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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Raiders outduel Hawks

**S**hannon O'Brien and Carrie Worthen paced North Farmington to a 127-53 victory over host Harrison in girls swimming Thursday.

Each had two individual firsts and was part of two winning relays. All swimmers had to use a push start from the side of the pool due to new rules regarding pool depth.

O'Brien won the butterfly and backstroke. Worthen the 500 freestyle and breaststroke. Both combined with Sharon Sutton and Amy Finkel to win the medley relay. Becky Ashburn and Sherri Richardson to win the 400 freestyle.

Richardson also won the 200 freestyle and was on the winning 200 freestyle relay team along with Stephanie Cowen, Finkel and Ashburn. Sutton was the individual medley winner, and Mandy Terrell won the diving with 238.45 points.

Veronica Forberger had the only first places for Harrison in the 50 and 100 freestyles. The Hawks are 5-4 in duals.

### Marlins top Mustangs

**E**rika Smith set two pool records and anchored the state-qualifying 400 freestyle relay team Thursday as Farmington Hills Mercy defeated Birmingham Marian 58-28 in girls swimming.

Smith swam the individual medley in 2:16.06 and the 100 freestyle in 54.45 at Mercy. Hope Harrison, Andrea Hoeftlein, Katie Scallan and Smith anchored a state dual (3:50.47) in the relay.

Mercy's Michelle Welch and Bethany Budde also qualified for state in the butterfly (1:02.41) and breaststroke (1:12.03), respectively. Hoeftlein won the 200 and 500 freestyle races in 2:03.09 and 5:32.04.

Harrison, Hoeftlein, Welch and Smith also won the medley relay in 1:57.46. The Marlins were first in the 200 freestyle relay with the foursome of Welch, Katie Runyan, Allison Strand and Scallan finishing in 1:49.86.

The Marlins are 2-0 in the Catholic League and 2-3 overall.

### Glenn ends North streak

**W**estland John Glenn upset North Farmington 26-29 in boys cross country Thursday, giving the Raiders their first loss in dual-meet competition.

North finishes 4-1 in the Lakes Division and is 8-1 overall. It was the first win in four division duals for the Rockets, 3-4.

Glenn had the top two runners at Central City Park: Henry Honeycutt (17:30) and Jeff Tapper (17:36).

North's top five were Jeff Howle, third (17:49); Brian Rajfil, fourth (18:03); Paul Simpson, sixth (18:11); Ryan Deuel, seventh (18:25); and Adel Ahmed, ninth (18:40).

### Falcons claim 2nd place

**F**armington scored an impressive victory in boys cross country Thursday, winning the dual for second place in the Lakes Division from Plymouth Salem 26-29.

The Falcons finished 4-1 in the division and stand 5-0 overall. The Rockets are 2-2 and 2-3.

Dave Clineard of Farmington was first (16:56) at Oakland Community College, Tom May third (17:29), Kevin Averbuch fifth (17:59), Mike Langdon seventh (18:31) and John Lane 10th (18:46). Salem's Derek Cudini was second (17:03).

May and Richardson had the same time, but May edged in front at the end.

"It was one of the deciding factors," Farmington coach Jerry Young said. "They came to the line together. It was almost a dead heat, but May inched him out."

### North girls rout Glenn

**N**orth Farmington put 10 of the first 11 runners across the finish line Thursday and overwhelmed host Westland John Glenn 19-44 at Central City Park.

Emily Shively of North was the top runner with a 20:18 time and was followed by Glenn's Tina Moore at 21:03.

The Raiders had Keegan Keefover (21:29), Alicia Crossland (21:51), Kerrie Simpson (22:38), Elaine Wolff (22:56), Nora Curiel (23:15), Ellie Krenz (24:04), Lisa Biederman (24:36), Manali Shah (25:04) and Robyn Beresh (25:10) in the Nos. 3 through 11 places.

"The girls ran a pretty consistent race," North coach Bill Pinnell said, adding Curiel, Krenz, Wolff and Beresh had personal bests. "The other girls ran good, solid races."

### Hawks trounce Churchill

**F**armington Hills Harrison had the top five runners Thursday and whipped Livonia Churchill 15-48 in boys cross country at Cass Benton Park.

Justin Dwyer led the Hawks with a time of 17:58. Todd Honey (18:02), Justin Knoice (18:16), Chad Knoice (18:21) and Roger Stadler (18:43) also scored for Harrison. Serving as blockers, Steve Swartz was seventh (19:06) and Aaron Bard eighth (19:11) for the Hawks.

Churchill defeated the Harrison girls 24-32. For the Hawks, Allison Nos was second (21:58), Becky Sharpe (22:14), Time Riggs (23:16), Jenny Hannew (23:23), Sheri Stollnack (23:26) and Jenny Davis (24:23) finished sixth through 10th.

## Raiders reign in WLAA tennis



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**League champ:** Allison Walkon of North Farmington captured the WLAA title at No. 3 singles and helped the Raiders win the league championship.



BY DAN O'MEARA  
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When the season started, North Farmington coach Norm Stanisewski figured his girls tennis team would do well to finish with a .500 record.

But the Raiders were much better than their preseason expectations and confirmed that by winning the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament and overall championship last week.

It was the first title since 1988 for North, which scored 23 tournament points to finish ahead of Walled Lake Central (20) and defending champ Farmington Hills Harrison (18).

"This is one of the more satisfying years, mainly because I don't think the kids thought they were going to do that well at the beginning," Stanisewski said.

"There were a lot of question marks in doubles. We were stable at first and second singles with Kedy Jones and Jennifer Reff. They were our anchors, but we had a lot of questions after that."

North clinched the tournament title Tuesday at Livonia Stevenson, but it was not assured of the WLAA crown until winning its final dual meet Wednesday against Harrison.

The dual-meet and tournament results count 50 percent each toward the overall title. The Raiders finished 10-0-1 in duals, Central 9-0-2 and Harrison 9-2-0. Teams earn one point for each victory, half a point for each tie.

North needed a victory or a tie in its last match to win the combined

crown. If the Hawks had won the dual, Central would have been the overall winner.

"We really felt when beat Harrison, the defending champion, we would be OK, but North kinda surprised us," Central coach Larry Geelhood said.

"It was a real competitive tournament, and North just edged us out." Despite returning largely the same team from last year, Harrison was denied a third consecutive championship. The Hawks were first at No. 4 doubles, second at Nos. 3 and 4 singles and semifinalists at four other flights.

"I don't think we were any worse," Harrison coach Bernie Goldstein said. "Other teams have improved. We have as good a team as last year; the others have just gotten better."

"North has so much depth. They have so many players over there; it's tough to beat them."

North's Allison Walkon and Heather Stoneman were league champions at third and fourth singles. Both defeated Harrison players head-to-head in the finals.

"I call them Wall 1 and Wall 2," Stanisewski said. "Playing against them is like playing against a wall, and the wall very seldom loses."

Renee Chou and Emily Ochs won a first-set tiebreaker from Central's Danielle Geelhood and Crissie Hanje and claimed the No. 1 singles title in two sets.

"Renee Chou was very good at the net this year, and Emily Ochs was a real pleasant surprise," Stanisewski said, adding the doubles team got

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## Falcons earn share of soccer crown

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Farmington High figured what was good for Giese was good for the gander in Friday's Western Lakes Activities Association boys soccer championship.

In a match suspended with 19:48 to play Wednesday because of lightning and resumed Friday afternoon with host Livonia Franklin holding a 3-2 advantage, it ultimately ended in a 3-3 draw as Farmington rallied to gain a co-share of the title with the Patriots.

Mike Giese, Farmington's All-State forward, notched his 27th goal of the year just two minutes into the restart. The score came off a free kick.

"Kris (Wiljanen) put it into the middle, the ball bounced off a couple of players and I kind of mis-hit it, but

luckily it went in," Giese said. "It was a crazy way to end."

"There was really no time to get into a rhythm. We just had to go as hard as we could go."

The tie didn't sit well with the Patriots. "The kids feel bad about it, but I know this could happen," Franklin coach Frantz Lamarre said. "They (Farmington) had everything to gain and nothing to lose."

"We feel a little disappointed, but it wouldn't take away from the celebration."

Lamarre was concerned about the muddy field from two days of rain, along with the gale force winds in his team's face.

"As soon as I came out and saw the way the wind was blowing and the field, I knew they (Farmington) had

the advantage, but it's no excuse," he said. "We just didn't clear the ball (on Giese's goal)."

Farmington coach Luke Juncal, who left the game Wednesday protesting to referee Jerry Gibbons about the darkness and weather conditions following a Franklin goal off a corner kick at the 26-minute mark, was pleased with the outcome.

"I think it's the fairest score, I think this was right," he said. "There was not much time. We just had to get out there and play aggressive. There was no going halfway with so little time."

Giese said the co-championship should give the Falcons incentive going into this week's tough Class A district tourney (hosted by Southfield). The field features Redford Catholic Central, Livonia Stevenson,

Franklin and the Falcons.

"We should definitely turn it on for the playoffs," he said. "A lot of people around school didn't realize our guys came this far."

The two schools were surprise finalists, each playing in its first-ever title game.

Franklin is now 12-2-3 overall, while Farmington is 9-5-3.

Franklin, enjoying its best season ever, must now regroup for today's district opener at Dearborn Fordson.

"For our sake we had to play the last 19 minutes, but hopefully the league will make some changes and ties won't happen again," he said. "The league championship should be allowed to go into overtime."

"But it's a new season now and hopefully in the next two days we'll try and put things back together."

## Anderson paces North gridiron victory

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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Todd Anderson was already assured a place in North Farmington football annals, but he carved out a special honor for himself Saturday.

The senior tailback became the first running back in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in two consecutive seasons as the Raiders routed visiting Farmington 33-6.

That's quite an achievement considering players such as Mike Gow, Scott Selzer, Brad Pease, Joe Sturtz and Jim Acciellari carried the ball for North in previous years.

"I've had two great lines the last two years," said Anderson, who has a 3.97 grade-point average and hopes to study medicine in college. "When they open holes like that, it's not hard to get 1,000 yards."

"I don't have blazing speed, but I can read a hole pretty well. I'm not a power runner, but I can cut back pretty well."

Anderson rushed for 179 yards and two touchdowns on 28 carries against the Falcons, pushing his season total to 1,039. He gained 1,175 last year.

"When I saw him play JV football, I knew he was going to be good," Farmington coach Bernie Call said. "I think he's the best back in the conference."

"Others might be faster, but they don't do all the things he does. He has great balance and lateral movement."

The Raiders, with Anderson carrying the ball, set a definite course on their first possession.

Anderson got the call on 11 of the 13 plays as North drove 78 yards to take a 7-0 lead on Anderson's 2-yard run and Ryan Meredith's extra-point kick.

North converted a fumble recovery and blocked punt into TDs, also, and jumped in front 21-0 before the first quarter was over.

"For some reason, we're just afraid of them," said Call, who was disappointed by his team's lack of intensity early in the game. "We started nine seniors in the first half, hoping that wouldn't happen."

"We stood around and watched them — and they're a good football team. If you do that, they're going to cream you — and they did."

The Falcons fumbled on first down following Anderson's TD, giving North the ball at the Farmington 25. A holding penalty nullified a David Zietz-to-Adam Kammer TD pass, but Rob Chuba ran 28 yards on a reverse two plays later for another score.

Ryan Moore blocked a Farmington punt near midfield and Kammer returned it to the opposing 5. Fullback Jason Kong scored on first down with 19 seconds left in the opening period.

"When you have a team that's not having much success and you get them down early, they tend to let up," North coach Jim O'Leary said. "If you leave them in the ballgame, the more confident they get."

The Raiders led 27-0 at halftime following a 1-yard keeper by quarterback Zietz, who has replaced senior



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**Change of pace:** Todd Anderson hands the ball to Rob Chuba, who scored on the play, but it was Anderson who usually carried the ball for North.

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