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Raiders win city title

North Farmington christened a new season in boys golf Monday by winning the city tournament at Huron Meadows in Brighton. The Raiders shot 401, Harrison 420 and Farmington 435.

North senior Drew Sopha was the medalist with a score of 76. The top five golfers got medals.

North's Scott Steinlauf, Harrison's Sean Frith and Farmington's Derek Nelson shot 79 but finished in that respective order when handicapped holes were used to break the tie. North's Aaron Stefan shot 80.

"(The victory) gave the kids an indication of the potential they possess," North coach Darryl Case said.

"Four years ago I told the freshmen if they stuck with the game we would have a good team when they were seniors, and it looks like we're going to have a good team."

North's five-man score included Ron Vedder's 82 and Andrew Wantuck's 84. Also scoring for Harrison were Jeff Moscov (81), Kevin Horton (84), Brian Atkinson (88) and Dave Bozak (88). For Farmington: Kris King shot 81, Brian Prentiss and Mike Kharsa 91, Allen Altee 93.

Hawks capture crown

The Livonia Y Michigan Hawks, an under-13 girls soccer team, captured the Waterford Cup last weekend with a 2-1 victory in the championship over the Birmingham Burners.

The Hawks, coached by Farmington's John Buchanan, also scored wins over Bloomfield Hills, Grand Rapids and Troy. They reached the finals with a 1-0 victory over the Birmingham Blazers.

Members of the Hawks, who outscored their opponents, 21-1, include Susan Bear, Renee Kashawile, Kristin Leszczynski, Deanna McGrath, Brianna Roy, Andi Sied, Stacey Supanich and Megan Urbata, all of Livonia; Abi Morrell, Anne Morrell, Christen Shull and Suzi Towne, all of Canton; Nicole Breger, Laura Grode and Cassie Teeple.

No time like present for Falcons



Ground gainer: Junior Jake Siskosky proved to be a hard-nosed, hard-running tailback for Farmington last season.

With some big linemen, speedy running backs and veteran defenders, Farmington plans to take a step forward in the 1994 football season.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER



The Farmington High School football team isn't waiting for the future.

"The time is now," second-year coach Lauri Niakanen said, stating the team motto for 1994. "We're not going to compete, we're going to win now."

With a lot of returning starters and some talent on a 41-man squad, the Falcons believe they can improve a 2-7 record and challenge the traditional Lakes Division powers.

"We've spent a lot of time getting this organized, and we're ready to go," Niakanen said. "It's not like last year when I said we could win 'em all or lose 'em. We're going out to win them. Deep down I think we're ready to roll."

Farmington, which lost three games by just a few points and another by a touchdown, has a big, experienced offensive line and good backs to run behind it.

Junior Jake Siskosky (6-1, 185) took over at tailback midway through last season and became the leading rusher with 523 yards for a 4.8 average and five TDs.

"He's the best-conditioned athlete," Niakanen said. "He has a great work ethic. He comes to practice and works hard whether he's on offense or defense."

Senior co-captain Ryan Lewis (5-11, 204) returns at fullback and is a good lead blocker for Siskosky. But he's also a sprinter on the track team, and an open-field threat.

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Veteran duo leads North

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Coch Lance Davis wants his North Farmington girls basketball team to continue moving forward and build on the gains made in recent years.

Two reasons the Raiders stand a good chance of doing that are senior Allaha Gordon and junior Carrie May.

Both are returning starters from a team that was runner-up in the Western Lakes Activities Association tournament and finished with a 12-9 record.

Gordon has been a starter since she was a freshman and last year earned all-league honors after averaging 16 points and six rebounds.

"For three years, she's been putting the pieces together," Davis said. "She tied the team in rebounding as a freshman and last

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year became a good scorer for us.

"In the off season, she put the whole package together and finally has arrived as the complete player."

The 5-foot-7 Gordon and 5-9 May, both of whom were essentially post players, will line up at new positions.

The loss of all-division player Shannon McCoy, who transferred to Rochester Adams, forced Gordon to move to point guard. May, who averaged eight points, seven rebounds and five steals, will be stationed on the perimeter more often.

"Both of them devoted the off season to learning how to play on the perimeter," Davis said. "Right now they're my best post players and perimeter players."

They will play both positions, depending on who is on the floor with them.

"Carrie is undersized in the post. But put her on the perimeter and she has an advantage; she becomes a more dominant player, especially on defense. Offensively, she's shooting the three really well and making good decisions with passes."

"This early in the game (Gordon) will be directly responsible for the bulk of the scoring. She'll either score herself or get it to the people who can score. As the other girls come around, that burden won't be as much."

The other definite starter as of early this week was varsity returnee Candace Perkins, a 5-8 junior post player.

"We need her for her intensity

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Team leader: Senior Allaha Gordon begins her fourth year on the North varsity and is one of the top preseason players in the area.

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