

# SPORTS

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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Compuware tryouts

Tryouts for the 1997 Compuware girls fast-pitch softball teams will be Sept. 21-22 and Oct. 6 at Shell Park in Waterford.

Tryouts for the 13-and-under, 14-and-under and 18-and-under teams will be 1-4 p.m. each day; for the 11-and-under, 12-and-under and 16-and-under teams 9 a.m. to noon.

The park is located on Dixie Highway between Williams Lake and Hatchery roads. Players must not be 12, 14, 16 or 18 as of Sept. 1, 1996, to try out for those age levels.

For information call Al Land at (810) 606-1492 or Newton Barcroft at (810) 625-7383. All coaches are welcome to attend and observe.

### Recreation sports news

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is offering men's and coed open volleyball leagues in the newly-renovated gymnasium at the Costick Activities Center on Eleven Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster.

Games will be played on Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks and will start Sept. 24. The fee is \$245 per team.

The men's open basketball leagues also are being organized for Monday nights, starting Sept. 23. The fee is \$325 per team.

For information call Kim at (810) 473-9570.

### Extended rec hours

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is offering extended fall hours for open basketball and volleyball in the Costick Activities Center gym. Room rentals are available by calling 473-1816.

The basketball schedule for adults is 7-9 p.m. Thursday, 5-7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, 9-11 a.m. Sunday; for teens, 3-5 p.m. Saturday and 1-3 p.m. Sunday; for family gym and swim, 12:30-3 p.m. Saturday and 3-5 p.m. Saturday.

The volleyball schedule for adults is 7-9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday from Sept. 13 to Dec. 22.

The fee per two-hour session is \$2 for residents 17-and-under, \$3 for adults. The respective fees are \$4 and \$5 for non-residents.

### Father-son golf tourney

Team Sports Association is putting on a father-son golf tournament on Sunday, Sept. 29, at Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills.

The format will be alternate ball. Fathers hit tee shots on even-number holes; sons hit tee shots on odd-number holes.

There will be a 10- to 13-year-old division, 14-17 and 18-and-over division. Golfers must list their age as of Sept. 1, 1996. Father's age is unlimited.

A son may play with his father, an uncle, a grandfather or any other adult male. The cost is \$85 per team and includes 18 holes of golf, lunch, trophies, prizes, grab bags, closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the boat.

To register inquire at Team Sports Association, 37799 Professional Center Drive, Suite 103-A, Livonia, MI 48154.

### Gage at Ohio Wesleyan

Freshman Megan Gage of Farmington Hills (Detroit Country Day) is challenging for a starting role on defense for the Ohio Wesleyan University field hockey team.

The Bishops are the defending North Coast Athletic Conference champion and will try to qualify again for the NCAA Division III playoffs.

Ohio Wesleyan has won the conference title and advanced to the national tournament eight of the last nine seasons.

### EMU golf outing

Eastern Michigan University will be holding its second annual Varsity Baseball Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 4 at EMU's Huron Golf Club.

A continental breakfast will help start the day at 8:30 a.m. followed by a 10 a.m. shotgun start for golf. The front nine will be played in a scramble format while the back nine will be played as team best ball.

Refreshments will be provided and a cookout, including a program honoring former EMU baseball player Ken Bruchanski, will be at 3:30 p.m.

Cost is \$125 per person or \$500 per team. Entry deadline is Friday, Sept. 27. For more information, call Roger Corryell at (513) 487-0315.

### Dekhokey tournament

The first International Dekhokey Tournament in Michigan will come to Michigan Dekhokey Inc., located at 45109 Michigan in Canton, Oct. 28-29.

The tournament will involve teams from Massachusetts, Long Island (N.Y.), Pennsylvania, Niagara Falls (Ontario) and several local squads. Teams will be competing for cash and prizes; the maximum number of teams admitted to the tournament will be 16.

Michigan Dekhokey Inc. is the first facility of its type in the state, providing year-round floor hockey and in-line hockey. For more information on the tournament, or on league registrations, call (313) 397-8900.

## Hawks overpower Raiders

Farmington Harrison put its football record at 2-0 Friday at the expense of North Farmington with a 37-0 victory.



BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

They played four quarters of football Friday afternoon at North Farmington, but Farmington Harrison needed only two to gain its second victory of the season.

The Hawks rolled to a 37-0 halftime lead, and that score stood for the final tally.

Harrison was led by senior quarterback Kevin Bambenek, who passed for two touchdowns and ran for another.

Sophomore Ricky Bryant caught both TD passes, covering 19 and 11 yards. Bambenek ran 26 yards for a score, senior Chris Knox 6 and junior Chris Ghannam 1.

"They were stopping the run early, and Kevin came through with some key throws," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "He's matured nicely; he finds the right receiver and is throwing the ball well."

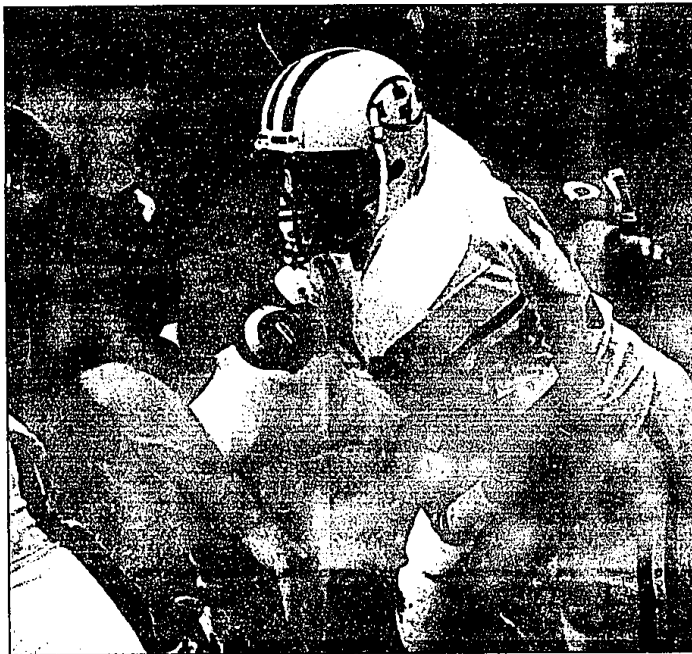
Field position helped the Hawks, who scored every time (five) they had the ball in the first half. One drive started at the 50-yard line, the others at North's 49, 35, 35 and 46.

That was due in large part to an effective Harrison defense that held the Raiders (0-2) to a net offensive total of 1 yard -- minus-7 rushing and 8 passing.

The Hawks rolled up 229 yards in the first two quarters while holding North to a negative 34. Bambenek was 5-of-6 passing for 87 yards in the first half; he threw two incomplete passes after halftime before retiring for the day.

"I think we need to improve the run game with (Walled Lake) Westcott coming up," Herrington said. "The passing game looked sharp, and the defense has played well in both games."

"We'll be tested next week. The kids haven't been in a real tough game yet. We'll have to see how we react to it, but I think we'll be ready for it."



STAFF PHOTO BY BRUCE BAKER

Ready for contact: Harrison running back Chris Knox prepares for a collision with a North Farmington defender Friday. Knox scored a touchdown in Harrison's 37-0 victory.

When senior fullback Nick Shieff's 16-yard touchdown catch was nullified by a holding penalty, Bambenek ran 26 yards on the next play.

A blitzing North linebacker, Jeff Fraser, nearly sacked Bambenek, but the QB escaped to score on the broken play. Zack Cornwall kicked the first five extra points.

Bambenek found Bryant wide open in the end zone on the next series, and he threaded a pass to Bryant at the goal line on the third possession. A 31-yard toss to sophomore tight end Mike Hoard fueled the third drive.

With the Hawks leading 28-0, North senior quarterback Brad Rivers lined up in the shotgun for-

mation at his 26, but the first-down snap went over his head. Junior defensive end Brian Lewis tackled Rivers in the end zone for a safety.

Herrington put the second team on the field for the next series. After Ghannam's TD with 3:37 remaining in the half, the running-clock rule

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## Falcons gain 21-0 victory over Chargers

BY DAN O'MEARA  
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### FOOTBALL

Farmington High is known as a running football team, but it was the forward pass that got the Falcons started Saturday.

Junior Dave Viane's 44-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter put Farmington on the path to a 21-0 victory over visiting Livonia Churchill.

"That was critical," Falcons coach Lauri Niskanen said. "When you run, people are going to gang up on you, and you have to be able to throw the ball."

Farmington's first scoring drive followed the first of six Churchill

turnovers.

The first six plays were runs; then junior quarterback Joel Lewis looked right and threw left to a wide-open Viane, who ran away from the defense before it could reach.

Junior Jon Zomphier scored on a 3-yard run in the second quarter, and Lewis had a 1-yard sneak for a third-quarter score. Aram Sahiner kicked three extra points.

"With a young group of kids, it's best to build confidence by winning," Niskanen said. "Like I say, as long

as they put time on the board and keep score, winning is important."

The Falcons are 1-1 and have won three of their last four, dating back to last season. The Chargers are 0-2 and have lost their last 21 games.

"Injuries have required our kids to play a lot of two positions," Churchill coach Steve Naumoff said. "The next tier came to play today. I respect them very much for the battle they're waging to get this turned around."

Farmington turned just one turnover into points, but the loss of possession kept the Chargers from establishing their offense.

Field position was a factor in the second half. Churchill, after a penal-

ty on the kickoff, had to start at its 6-yard line and later the 13.

Farmington fumbled at the Churchill 5 early in the third quarter but, after a short punt by the Chargers, came back with a 42-yard scoring drive. Zomphier got most of the yards, and Lewis made it 20-0.

Zomphier carried the ball 32 times for 133 yards. Lewis was 3-of-8 passing for 60 yards. The Falcons had a 221-166 edge in total yards. Senior quarterback Nate Jerome was Churchill's top rusher (14-for-99) but was only 5-of-18 passing for 24.

"Jon is going to be a nice back for us," Niskanen said. "It's a matter of getting acclimated to our style of football. We're going to run him."

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STAFF PHOTO BY BRUCE BAKER

City champ: Jared Roth of Harrison High won the boys race Thursday, and Farmington's Kate Adams the girls.

## Falcons, Hawks earn cross country honors

BY DAN O'MEARA  
STAFF WRITER

Farmington High is where it wants to be in girls cross country, and the Farmington Harrison boys are probably a little ahead of schedule.

But both were right on target Thursday, winning city championships at Oakland Community College.

It was the second consecutive title for the Falcons and third in the last five years for the Hawks.

The boys race might have been the closest over as just three points separated the three teams -- Harrison 40, Farmington 42, North Farmington 43. In the girls event, Farmington scored 24 points, North 36 and Harrison 67.

"This just proves to me the girls' summer running is paying off," Farmington coach Liz Zynda said, adding the Falcons had a strong showing in the Charlevoix Invitational to start the season. "It's early and I try not to get too excited. But this is where we wanted to be."

Farmington junior Kate Adams won the girls race again with her best time (20:08) for that course despite playing ice hockey Wednesday night. She ran 20:54 last year.

"I knew she played hockey on Wednesdays, but it's the beginning of season; so I'm not worried about it," Zynda said. "She's a strong person and came up with a time that was 50 seconds better at OCC; so that's a good sign."

The Falcons all but locked up first place when Aimee Cameron finished second and Theresa Derwinski third. Brittany Dixon, a first-year runner, was eighth and Becky Lidzey 10th.

"I'm real proud of Aimee and Theresa," Zynda said, adding both ran personal records. "Both are senior captains and real positive leaders. Brittany and Becky excellent times, too. I'm happy with everybody's performance today."

"The big thing we're working on is keeping a positive attitude and working on (running) discipline as a

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