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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### North swimmers coast

North Farmington won all three relays Thursday while scoring a 121-64 victory over visiting Westland John Glenn in girls swimming.

Kristen Burke, who was a part of each relay, Stephanie Cohen and Amanda Whitten combined with Amy Finkel to win the 200 freestyle (1:47.85) and Cheri Farber to win the 400 freestyle (4:02.62). Farber, Neve Alver, Burke and Finkel posted a winning time of 2:00.3 in the medley relay.

Whitten also won the 200 freestyle (2:10.45). Farber the individual medley (2:23.88) and Alver the breast stroke (1:15.0).

The Raiders (2-2) had another first place from Jill Turner in the 500 freestyle (5:54.63).

"We had a lot of season beats tonight, and we also had a few qualify for the Oakland County meet," North coach Pat Duthie said.

### Raiders settle for tie

Sophomore Andrew Wilder scored the lone North Farmington goal Wednesday when the Raiders tied host Wall Lake Central 1-1 in boys soccer.

Wilder's goal was unassisted and resulted from a breakaway less than four minutes into the game. The Central goalie punted the ball off the back of a teammate, who was unable to control it. Wilder rushed in to take the ball and beat the keeper with a shot to the left side.

The Vikings scored at 32:08 in the first half when the ball bounced off a North midfielder and caromed over the head of the North goalie.

In the second half, both teams bounced several shots off the opposing crossbar. With under two minutes remaining, North's Chris Kemp missed by inches on a breakaway.

Rob Franks had six saves in for the Raiders (3-5-1) in the first half and Joe Berger five in the second half. North had nine total shots.

Tsuyoshi Oyama and Eugene Zolotarevsky were standouts on defense, according to North coach Ron Meyer.

The Raiders were dealt a 4-3 loss by visiting Bloomfield Hills Lahser Friday. Kemp scored two goals, including a penalty kick, and Brandon McKelley one.

### Warriors edge Shamrocks

Redford Catholic Central's soccer team lost for the second time this season to Birmingham Brother Rice (1-0 on Friday), leaving the Shamrocks in a must-win situation this week to make the Catholic League playoffs.

Ryan Haldan scored on an assist from Jerome Beeler with about two minutes remaining to break a scoreless tie and leave the Shamrocks with a 3-2-1 Central Division record, 8-2-1 overall.

Rice, which beat CC 3-2 earlier this year, improved to 4-1-1 in the Central.

The Shamrocks must win at Madison Heights Bishop Foley on Tuesday and at Warren DeLaSalle on Saturday to make the playoffs, according to coach Phil LaJoy.

"We don't have a choice now; we've got to win the next two to have an opportunity to face Rice again," LaJoy said.

### Rocks extend win streak

Plymouth Salem extended its unbeaten record in boys golf to 10 straight matches at the expense of two Farmington Hills teams last week.

The Rocks defeated North Farmington 189-210 Thursday at Glen Oaks and Harrison 209-241 Wednesday at Hilltop.

Salem's Ryan Andrzejewski shot 33 to tie a nine-hole school record also held by Jeff Roth (1974) against North. Mike Hefmstad shot 36, Brian Fox 37, Ryan Deschaw 40 and Jeff Lear 43.

Chris Reading's 40 was low score for the Raiders. Jason Mansuy reported 41, Aaron Stephen 42, Nick Proctor 43 and Gregg Horning 44.

Harrison's Kevin Horton and Jeff Botman shot 46 apiece, Muhamet Sulejman 47, Jeff Moscow and Kris Jovan 51. Lear carded 38 for Salem.

The Hawks are 5-2 in all dual meets.

Livonia Churchill defeated Farmington 191-208 Wednesday at Sen Marino Golf Course.

Brian Prentice and Jeff Thomas shot 41 for the Falcons; Kris King, Derek Fox and Brent Richard 42 and Mike Carr 45.

Churchill's Mike Cotter fired a 2-under-par 34.

Dave Higham 36, Gary Kraus 38, Chris Kiehler 40 and Jeff Kilgore 43.

### Vardar III wins title

Vardar III '93 soccer team scored a first-place finish in the boys under-13 division of the Troy Soccer City Classic.

After victories over the United Lezers (12-0), Canton Hornets (2-0) and Ohio Blast FC (4-0) in Flight 2 play, Vardar III notched a 2-0 win over Grand Rapids Magis. In the title game, coach Morris Lupone's Vardar III team registered a 4-1 win over Troy Gothic.

Those contributing to the team's success included Michael Timia (Beverly Hills), Matt Fernandez (Bloomfield Hills), Dan Mulcahy (Commerce), Karl Lopeta (Farmington Hills), Mike Bramley (Rochester), Ricky Strong (Rochester), Billy Gombard (Troy), Justin Dettler (White Lake), Cliff Orr, Mike Thomas, Jordan Kosak, David Raymer, John Mawer, John Palascio, Lee Ollphand, Kyle Leckewych, Will Reas and Brandon Taylor.

## Granger's 5 TDs lift Hawks, 48-7



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Jason Granger had a big game Friday night, and that translated into a big win for Farmington Hills Hawks. The Hawks rolled over Northville 48-7 in a pivotal Western Division football game.

Everybody knows Jason Granger is an excellent running back, but the game he had Friday was an extraordinary performance even for him.

Granger rushed for 283 yards and five touchdowns in Farmington Hills' 48-7 win over host Northville in a key Western Division football game.

"All the credit goes to the line," Granger said. "They were blasting off the line and making holes for me, and I was just running through them."

Once past the line of scrimmage, Granger twisted, hurdled and dodged his way through the Northville de-

fense, scoring two TDs on runs of 55 and 60 yards.

A pair of 10-yard TD runs in the first half were preceded by runs of 38 and 50 yards. He also dived over the top for a 2-yard TD in the second half.

"They just pursued a little too much," Granger said of the Northville defense. "I looked at the films from '93 and '94, and I had a lot of cutbacks. I said I was going to do that, come off the ball and cut back."

Granger's contribution was obvious, but Northville coach Darrell Schumacher said the quality of Harrison's defense can't be overlooked.

The Hawks held Northville back. Anell Kersey to 63 yards — less than half of his average of 160 per game — on 17 carries. Half of that came on a 30-yard TD run late in the first half.

Harrison's pass defense bent but didn't break as Northville quarterback Scott Vigh completed 11 of 18 passes for 125 yards, but the Hawks allowed only 106 rushing yards.

"As much as people talk about their offense, you have to understand their defense is as good as any," Schumacher said. "That's how they win games, with defense and field position."

"When you think you have one of their players out of position, someone covers up for him. They play great team defense; they don't give you anything."

The Hawks, 3-0 in the division and 4-1 overall, took a quick lead and were ahead 21-0 by the start of the

second quarter.

Harrison needed three plays to score on its first possession, two on its third and four on its fourth. Granger's long runs made possible the quick scores.

"We can't simulate him (in practice) because we don't have anybody who can run that way," Schumacher said. "We worked all week to contain him, but he just put on a show to-night."

"And he has a great offensive line. They do a great job blocking for him. I thought that line was exceptional."

The work of linemen Brad Donahue, Ed Hight, Marcel Hightower, Brian Lewis, Francis Gojca, Scott Donovan, Marcus Carter and Alex Stolinicki helped spring Granger for 164 yards in the first quarter and 197 in the first half.

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Gaining ground: Jake Siskosky rushed for 225 yards, including a 96-yard touchdown run, in Farmington's 21-12 win over North Farmington Saturday.

## Falcons defeat Raiders

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After plenty of hard luck in three losses and half a game Saturday, Farmington High finally got a timely break.

The Falcons did what they were supposed to do, capitalizing to score the deciding points in a 21-12 homecoming win over North Farmington.

With their team clinging to a 7-6 lead in the fourth quarter, Farmington's Adam Tanelian jared the ball loose and Adam Weber recovered at the North 15.

Three plays later, Jake Siskosky's 4-yard run and Jon Hoad's second of three PATs gave the Falcons a 14-6 lead with 7:21 remaining.

"That's what we need," Farmington coach Lauri Niskanen said. "We need the defense to come up with some plays. I told the defense 'if we're going to beat them, you have to come up with a play' — and they did."

The victory puts the Falcons at 1-2 in the Lakes Division and 3-5 overall. The Raiders lost their fourth straight, falling to 0-3 and 1-4.

"This is as big a win as last year when we beat (Plymouth) Salem," Niskanen said, "because here we are with two (consecutive) losses (by two and one point). You start to doubt sometimes."

"I just think it's a great win for our program. It proves to our kids we not only can compete, but can win."

North coach Jim O'Leary felt much the same way about his team following a tight game in which the Raiders answered Farmington's first two scores with touchdowns but failed to convert an extra point.

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## CC beats Warriors

BY STEVE KOWALSKI  
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Redford Catholic Central senior Eron Kosmowski might not win any games with his hands, but he can do wonders with his foot.

Kosmowski, a 6-foot-7 235-pound backup tight end with only one catch this season, kicked a 48-yard field goal as time expired in regulation and the Shamrocks defeated Birmingham Brother Rice in overtime, 26-23, in Sunday's Boys Bowl before a capacity crowd of 8,500 at Pontiac Wiser Stadium.

The Shamrocks (5-0 overall) won on a 1-yard dive on fourth down by quarterback Greg Call in overtime, but they wouldn't have had a chance without Kosmowski's heroics.

Rice took a 20-17 lead with 1:34 remaining in the fourth quarter following an 8-yard halfback option pass from Brian Marshall to quarterback Dave Sofran on fourth down.

The Shamrocks drove 46 yards in 10 plays to set up Kosmowski's tying kick that cleared the trees behind the goal posts.

"I think it's still going, it's probably in Detroit by now," Brother Rice coach Al Fracassa said.

Call directed the game-tying drive, completing four passes for 36 yards. Wide receiver Mike Ambrozak caught an 11-yard pass on fourth down and two that got the ball to the Rice 31 with six seconds left.

"I was the last resort," Ambrozak said. "I saw the whole middle open, Greg saw me, I went under the ball, caught it, and wasn't going anywhere because I saw defensive backs everywhere."

Call threw the ball to the ground on the next snap to intentionally stop the clock, and the Shamrocks called on Kosmowski, who made an earlier 29-yard attempt.

"I made three or four in the morning from 50 yards and I knew I could make it," Kosmowski said.

Each team had four plays to score from the 10-yard line in overtime.

Rice won the coin toss and got the ball first, but had to settle on a 27-yard field goal by Curran McCarthy to go up 23-20.

After gaining nine yards on three plays, the Shamrocks decided to have Call dive over the top on fourth down from the one-foot line. Call scored earlier on runs of 12 and 1 yard.

"It was just thinking, 'I'm going to get the ball over the line and get out of here,'" said Call, who had 76 yards on 16 carries. "The line stepped up and (center) Jamie McFarlane fired out, got under his guy, and I went over him. This game was for Danny Krueger (the 1955 CC graduate and former player who died in a car crash last month)."

The Shamrocks led 17-7 at half-time.

Sofran, who completed nine of 15 passes for 84 yards, drove the Warriors 81 yards on 12 plays to cut the lead to 17-14 on a 1-yard run by Marshall with 2:55 left in the third quarter.

Marshall, who ran for 92 yards on 18 carries, capped the Warriors' last possession of the game with a surprise toss on a halfback option to Sofran with less than two minutes left to cap an 80-yard drive and tie the score.



High tackle: North's Rich Beal is dragged out of bounds by Wes Cornwell after making one of his four pass receptions.