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## Raiders earn chance at district title



Goal saver: North Farmington goalie Joey Berger clears the ball in front of teammate Duane Wilder and Farmington's Phil Wantin. Berger played a key role in North's 4-2 victory.

North Farmington advanced to a district final in boys soccer Wednesday by beating Farmington, 4-2.

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Having reaffirmed its status as king of soccer in Farmington, North Farmington's next challenge will be to expand its domain.

The host Raiders defeated rival Farmington High a second time Wednesday in a boys district tournament game, 4-2.

North faces undefeated Western Lakes co-champion Livonia Stevenson for the championship at 4 p.m. Friday at Harrison.

The Spartans (18-0-2), ranked No. 2 in the coaches Class A poll, won the regular-season meeting 6-1.

"Stevenson is a very skilled team and is in a league by itself right now," first-year North coach Ron Meteyer said. "But who knows? Anything can happen. That's why we play the games."

"On paper, Farmington and West Bloomfield were supposed to be better than us. They're human, too, and there will only be 11 of them on the field."

North (7-8-1) used great goaltending by Joey Berger and a pair of goals from Craig Hearn to defeat the Falcons (6-9-1).

Berger made 14 saves and kept the Raiders in it early when the game was scoreless and Farmington was pressuring.

"Joey has played well all season, but today it was like he was guarding his house down there," Meteyer said. "He has gained in experience and confidence, and it showed today."

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### Falcons win Lakes title

Farmington High's junior varsity football team won the Lakes Division championship and finished second in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

It was the first division title since 1988 for the JV's, who lost 15-0 to Walled Lake Western in the WLA championship game Oct. 19.

After dropping the season opener to Waterford Nott (30-12), the Falcons had three straight shutouts over Livonia Churchill (14-0), Livonia Stevenson (34-0) and Plymouth Salem (20-0).

Farmington defeated North Farmington 26-6 and blanked Westland John Glenn and Walled Lake Central in consecutive weeks — both by 6-0 scores — to clinch the Lakes title.

The roster includes Joel Lewis, Dave Heglin, Jon Zomphier, Don Leonard, Ian Kozak, Lavelle Kirkpatrick, Jay Gault, Tim Kirby, Jon Wood, Colan McCahan, Todd Richardson, Aaron Bawel, Nicholas Colson, Mike Bewernitz, Brett Brewer, Bryan Seloske, Tom Brent, Joe Small, Jeremy McQuinn, Bryant Bronner and James Webb.

The Falcons are coached by Brian Savage and Greg Michaels.

### Vikings win triple-header

The NWFB Vikings were triple winners Sunday in football games with the Redford Rangers.

The junior varsity won the American Division championship with a 13-6 victory.

Charles Pinkston ran 45 yards for a touchdown, and Brent Rogers caught a touchdown pass.

NWFB's Aaron Diamond intercepted a pass, and Dante Sanders, Eric Hacken, Tim Hasted, Robbie Madvin, Jordan Wolfe and Brian Johns also had outstanding performances.

Andrew MacKellar scored the lone touchdown on a 10-yard run in the pony squad's 6-0 victory.

Andrew Diamond, Tom Livermore, Gary Kennedy and Kyle Taylor were standouts on defense.

The varsity also clinched a division title with a 35-12 win as Kent Taylor, Dorian Sutton and Danny Mikhail combined for five touchdowns and 300 yards rushing.

Ben Lukas, Jason Davidson, John Vincent, Colin Seale, Brett Acker, Phillip Jacques and Jordan Ruder dominated on the offensive line for NWFB.

## Marlins claim 5th straight Catholic League girls title

Farmington Hills Mercy's hold on the Catholic League girls cross country title now spans half a decade.

The Marlins won their fifth consecutive championship Saturday and added as many Operation Friendship victories Tuesday.

All seven Mercy runners placed among the top 15 and earned All-Catholic honors at Marshbank Park in West Bloomfield.

The Marlins had 28 team points, Harper Woods Regina 79, Dearborn Divine Child 83, Livonia Ladywood 86, Birmingham Marian 168 and Riverview Gabriel Richard 221.

"Our kids have worked hard all year and kept the tradition going," Mercy coach Gary Servais said. "We have a good nucleus of young kids who are eager to improve, and that's what a coach wants."

Junior Betsy Gignac was third (20:56) and sophomore Jackie Segue fourth (20:58) in the league meet to pace the Marlins.

Servais was pleasantly

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surprised by the performances of freshmen Erin Thomas and Christina Andriola, who finished sixth (21:33) and seventh (21:34), respectively.

Senior Lisa Nobles was eighth (21:37), sophomore Mandy Phelps 10th (21:43) and senior Melissa Tlucek 15th (22:08) to complete Mercy's top seven.

The race winner was Regina's Natalie Celuch (20:31), and the runner-up was Liz Fernandez of Marian (20:48).

On Tuesday, Mercy scored 45 points in the Friendship meet to easily outpace Regina (68), Divine Child was third and Redford High fourth.

"It was a rough day to run; the conditions were tough," Servais said. "It was quite a turnaround from Saturday. We really had a nice fall until today."

Gignac was fourth (21:09), Segue fifth (21:16), Phelps 10th

(21:59), Nobles 11th (22:10), Thomas 16th (22:22), Tlucek 16th (22:30) and Andriola 19th (22:39).

The top 15 runners are considered All-City. Fernandez was first (20:21) followed by Celuch and a Detroit Casa Tech runner.

In addition to Nobles and Tlucek, Servais credits seniors Sharon Agacinski, Nora Obringer, Kate Sharkey, Amy Buhl, Melissa Steinmetz and Julie Roble for providing good leadership and helping the younger team members.

"The seniors have helped to keep the young kids enthusiastic," he said. "They played an important role, providing rides and encouragement. They made my job a little easier."

"They've promoted the sport and helped to recruit runners in school. I don't teach in the building, and that's been a big help."

The Marlins go to the Class A

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## CC repeats as boys champ

Redford Catholic Central won its sixth Catholic League boys cross country title in the last eight years Saturday at Marshbank Park.

All seven of the CC runners finished in the top 12 as the Shamrocks scored 91 points — 28 more than runner-up Harper Woods Notre Dame.

Birmingham Brother Rice finished third with 93, Dearborn Divine Child 120, Warren DeLaSalle 127, University of Detroit Jesuit and Orchard Lake St. Mary's 128 and Riverview Gabriel Richard 200.

It was CC's second consecutive title and ninth since 1982.

Not surprisingly, the one-sided affair was led by senior Joe Leo, who crossed first in 16:08 and 25 seconds ahead of second-place finisher Matt Hartung of Notre Dame.

CC's John Griffin finished fifth in 17:16, with Rick Stachura

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(17:30) and Joe Hubert taking seventh and eighth, respectively.

Other Shamrocks making All-Catholic were Chris Laney (10th), Rick Kowal (12th) and Anthony Wolfe (18th).

"We were hoping our seven would finish ahead of the third runners of the other teams, but as it turned out they all finished before any other team's second runner," CC coach Tony Magni said.

Magni would like to see his team running closer to Leo going into the regional meet Saturday.

"We're bunching up but still nothing more than a minute behind Joe, and I'd like to see us close the gap," he said.

The Shamrocks received a good warm-up for the regional Tuesday by winning their eighth consecutive Operation Friendship meet at

Marshbank.

CC again blistered its competition with 34 points — 80 ahead of second-place Brother Rice.

Detroit Denby was third with 144 followed by Notre Dame (145), Detroit Mumford (188) and Detroit Osborn (238).

"We told the team going into the meet not to get hurt and to get a good workout," Magni said. "It was a good way for us to prepare for the regional."

Leo capped his career at Marshbank by winning in a time of 16:55. Mumford's Anthony Spillers took second (17:08) with St. Mary's Kevin Roessler in third (17:21).

Griffin's 17:30 was good for fourth place, followed by Stachura in seventh (17:46) and Kowal in ninth (17:50).

The Shamrocks captured 18th, 14th and 15th places with Hubert (17:50), Wolfe (18:06) and Dan Danie (18:06).

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