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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Lee makes switch to golf

Brian Lee of Farmington Hills made a smooth transition from one college sport to another, trading his football equipment for a set of golf clubs.

The Albion College senior had played three years of football for the NCAA Division III national champion Britons, but a back injury caused him to give it up after the 1994 season.

Lee, who was the long snapper, suffered two cracked vertebrae during the '93 playoffs but returned to play again in '94 following a lengthy rehabilitation process.

"He decided he just didn't want to take the pounding anymore," said Dick Lee, Brian's father. "It would be Wednesday or Thursday before he was feeling well again, and then he had to go through it again on Saturday."

"He said he missed football on Saturday but not Monday through Friday."

Though he never played competitively, Lee is the No. 3 man on the Albion golf team. He played football, basketball and baseball at North Farmington High School.

Lee shot 76 and was fourth among 42 golfers in a league meet Sept. 23 in Holland, and he was previously 11th with an 80 score at Alma.

"He and I used to play together when he was younger," Dick Lee said, adding Brian worked hard on his game last summer. "He decided to try something new, and he's a good enough athlete to be able to make the switch."

More college sports

Sophomore Joe Pesci (Farmington Hills Harrison) made his first collegiate start at quarterback Saturday for Albion College in a football game against Kalamazoo.

Pesci, who helped Harrison win the 1993 Class A title, replaces junior Kyle Klein, who is recovering from a broken bone in his left hand.

Pesci had played in three games for the Britons, completing 10 of 19 passes for 111 yards and a touchdown.

On the opposing side Saturday was Rob Cavagnoli (Farmington Hills/Farmington High), a senior defensive back for Kalamazoo who had seven tackles (four solos) through three games.

■ Scott Gurke (Farmington Hills Harrison) continues his comeback from serious knee injuries as a member of the Albion College football team. He missed his junior year at Harrison and most of the '94 season, but he returned for the playoffs and contributed to another championship effort.

Gurke is sharing time at outside linebacker with fellow freshman Chad Able of Midland (Dow).

Schlavi wins competition

Joe Schlavi of Farmington Hills, a fourth-grader at Highmeadow Elementary School, won first place in the annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition for 9-year-olds in Northville on Sept. 17.



He won the contest with a total yardage of 198 feet, 6 inches. Distance is important but accuracy in all three areas helped to make Schlavi's score the highest.

The next phase of the contest taken place this week in Plymouth with the winners from five cities competing. That winner goes to the Silverdome for the area finals at halftime of a Detroit Lions game.

Schlavi is a tackle and kicker on the Our Lady of Sorrows CYO football team in Farmington.

Harrison girls prevail

Nikki Herman and Amy Schaner finished one-two for Farmington Hills Harrison as the Hawks defeated Northville 24-32 in girls cross country Thursday.

Herman was the race winner in 22:13 at Cass Benton Park, and Schaner was second at 22:22.

Harrison's Kristin Schelcher was fourth (22:55), Erin Schwartz sixth (22:56), and Katie Critch 11th (24:35).

"Northville had beaten us at Walled Lake Western, so it was a big meat for us," Harrison coach Mark Babcock said. "To be in any kind of contention in the division, we had to win."

The Hawks are 2-1 in the division and 3-1 overall.

"The weather was bad, but our kids ran well," Babcock said. "We had some times that were near personal records. We're making progress; today was probably our best team effort of the year."

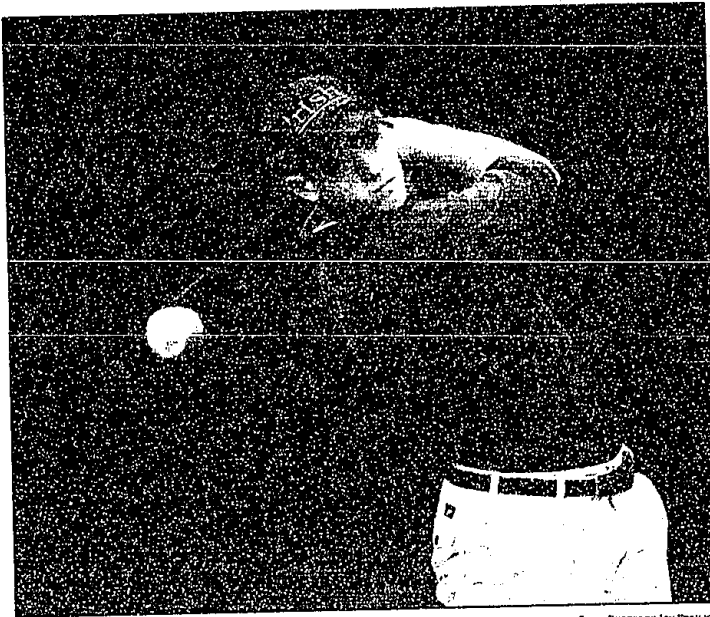
Hawks keep improving

Farmington Hills Harrison's boys cross country team continues to improve, as evidenced by its 23-35 win Thursday over Northville.

The Hawks filled five of the top eight places at Cass Benton Park to push their record to 3-1 in the Western Division and 3-1 overall.

Harrison's Jared Roth was first (17:42), Scott Oswald third (18:55), Matt Hane fifth (19:16), Ryan Maloney sixth (19:20) and Jack Ardianski eighth (19:26).

"The times are not real impressive, because the weather was not great," coach John Ward said. "The times are getting closer, and the top two guys are running well."



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Sub-par player: Harrison senior Kevin Horton shot a 1-under 35 Friday to lead the first-place Hawks in the boys city golf tournament.

Hawks take city crown



After finishing last in the preseason city meet, Harrison High made a comeback Friday by winning the annual city golf tournament behind a 1-under-par 35 from senior Kevin Horton.

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Senior Kevin Horton shot his best golf round of the season Friday to help Farmington Hills Harrison win the boys city tournament.

Horton fired a 1-under-par 35 at San Marino Golf Course to pace the Hawks, who posted a 203 team score — their best since the last 1970s.

Farmington was second with 207 strokes, and North Farmington, which won the preseason city meet, was third with 210.

Horton, who missed that early season tournament because of mononucleosis, is starting to regain the form he had late in the 1994 season when he qualified for state.

"He's still averaging 39-40 but, like last year, he's coming on strong late in the year," Harrison coach Bill Spencer said.

"He's been playing pretty steady of late. It was about time for him to break loose, and he picked the right day to do it."

Furthermore, Horton managed to have his impressive round on a day when the weather was less than ideal. Though the rain waited until play

was complete, water on the course made the greens wet and putting difficult.

"It was an exceptional round," Farmington coach Jim Miner said. "He did a wonderful job and should be complimented for that."

As a team, the Hawks also made an impressive comeback after finishing last in the city meet in late August.

"I thought we would get stronger as the year went on; it's not a total surprise," Spencer said. "I figured by the end of the year all three Farmington schools would be pretty competitive, so we all knew it would be a pretty close match."

"It was our goal to improve and I think we have. I think we're showing we're competitive now."

Harrison had solid rounds of 40 from seniors Kris Jovan and Jeff Moscov, Adam Tandon shot 43 and Muhamet Suljoman 45. Jeff Boxman had 48 in a non-scoring role.

"Our Nos. 2 and 3 did well, also," Spencer said. "Those are three seniors there, and they should be doing well."



Fairway shot: Jason Mansuety shot 44 for North Farmington.

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North wins at buzzer

North Farmington lost a big lead Thursday but still managed to beat host Livonia Stevenson with a last-minute rally in girls basketball.

Carrie May's three-point basket at the final buzzer gave the Raiders a 56-53 victory after they had failed to hold a 20-point, first-quarter lead.

"It was more exciting than it needed to be," North coach Linda Perkins said. "We were fortunate this time to come out on top; we lost two close ones this year."

The Raiders built a 27-7 lead after

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just one quarter, but the Spartans got back to within 37-31 at halftime and 44-34 after three periods.

Marie Wilson, who scored 13 of her 16 points in the fourth quarter, made her third triple in that period to put Stevenson ahead 53-51 with 20 seconds remaining.

The Spartans erred by fouling North's Kellie Fournier, who sank the tying free throws with 14 seconds left.

North got its chance to win the game when Stevenson committed a traveling violation and turnover.

After a timeout, the Raiders inbounded the ball to May, who dribbled twice and banked a three off the glass as time expired.

"We've been in close ones, and we made this one close by ourselves," Perkins said. "In the fourth quarter, we just weren't playing the D we were in the first half."

"We obviously played a great first half and broke down little by little in the second half."

Fournier sank five three-point shots and scored 19 points. May finished with 15 points, seven rebounds and five steals.

Stevenson center Stacy Nichols also scored 19 points, and Melissa Gratz added 12 for the Raiders.

North is 7-3 overall and 3-2 in the Western Lakes Activities Association, Stevenson 6-5 and 2-3.

■ HARRISON 54, WESTERN 43: The Hawks stayed unbeaten in the Western Lakes Activities Association by defeating Walled Lake Western at Harrison Thursday.

"I'm not surprised at being 6-0, but we have the meet of the schedule coming up," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "We had a good effort, but we still have to play 32 minutes with intensity."

The Hawks face two state-ranked opponents this week, Plymouth Canton and Walled Lake Central.

Senior center Erika Grimes scored 20 points and grabbed eight rebounds to lead Harrison (6-3).

Sophomore guard Amy Robles added 10 points, and sophomore guard Kristan Knutson contributed seven points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

Junior Jodi Miller scored 18 points for the Warriors, 0-5 in the league and 0-9 overall.

Harrison sank 20 of 29 free throws, Western 18 of 30.

The Hawks held quarter leads of 17-11, 29-16 and 45-28 before the Warriors closed the margin with a 17-9 fourth quarter.

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Swimmers receive an incomplete



Swimmers receive an incomplete at the end of a girls swim meet Thursday but not before North.