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Granger breaks Hawks' rush mark

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Farmington Hills Harrison's football faithful released a group of green and yellow balloons as Friday's opening kickoff sailed through the air.

And then Jason Granger, a dazzling senior tailback, deflated Walley Lake Western's upset hopes and launched his name into the record book.

Granger rushed for three touchdowns, a school-record 317 yards to break the standard set four years ago by older brother Roy and help the Hawks shutout the host Warriors 32-0. It clinched an

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outright Western Lakes Activities Association Western Division championship.

"It feels good. I wasn't coming up here expecting to break the (single game rushing) record," said Granger, who accomplished the feat on just 20 carries. "I just came up here to win this game and that's what we did."

"But it's great to come out of here with a school record, especially since the record was my brother's. He told me a couple of weeks ago if some-

one was going to beat it, he wanted me to do it."

Former Harrison star Roy Granger gained 295 yards on 21 carries during a 34-7 win over Cheboygan in the 1991 Class 1B state championship game. Jason missed tying the mark by 12 yards on Sept. 29 against Northville but it was evident from the opening play he might have another shot.

Granger, 5-foot-8 and 155 pounds, took a toss pitch on the game's first play from scrimmage and raced 80 yards untouched for a touchdown and a quick 6-0 lead.

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CC golfers

With Chris Miskala showing the way with a 79, Redford Catholic Central's good golf team finished second in its regional Friday to advance to this weekend's state meet at Forest Akers golf course at Michigan State University.

Catholic Central was second at 368, one shot behind host Milford Lakes and one ahead of West Bloomfield on the Pontiac Country Club course.

Farmington was 12th of the 19 schools with a 350 total. Kris Jovan shot 80, Kevin Horton 85, Jeff Moscow 92 and Adam Tandon 93.

"We're looking forward to going back," CC coach Phil Heyer said, "to extending the season another week."

Chris Hulgrave and Brian Karabelski each shot 77, Mike Pedrys hit 78 and Brandon DiPaola 79 (only the top four shooters counted).

"We were one of the only teams who had all five kids under 80," Heyer said. "It was a tough regional. We had five solid scores. I'm pretty pleased."

Raider swim loss

Livonia Stevenson's undefeated girls swim team swamped host North Farmington, 117-70, Thursday by winning nine of 12 events.

The Raiders' Amy Finkel took the 100-yard freestyle in 57.92 while the quartet of Cheri Farber, Kristen Burke, Stephanie Cohen and Finkel swam 1:46.11 to take the 200-freestyle relay.

Final winner for North Farmington was Nevra Alver, whose 1:16.67 topped the field in the 100-breaststroke.

Stevenson is 7-0, including two WLAA meets.

Conference finals

The Western Lakes Activities Association Cross-Country championship meet takes place 2 p.m. Friday at Cass Benton.

Pescl's hot start

Sophomore quarterback Joe Pescl settled down after a rough first half in his first start for Albion College. The Farmington Hills Harrison product completed just 4-of-12 first half passes before connecting 12 times out of 19 throws in the second half of the Bruins' 19-14 victory Oct. 7 over Kalamazoo.

Pescl threw for 194 yards and a pair of touchdowns to help Albion up its record to 4-1. One of his Harrison teammates, freshman outside linebacker Scott Gurke, also made his first start in the game and made five tackles.

Owczarzak feted

Michigan State senior Kim Owczarzak of Farmington was named outstanding goalkeeper at the Husky/Umbro tournament in Seattle, Wash. She recorded 12 saves for the Spartans' women's soccer team in a 2-0 loss to No. 4-ranked Portland and turned aside 14 shots in a 5-3 overtime loss to Washington.

Senior Sue Gibson of Farmington had a pair of goals in the Washington contest to help rally Michigan State from a 3-1 deficit. Gibson has a career best 14 points so far this year.

Fire starts hot

The Farmington Fire Midget A hockey team reached the finals of its first tournament of the season, losing 6-0 to the Rochester (N.Y.) Americans in the finals of the Buffalo Hornets Hockey Association tourney Sept. 22-24.

The Fire defeated both North Buffalo and Amherst before losing in the championship game.

The Fire returned home and opened its Little Caesars campaign with a 5-0 shutout of Trenton behind the sturdy goalkeeping of Louise Blitoff.

SC, Madonna spikers win

Schoolcraft College made apoplexy Thursday out of host Flint Mott, beating the Eastern Conference women's volleyball leaders in five games, 15-6, 11-15, 15-4, 12-15, 15-7.

"We knocked Mott out of first place and we put ourselves in control — we can dictate our position in the conference," said SC coach Tom Toeters, whose team is 18-15 overall and 8-2 in the conference.

Freshman setter Andrea Orser was the team's top playmaker with 55 assists.

Hermia Angeles was SC's top attacker with 20 kills. Michelle MacRae added 14; Tracy Blais (Claremontville) and Jamie Clark (Churchill) added 12 each. Clark had 40 digs.

MacRae led with six blocks. Stacy Ballus had five.

Junior middle hitter Kelly McCauland (Redford Union) had 18 kills and 14 digs Thursday, leading host Madonna University to a 15-9, 15-0, 16-14 triumph over Siena Heights University.

Raider netters net WLAA

A tie was better than kissing your sister for North Farmington. It gave the Raiders the WLAA girls tennis championship because they had a better dual meet record.

BY BRAD EMONS
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North Farmington and host Livonia Stevenson, scoring 72 points each, tied for first at last week's Western Lakes Activities Association girls tennis tournament.

But the WLAA championship trophy goes to North, which won the overall title based on a better dual-meet record during the regular season.

The difference was a half-point. During the regular season, the Raiders and Stevenson tied 4-4 in their only meeting, but North finished 10-0-1 while the Spartans, who also tied Northville, 4-4, finished 9-0-2.

Third place was also a battle between Northville and Farmington Hills Harrison.

Harrison, 8-2-1 during the regular season, scored 16 points, while Northville, 9-0-2, finished with 15.

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"We've always done it 50-50 and that puts more pressure on you at the league meet," North coach Norm Stanislawski said. "We've been third in the tournament before and it costs you. It's more pressure than the duals."

"It couldn't get any closer. I don't like those close meets."

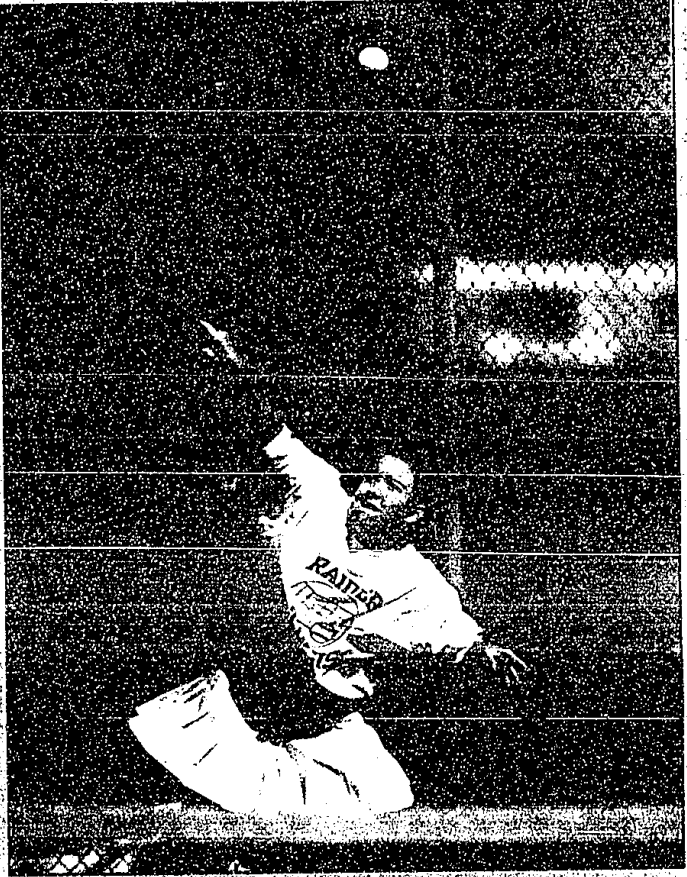
Sophomore Rachel Wool, the top seed at No. 4 singles, earned a three-set victory over Harrison's Lindsay Frank in the finals to clinch the team title for North.

"Rachel's been a steady player all year," Stanislawski said of the 10th-grader. "She was undefeated in the league and her only loss was to Bloomfield Hills Andover."

The Raiders also won the No. 4 doubles flight behind the efforts of sophomores Kristina Kraville and junior Elyse Lakritz. The North duo was also seeded No. 1.

North also piled up points by reaching the finals at No. 3 singles, No. 1 and No. 3 doubles.

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Senior Rachel Wool, North Farmington's Lauren Jones lost a semifinal battle to No. 1 singles champion Whitney University of Stevenson, 6-4, 6-0.

Rocks tumble on Raider football fortunes

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After one game as the full-time tailback, the Plymouth Salem offensive line will tell you that Randy Mack understands who to give credit to.

Mack, who has played most of the season at split end, rushed 35 times for 144 yards and scored all four touchdowns in Salem's 27-12 victory Friday over visiting North Farmington.

But the beneficiaries of Mack's performance were his offensive line.

"I'm taking the whole line out to dinner," the 6-foot-1, 165-pound senior said. "Where? It all depends on how much money I get from my parents."

Mack's performance was a bright spot for the Rocks, who have struggled through a mediocre season. Salem improved to 2-5 overall and 2-3 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Raiders, on the other hand, continue to spiral downward as they lost their sixth-straight game after opening the season with a 30-7 win over West Bloomfield.



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Leading rusher: Only a hip-pointer could stop North Farmington's John Leasway Friday. He ran 12 times for 81 yards and a TD before getting hurt.

North finished in the basement of the Lakes with an 0-5 mark. The Raiders will entertain Livonia Churchill in next week's crossover. The Rocks host Walley Lake Western.

fensive back Kirk Cragg led the Salem defense. The 6-3, 170-pounder intercepted two Brad Rivers passes, broke up another in the end zone and recovered a North fumble.

The Raiders were able to strike first when Rivers found a wide open Richard Beal for a 53-yard touchdown pass on the game's first drive. Rivers completed 5-of-21 passes for 120 yards.

The 6-0 lead didn't hold up for long as the Rocks mounted a 16-play, 74-yard drive, capped by a two-yard dive by Mack. The point after by Brian James gave Salem the lead for good at 7-6.

"I knew Salem could move the ball," North coach Jim O'Leary said. "They scored 35 against Farmington and moved the ball up and down the field against Livonia Stevenson."

After Cragg recovered a North fumble at the Raiders' 41, Mack scored on a 1-yard scamper seven plays later to give the Rocks a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter.

The Rocks' option play wasn't effective, but Salem found success run-

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