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be Vardar III '86 soccer team took first
place in the Premier Division of the Michigan Youth Soccer Leagus for boys under 10.

The team finished the fall season with a record
of 8-1-1, playing each team in the division twice.

Variar defeated the Rochester Lightning, Carpathia Kickera, Birminghum Blazers and Brandon
Hazka, Its only loss and tie came from the USL
Comnos, who had 6-1-3 record.

Kasey Lopate of Farmington Hills is among the
Vardar players. The others are Jonathan Abbey,
Stephen Benertt, Nick Dilkambro, B.J. Goodman, Keane Kalso, Chris Kelly, Matt Milia, Arman Oscoli, Tray Oshome, Jeff Sander, Jonathan
Toben, Doug Vanker and Billy Weaver.

Vardar is coached by Matt Paukovits, the assistant coach for the University of Detroit men's
soccer team. Mitch Bennett manages the team.

Boys soccer champions

The Vardar III '83 boys accer team won the championship of the under-13 First Division in the Little Caesars Premier Socret Legus. Coach Morris Lupence's team started with a 4-4 tie, rallying from a 4-0 deficit against the Canton Hornets.

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Varidar won its next six games, settling up consecutive showdowns with unbeaten teams. Troy and the Michigan Wolves. Varidar beat Tray 6-1 and the Wolves 6-2 to ellinch the championship. Team members are Michael Timlin, Beverly Hillis; Matt Fernander, Bloomfield Hillis; Dan Mulcaly, Commerce, Karl Lopata, Farmington Hillis; Cliff Orr, Fraser, Mike Thomas, Livonia; Jordan Kozak, David Rayner, Oxford, Mike Bramlet, Ricky Strong, Rochester, John Mauro, John Palazzolo, Shelby Lee Oliphant, St. Clair Shores, Kyle Lopkewych, Will Ross, Sterling Heights; Billy Scyphers, Troy, Brandon Felker, Waterford; and Justin Detter, White Lake.

Tennis coaches hailed

hree coaches from the Western Lakes Ac-tivities Association were recognized as 1935 Regional Coaches of the Year (boys) by the Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Associa-

Michigan rups occursion and Judy
tion.
George Croll (Livonia Stevenson) and Judy
Braun (Plymouth Salem) shared honors in Rogion
II, while Norm Stanizzewski (North Farmington)
was Region VIII Coach of the Year.

Fire notches easy win

he Farmington Hills Fire Mite AA travel hockey team (age 8-9) improved ita league record to 7-2 with a 22-1 drabbing of Bowling Green, Ohio, Thursday at the Farmington Hills Itee Arena.

Ten players scored for the Fire, and goaltender Patrick Shaw earned his first victory of the seasons.

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Farmington Hills is coached by Daryl Rice,
Faul Lubanski and Jerry Hourigan.

"We are very proud of our boys thus far, especially since this is a first-year team and program,"
Lubanski sald. "Hierover, there are a first of access
we need to improve the grigoth the playing a will be recommended by the sale of the property of the playing the like in practice.

With the quality of our boys, we're sure they will respond to the challenge."

Brusseau has shutout

the Brusseau made his first starting assignment for the Michigan State University hockey team a memorable one.

Brusseau, a 1994 Redford Catholic Contral graduate, had a shutout in a 8-0 victory over the University of Illinois Chicago on Nov. 11.

He is believed to be the first goaltender in MSU history to record a shutout in his first career start. Brusseau, who saw action as a reserve in a previous game, has stopped 31 of the 32 shots for a .969 axve percentage.

Ocelots have uphill fight

choolcraft College begins its run for the National Junior College Millettic Association volleybell championahip today at Millettic Association with the Association of the College Millettic Association of the College Millettic Association of the College Millettic Association of the Ass

Oh, so close! Upset eludes Falcons



Make room in the lane: Farmington's Kim Washnock tries to get clear of Leigh Miles for a shot at

tough game and a scare from Farmington High before winning the district title, 24-23.

By DAN O'MEARA



It was no surprise the Bloomfield Hills Laher girls basivat-ball team won the champlonship of its own district tournament Friday.

The unexpected was Farmington Knights a serious challenge and commentation with the serious challenge and commentation within a basket of winning themselves.

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Laher walked a tightrope in the fourth quarter and eventually overcame the inspired Falcons, 24-23. It was the first district title in 15 years for the Kinghta (21-2), who play Birmingham Marian in the Berkley regional tournament at 5:30 today.

"Farmington is a well-coached team that has improved all the way through the season," Lahaer coach. Chris Drogosch said. "They're playing their best basketball right now, and you have to give them credit.

"On the other hand, when you have a shooting night like we had, I have to give my team as lot credit for keeping confidence in themselves and their teammates and getting it done.

"Any way you look at it, a district championship feels swill good. This is a great team that knows how to stay together and get the job done."

Farmington (10-13) played under control, maneging to handle the Lahaer preasure, and was patient on offense, passing the ball until it had the right shot.

The Falcons stayed close all the way, trailing 10-6 after one quarter and 16-15 at halfitme but leading 23-22 entering the fourth period.

"My kids played with confidence, composure and determination," Farmington coach John Verdura said. "I don't think they realizs how far they've come and how good this (Lahaer) team is. We came within a point, and I couldn't be any prouder."

Lahaer's Leigh Miles accred the only points of the fourth quarter, sinking two free throws with 4:39 remaining to account for the final score. But the game was far from over.

While lacking for offense — the teams were a combined 0-for-14 from the floor in the last quarter — it was still an exciting game to the end.

Shamrocks win AA semifinal, 29-13. Was incide CC's 25 and falled to score. The Titans were stopped at CC's 24

Junior wide receiver Tim Steele made some acrobatic catches Satur-day afternoon for Sterling Heights Stevenson, but Redford Catholic Central had a steal that was just as

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With Stevenson trailing 14-7 midway through the third quarter and the bail on the Shamrocka' 6, CC sophomore cornerback Kevin Thomas Intercepted a first-down pass intended for Steele in the corner of the end

or occese in the corner of the and rone.

Cregained the momentum and returned to its punishing running game to win the Class AA state playoff football semificial, 29-13, before a crowd of 5,000 at Mt. Clemens Chippews Valley.

"Earlier in the game, he did an "Earlier in the game, he did an out on me and the first quarter!," Thomas said. "I know he might to back to the same thing. I just diped and graught in He's got same this upset, "I feel the first quarter!," The wins said "I know he might to back to the same thing. I just diped and graught in He's got same this upset, "I feel so the same thing to be the same thing. I just diped and graught in He's got same this upset," "I feel so the same thing a same for the AA championship game at 1 p.m. Saturdey. Ce won the crown in 1990 and "92 and also lost the title game therein "91.

Stevenson senior quarterback Mark Morris completed 10 of 30 passes for 225 yards, including nine to Stoels for 130, and cooch Rick Bye didn't second-guess his decision to throw inside the CC 30.

The Titans had a first down and goal at the Shamrocks' one after lineman Seth Sower picked up a CC fumble and the same seth sower picked up a CC fumble and the same seth settled to the sit.

"We've gottom what we've got by doing what we do." Bye said.

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was inside CC's 25 and failed to score. The Titans were stopped at CC's 24 and failed to score. The Titans were stopped at CC's 24 and failed through the William Brooks and Judah May smothered Morris on a quarterback keeper for a gain of zero on fourth and took their last possession of the first half and drove 71 years to CC's 9 following three catches by Sicele, but sacks by Brooks and Smilley and a tackle by Smiley for a loss of five yards gave Stevenson fourth and goal at the 24. A fourth down pass into the end zone was batted around a couple times and fell to the ground on the last play of the half, leaving CC with a 14.7 halftime lead.

"We've got a mindest about ourselves," said Mike Smiley, "I could see it in our eyes in the huddle. They've got names on the back of their jersey. We've got 'Shamrocks' on the front of ours and that says it all. There were no Individuals out there."

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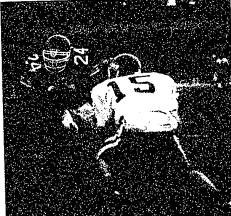
there."
The Titans had 19 first downs to CC's 18, but the Shamrocks outgained the Titans, 284-48, on the

gained the Titans, 284-48, on the ground.
Junior tailback Greg Alcals accored once and had 114 years on 23 carries, while senior fullback John Spolsky scored two TDs and finished with 103 on 17 attempts. Junior quarterback Greg Call completed two of three passes, both to senior light end Eric Gilbo, for 35 yards and also scored on a 13-yard run in the first quarter.

"We figured they'd come with an eight-man line, so we wanted dumps to Gilbo to loosen them up and break things open for Oreg and John." Call said.

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The Shamrocks put the game away
in the fourth quarter with two touchdowns and s safety.
Fellowing a 16-yard Stevenson



Running for daylight: Redford Catholic Central senior tailback Kevin Quay (No. 24) looks for running room against Sterling Heights Stevenson's sophomore defensive back Jon Bracci.

punt that gave CC possession at the Titans' 31, Alcals scored on a nine-yeard run with 6:35 left to put the Shamrocka up 121.7

The Shamrocka added a two-point safety when Spolaky sacked Morris in the end zone, but the Titans drave 722 yards and scored on a one-yard dive by Junior tailliseck Andy Frank to cut the CClest to 23-13.

The two-point conversion pass was