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expectations in the distance runs last year, but he said the Hawks have made "dramatic improvement."

Seniors Chad and Justin Koonce and Mike Bin, junior Scott Oswald and sophomore Ryan Maloney will lead the way, and freshmen Ron Peltier, Adam Noe and Jason Geuresso are going to help.

"It's going to be more of a strength," Reed said. "Nobody is going to shut us out."

Harrison has good throwers in senior Steve Shaleb and sophomore Nick Shaib, who will pursue older brother Tony's school record in the shot put (51-10A). Both have thrown in the high 40s.

Steve and senior Evan Jefferson are the top discus throwers, and senior Nick Williams will throw the shot and run sprints.

Aschoff is an outstanding long jumper, finishing second in the WAAA and earning third-team all-area. His best was 20-6. Allos, Granger and Bryant are good long jumpers, too, but Reed is limited to the number of events in which he can use them.

Senior Kevin Finley and junior Doug Brodowski are 6-foot high jumpers. Harrison has "a whole crew of pole vaulters," and Reed thinks three can get over 9 feet eventually.

The top hurdlers are senior Mike Korby and juniors Steve Catherman and Matt Haas.

Farmington High
Coach Chip Bridges is hopeful

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the Falcons can have another successful season as they return a good group of seniors who were being contributing since they were freshmen.

Farmington was 5-1 in dual meets and second in the Lakes Division but finished 10th in the WAAA meet.

Seniors Tom May, Mike Langdon, Steve Scania, Jeremy Biddle and Ryan Lewis will serve as team captains, and seniors Corey Minous, Eric Rotenheber, Jason Jager, Sean Hassell and Chris McQuain also will play key roles.

"We have a respectable nucleus and if we can get some depth we can be pretty competitive," Bridges said.

"We're making an effort to make a strong commitment for a full season. That's a big key for us. We had some inconsistencies last year, a lot of ups and downs." Minous was the county champion in the shot — his best throw was 51-4 — and throws the discus a good distance, too.

"I think he'll throw in the mid 50s, and I expect at some point he'll get over 140 in the discus," Bridges said.

"With Corey, it's all a matter of confidence. If he's confident, he's going to throw a long way. He has the physical tools; he's really gifted."

Juniors Mike Foreman and Adam Taniellan, senior Kevin Kokko and first-year junior Brian Washnock have demonstrated potential as throwers, too.

May, Langdon and Scania are key distance people. May, who ran 2:01 last year and under 2:00 the previous year, was seventh in

the 800-meter run and Langdon eighth in the 3,200 at the WAAA meet.

Scania, senior Phil Giovannini, junior Matt Trunk and sophomore Brad Link are the other 800 runners.

"(May) had a nice cross country season, and I think he's coming into this season with some confidence," Bridges said.

"I'd say we've got six or seven guys who can be competitive in the 800. We might have a bunch of guys around 2:05 by the end of the year."

Hassell and first-year senior Tim Wheelis are the top 400 runners.

The Falcons don't have the same depth in the sprints after losing Harvey Hicks and Stan Lewis to graduation, but Biddle, Lewis, Rotenheber and Lewis made up the second-team all-area 400 relay team.

"As a team, (the seniors) were second in the county freshman meet," Bridges said, "and it was largely due to our sprinters. We don't have the depth right now, but Corey, Jeremy, Eric and Ryan make up a nice 400."

Junior Matt Niakanen had a good year in the high hurdles and also runs the 300 intermediates along with Scania. But the Falcons lack depth here, too.

"If we had a couple more kids in the 400 and 300 hurdles, I'd say look out, but we don't," Bridges said.

Farmington has an outstanding pole vaulter in senior Scott McKay, who reached 13 feet last year, and Wheelis has already cleared 11 feet.

The Falcons have a good high jumper in junior Keith Sudheimer, who went over 6 feet last year, and senior Brian Bauer also returns.

"If (Sudheimer) can keep doing the things he was doing this winter, he can have a nice season," Bridges said. "(Bauer) is the only other guy returning with experience. We need somebody to come out of the woodwork."

McQuain jumped 20 feet in the long jump last year, but Farmington is otherwise green in that event.

North Farmington
The Raiders had two major graduation losses in Chris Bouschet, the WAAA champion in the long jump and a quality high jumper, and thrower Mike Poissant.

Both earned all-area honors — Bouschet second team in the long jump and Poissant third team in the discus.

"We lost a couple of good leaders, but hopefully some younger guys can help pick up the slack," North coach Todd Schultz said.

"We might not be getting as many first places, but maybe we can get some more seconds and thirds."

Senior Jason Pawlowski, who is headed to Princeton and will play football for the Tigers, is the top thrower this year. He threw the shot 39 feet at the Huron Relays.

Sophomore Mike Liefer is the heir apparent in the long jump, having jumped 13 feet last year. Sophomore Dave Gaydek, junior Phil Zald and freshman Ryan Kocute are the top high jump prospects.

The Raiders should benefit from a good cross-country team and be strong in the distance events.

Senior Tom Stambouljan and junior Brian Rajdl were all-area runners last fall and have the most experience. Senior Ninaj Naik, sophomore Steve Chen and



Rich Beal
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Brian Rajdl
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Tom Stambouljan
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Kevin Bryant
Harrison



Steve Shaleb
Harrison



Tom May
Farmington



Ryan Lewis
Farmington



Jason Granger
Harrison



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Harrison

Zald add depth.

"We should have a good 3,200 relay with those guys," Schultz said, "and the 1,600 will hopefully be competitive."

Junior Rich Beal is the best sprinter with support from senior Jeff Kong and junior Pat Muir.

Sophomore Tony Fera and Gaydek might help, too.

"We had a good freshman group last year," Schultz said. Beal and junior Brian Kristall will run the 400, and Kristall is also the top hurdler.

"Hopefully, we're more competitive this year," Schultz said.

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