Thursday at Oakland Community College.

Laura McWilliams (21:18) and Kathleen Landelius (21:21) captured the top two places for the Chiefs, but Harrison filled the next three spots with Allison Noe (21:50), Jamie Riggs (22:22) and Jenny Hannawa (22:42).

Canton clinched the victory when Karina Kilpelainen (23:11), Jamie DeCoursy (23:17) and Lara Antezak (23:33) crossed in the Nos. 6-8 places.

"It was a real close matchup," Canton coach George Przygodski said. "We were able to get our top two in first, and our fourth and fifth runners beat theirs. That was the big difference."

Harrison's Ulla Reinkeninen (23:42) and Jenny Davis (23:50) rounded out the top 10.

"We ran extremely well," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said. "In the top 10, you have five of theirs and five of ours. We're coming along; we ran some good times out there."

Canton is 1-1 in the Western Division of the WLAA and 2-1 overall, the Hawks 1-2 and 3-4.



Saturday was a day for upsets in Observerland football, and North Farmington was one of the victims. Walled Lake Central stunned the Raiders, 26-21, and spoiled the North homecoming celebration.

By STEVE KOWALSKI  
STAFF WRITER

On the afternoon North Farmington celebrated homecoming, Walled Lake Central's Mike Gluski enjoyed a reunion of a different kind.

Gluski, playing against cousin Todd Gluski, passed for 279 yards and four touchdowns Saturday as Central rallied for a wild 26-21 victory over North.

Gluski's 10-yard TD pass to Jeff Ross capped a 56-yard drive and gave the Vikings a 26-21 lead with 2:52 remaining. Gluski's two-point conversion pass failed.

The Vikings' winning drive didn't come without an expense. Wide receiver Paul Theriault, who caught eight passes for 196 yards and two TDs, had to leave with an injured ankle after being hit late at North's 31.

Coach Darrell Harper said Gluski is the best quarterback he's had in 28 years of coaching.

"I'm shaking," Gluski said. "This is special since my cousin plays for North and I know a couple other guys from football camps."

"In past years, we were terrible in Saturday games because we're used to playing Fridays. Some of our players haven't had the discipline to stay in the night before, but I can tell our players stayed home last night."

Gluski, who completed 16 of 29

passes, also made two key plays in Central's secondary on North's last possession. With less than 2:00 remaining, Gluski knocked a second-down pass out of the hands of North receiver Adam Kammer near Central's 40-yard line. On the next play, Gluski caused tailback Todd Anderson to drop a ball near midfield with a jarring hit and on fourth down North threw an incomplete pass.

"No. 82 (Kammer) is tall and I asked the coaches to put me in," Gluski said. "Most of our defensive backs are 5-7. I'm 6-2 and I can get up with the kid."

The win improves Central to 3-2 overall, 2-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association. North, defending Lakes champ, is tied with Central at 2-1, 3-2 overall.

Anderson rushed for 167 yards on 28 carries and scored twice, but the Raiders couldn't build on a 21-14 halftime lead.

Central pulled to within 21-20 after Jody Caldwell caught a 28-yard TD pass on the first series of the second half. North's only chance to score in the second half ended at Central's 11-yard line, where the Raiders failed on a fake field-goal attempt.

North's starting, quarterback Jason Danielewicz, is out the rest of the season with a broken collarbone and was replaced by David Zietz. Zietz completed seven of 13 passes for 58 yards, including a 4-yard TD pass to Kammer.

"They exploited our weakness (pass defense) and we didn't play well either," North coach Jim O'Leary said. "The kid from John Glenn (quarterback Brian Morrison) is awful good, too, and after watching this game they'll have the ball in the air a lot (Friday night at Glenn)."

North took a 14-0 lead after scoring on two of its first three possessions.

## No fairy tale ending for Falcons

By NEAL ZIPSER  
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The theme at Livonia Stevenson's homecoming was fairy tales, but neither the Spartans or Farmington were having fairy tale-like seasons.

Both teams entered Friday's game 0-4 overall and 0-2 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Stevenson ended its drought, escaping with a 10-6 victory.

"It's great for the kids and it's great because it's homecoming," Stevenson coach Jack Reardon said. "After the first three games we thought we had played pretty well. Then last week (a 49-0 loss to Westland John Glenn) the roof fell in. We told them to forget about that — it's over with."

Stevenson's Rami Khoury wore the golden slippers as he booted a school-record 35-yard field goal to add the final points to Stevenson's win.

Meanwhile, Farmington's offense resembled the little train that could not get up the hill — make that, into the end zone. The Falcons, who entered the matchup with only 13 points in four games, mustered 35 yards of offense in the second half and 128 for the game.



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Close call: Farmington High was close to winning its first football game for the second straight week, losing 10-6 to Stevenson. Quarterback Mike Tokar prepares to deliver a handoff.

Farmington also played the role of the fairy Godmother as it kept the Spartans' lone touchdown drive alive twice with 15-yard penalties.

"We were ready to play them but they made some adjustments to what we were doing offensively and we had nothing else to go to on offense," Farmington coach Bernie Call said. "We had good field position much of the second half but couldn't take advantage of it. They had one good drive and that's all they needed. We just can't score more than one touchdown a game."

The Falcons did get off to a fast start as they scored on an impressive 58-yard drive, which included 16 consecutive runs. The drive was capped

by a 3-yard touchdown run by sophomore tailback Nigel Whitt. Mike Gliese's extra point try sailed wide.

Stevenson came right back to march 87 yards in 12 plays. The drive appeared stalled at the Stevenson 44, but the Falcons were called for a late hit. The drive stalled again at the Farmington 33, but the Falcons were flagged for roughing the passer.

The Spartans capitalized on the penalties as senior quarterback J.J. Mickelson scampered 18 yards on a counter draw. Khoury's extra point gave Stevenson a 7-6 lead.

"The play didn't work the first couple of times and I listened to my tackle Chris Fryzel," said Mickelson, who

gained 79 yards on 16 carries. "He said I had run in a little more inside. On the play, I cut it inside and he set a real good block."

Farmington recorded the only first down of the third quarter as both offenses sputtered. The Spartans then went on a 14-play, 68-yard drive that spent 6:11 and caused the Falcons to burn all their timeouts.

A sack by Farmington's Ryan Lewis on senior quarterback J.J. Reardon pushed Stevenson back to the Falcons' 18. Khoury, who has kicked field goals as long as 55 yards in practice, booted his 35-yard field goal just inside the left upright.

"I knew it was good," Khoury said. "I felt no pressure. I've been kicking

that long in practice."

"I didn't worry about his foot. I was worrying about our blocking," Reardon said. "We've lost three games in the past two years by getting a field goal blocked, including last year's game."

Last season, Khoury's 28-yard attempt to beat Farmington at the end of regulation was blocked. The Falcons pulled out a 15-7 overtime victory.

"We told the team, and Farmington coaches probably told their team the same thing, that the team that plays harder and makes fewer mistakes will probably win," Reardon said. "We thought like they did... that we had a good opportunity to win."

## It's a football 1st as Chiefs upset Hawks

By DAN O'MEARA  
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Plymouth Canton's first win of the 1992 football season was certainly a big one.

The Chiefs not only snapped a five-game losing streak dating back to last season but took their first-ever victory from Farmington Hills Harrison 23-15 Saturday.

"It was long time coming," Canton coach Bob Kheonle said. "It's good from the standpoint it's our first win, but these kids easily could have packed up the tent. They continued to believe and came to play, and that's what is important."

Canton is 1-2 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 1-4 overall.

The Hawks, who had lost three consecutive games since 1972 and had their 10-year hold on the division title broken, are 0-3 and 2-3.

"The thing that makes it so gratifying is they have a good program and it's based on consistency," Kheonle said. "Anyone can have a good year, but they've been doing it for 15 years. When you beat a program like that, it's something to treasure. You don't do it every year."

The Chiefs, who led at halftime against Monroe and Northville, made all the right moves Saturday. They scored when an early turnover presented the opportunity, held the lead and drove for another touchdown off the second-half kickoff.

"There were a lot of positives in this game," Kheonle said, "and I hate to keep repeating myself, but the kids made up their minds they were going to do it and they did it. It's a testimony to the kids."

The Chiefs made some changes last week, most notably the promotion of sophomore quarterback Brett Elledge to the varsity and his insertion into the starting lineup.

Elledge was 3-of-6 passing for 39 yards, throwing for one TD and running for another in his debut.

"He was under a lot of pressure, but he made a few key passes and didn't make any ball-handling mistakes," Kheonle said. "He did a good job and everything worked out well."

Canton got an early boost it sacked Harrison quarterback Jeff Cielo, forced a fumble and recovered at the opposing 18-yard line. Elledge capped the scored on a 1-yard sneak.

The Chiefs learned early they could run on Harrison. Neil Haremski rushed for 136 of the team's 214 total on 15 carries.

"When they saw they could move the ball on us, it got them fired up," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "The other games we lost were real tough ball games, but we stuck in there."

"Today Canton came to play, and we were just going through things. They outdid us, outplayed us up front and their backs ran hard."

The Chiefs scored the next time they had the ball, too. Canton overcame three penalties on the 11-play, 79-yard drive. Elledge passed 9 yards to Ryan Ostach for the score.

Harrison made it 14-7 at halftime. Cielo's 59-yard pass to Keye Smith put the ball on the Canton 1 and set up Nick Williams' TD plunge. The Hawks were stopped on downs at the Canton 15 before the half ended.

With the second-half kickoff, the Chiefs marched 72 yards in 12 plays to take a 20-7 lead. A personal foul penalty nullified Dave Gloetznar's interception at midfield and kept the Canton drive going. Haremski later ran 23 yards around end for the TD.

The Hawks rallied and cut the margin to 20-15, however. They scored a safety when a Canton punt snap went out of the end zone, and Joe Pesci's 42-yard pass to Smith was followed by Scott Gurke's 41-yard TD run with 9:42 to play. Smith, who replaced the injured Cielo (concussion), was stopped on the conversion attempt.

The Chiefs recovered an on-side kick and drove the Harrison 9 where Bill Talbot kicked a 25-yard field goal for insurance points with 4 1/2 minutes left.

Harrison outgained the Chiefs 281-253 overall. Gurke rushed 17 times for 131 of the team's 134 total, and Cielo was 4-of-7 passing for 96 yards.