

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1996

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## FARMINGTON — FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Vikings rally to win

Trailing 33-26 at halftime, the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Vikings varsity football team rallied with 13 unanswered points in the second half Saturday to post a 39-33 victory over the Ann Arbor Wildcats.

James Lee had a fourth-quarter interception in the end zone to preserve the win for the Vikings.

Running back Mark Harris had a huge day for the Vikes, scoring four touchdowns. He had scoring runs of 2, 45 and 85 yards, and he caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Charles Pinkston.

Pinkston completed nine of 10 passes for 87 yards and one TD. John Swartz had five catches for 65 yards.

### Youth Day at Harrison

Saturday has been designated as Youth Football Day at Farmington Harrison High School.

All city middle school, Farmington Rockets, NFWB Vikings players and cheerleaders will be admitted free to the Harrison-Walled Lake Western game courtesy of the Harrison Football Boosters.

Players should wear their game jerseys or jackets and cheerleaders their cheerleading sweaters or jackets to receive a complimentary ticket.

The game begins at 1 p.m.

### Cobras have winning record

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Michigan Cobras won three of four games in the Fall Baseball League at Henry Ford Community College.

In the first game, the Cobras defeated the Sports Academy Yankees 5-3. Jason Bull struck out 13 and earned the win.

Mike Sopo, Tim Andrzejak, Jared Thatcher, Josh Gad-Harf, Craig Sopo, Mike Barnett, Mike Tata and Brian Klem contributed at the plate.

In Game 2, the Cobras lost to the Plymouth Mets 6-0 as their bats went silent against Mets pitcher Jeff Jonca. Only Mike Sopo and Craig Sopo had hits.

The Cobras recovered in Game 3 to beat the West Side Dodgers 7-1. Allowing only four hits, Bull took the win.

Mike Sopo, Andrzejak, Gad-Harf and Thatcher reached base twice each, and Andrew Todd was a defensive standout at shortstop.

Game 4 was a nailbiter as the Cobras overcame a 2-0 deficit to beat Salem II by a 4-3 score. With the score tied in the last inning, Andrzejak, facing a full court, drew a bases-loaded walk to force in the winning run.

Barnett, the Cobra shortstop, snagged a line drive and turned it into a double play to cut short a Salem rally.

Bull was the winning pitcher, striking out 10 and helping his cause by going 3-for-3.

### Marlins make state cuts

Farmington Hills Mercy achieved three state cuts while defeating host Grosse Pointe South 149-45 in its first swimming dual meet Sept. 11.

Elizabeth Posvar anchored the medley relay team that qualified with a 1:56.97 time and made the cut herself in the 200 individual medley at 2:15.85.

The relay team included Katie Callan, Meredith Spiegel and Erin Downs.

The third state cut was achieved by Jennifer MacDonald in the butterfly with a first-place time of 1:02.39.

Posvar also won the 100-yard freestyle (55.51) and anchored another winning relay team in the 200 freestyle (1:47.07). Jenny Chapp, Downs and Mayne participated in the relay.

The Marlins also had victories from Kristie Cordis in the 200 freestyle (2:05.44), Caroline Kenna in the 50 freestyle (26.97) and backstroke (1:05.22) and Spiegel in the breaststroke (1:12.41).

Mercy also won the 400 freestyle relay in which the team of Seymour, Carlin, Cordis and Kenna posted a 3:56.45 time.

### Special Olympics to benefit

Detroit Lions fans will have one more reason to cheer for Barry Sanders this season.

Sanders and the Lions are teaming up with Oakland County Special Olympics for the Fifth Annual PAY-by-play. Payman-A-Yard is a pledge program for the 1996-97 NFL season that will benefit Special Olympics.

PAY-by-play entails pledging pennies (one, five or 10 cents) for every yard Sanders gains, both rushing and receiving for the regular season and post-season games.

Pledge proceeds will go to Oakland County Special Olympics for training, competition, uniforms, equipment and other costs.

"We are pleased to be working with Barry Sanders and the Detroit Lions to benefit our athletes," said Nancy Joseph, area director of Oakland County Special Olympics. "We anticipate a great response from fans and supporters of Barry Sanders and the Lions."

Pledge cards are available at the Special Olympics office by calling (810) 674-4924.

Oakland County Special Olympics offers 18 sports year round such as swimming, bowling, basketball, gymnastics, weightlifting and more for persons with mental retardation.

## Bench key to Harrison win

Harrison High won its opener in Western Lakes girls basketball, beating North Farmington 59-46 Tuesday at Harrison.



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Farmington Harrison's depth made the difference Tuesday in girls basketball as the Hawks defeated rival North Farmington 59-46.

Coach Peto Mantyla used 10 players, sometimes subbing five for five, and the Harrison bench produced a necessary 22 points.

"I think our second team has done a great job in practice," Mantyla said. "When your second team can beat the first team, that makes for a competitive situation and some great conditioning."

Junior Kerstin Andrzejewski was the leader of the second group, scoring 12 points and providing a complement in the post for Harrison's excellent outside shooting.

"She had a great game; I thought she was a force for us down there," Mantyla said, adding he considers Andrzejewski another starter in the sixth-player role.

"We were concerned about North's post scoring, and it was nice we could match it. This was by far Kerstin's best game of the year."

Harrison junior guard Amy Roble and North sophomore forward Katie Vihetie scored a game-high 18 points apiece. Roble also led the Hawks with seven rebounds, and Andrzejewski pulled down six.

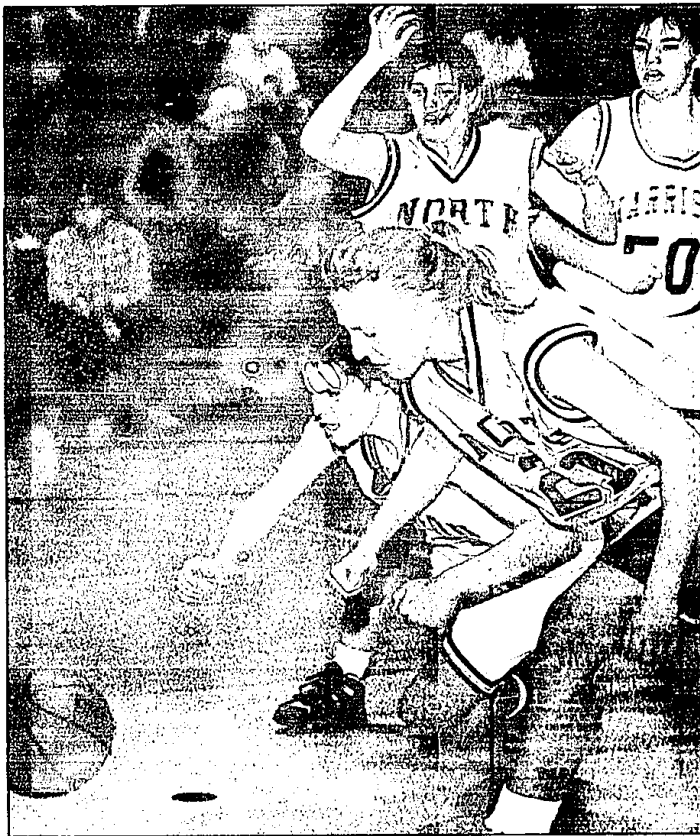
It was a combination of Roble and Andrzejewski that turned a close game in favor of Harrison, which led 27-26 at halftime.

Roble scored the first eight points of the third quarter, which included a pair of triples, and had half her total in the period.

That opened up the inside for Andrzejewski, who scored the next two baskets to give Harrison a 39-25 lead and had eight points in the third quarter.

"That spread the floor," North coach Linda Perkins said. "The screens they were setting for Roble worked big time; then we had to go to a man (defense), and they got some good shots inside, too."

Harrison led 44-32 with one quarter remaining, and the closest the Raiders got was 52-45 when Kate Devereux made a three with a little over two minutes left to ball to get it up the floor," Perkins said. "There was a little nervousness there; we knew we were only a couple three's away."



Court challenge: Harrison's Amy Roble (white shirt) and North Farmington's Tricia Traczyk race to loose ball while Kathie Collins and Kerstin Andrzejewski await the outcome.

"We needed to deny better when they were going to the corners at the end. The Harrison kids were reading that well and taking it to the hole for some layups."

The Hawks ruined five threes in the first half and had seven overall. Roble and Mahogany Fletcher made two each, and Ali Ault, Cassie Jernison and Ari Ault had one apiece.

"I don't think we emphasize the three more than we do the post, but it's hard to guard both, especially when you have a balance of shooters," Mantyla said.

"We spend time every day on perimeter shooting, posting, penetrating and passing. If you do those four things, I think you'll be a pretty good team."

The threes weren't enough to cause North to fold, however.

The Raiders even had the lead, 23-19, until Andrzejewski made a three-point play. Jernison hit a three and Roble sank two free throws to make it 27-23 just before halftime.

Free throws kept the Raiders in it.

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### Raiders defeat rivals



Match winner: Heather Richeson prevailed at No. 2 singles Monday in North Farmington's 8-0 win over Farmington Harrison. See results on Page 4C.

## Falcons claim win over W.L. Central

Tim Rais had one goal and one assist Monday in Farmington High's 3-1 victory over visiting Walled Lake Central in boys soccer.

Rais assisted on Phil Wantin's goal early in the game, and Brad Gervasi scored the Falcons a 2-0 halftime lead with an assist from Phil Gasparotto.

The Vikings cut the lead to one early in the second half, but Rais restored the two-goal lead midway in the half. Paul Mitchell had an assist on the third goal.

### SOCCER

Scott Morrell made three saves while playing the entire game in goal for Farmington, which fired 12 shots at the Central net.

"We dominated the game," Falcons coach Luke Juncal said, adding Farmington should have had a half dozen goals. "But that's been a problem, putting the ball in the net."

Juncal credited his midfield of Randy Sage, Wantin, Patrick Faloon and Chad Goshorn for controlling the game and preventing the Vikings from getting the ball through the middle to the Farmington side.

Zak Papper and Todd Afferbaugh stood out defensively. Juncal added, "Rais and Mitchell played well up front, 'making runs and beating their defenders one-on-one.'"

The Falcons are 3-3 overall, 1-0 in

the Lakes Division and 2-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

The Farmington-Plymouth Salem game on Sept. 11 was postponed because of bad weather until Saturday, Oct. 12, at Farmington.

The JV game will start at 11 a.m. and be followed by the varsity contest at approximately 12:30 p.m.

DELSALLE 1, REDFORD CC 0: Warren DeLaSalle scored with 12 minutes left in the first half Tuesday to defeat Detroit Catholic Central in a Catholic League Central Division game at DeLaSalle.

CC is 0-3 overall, 2-1 in the division. "I honestly thought we took it to them; we controlled the tempo and carried a lot of the play," CC coach Dana Orsucci said. "We didn't dominate, but we scared them. I can't complain too much."

STEVENSON 8, HARRISON 0: Senior midfielder Paul Tokarsky threw himself quite a birthday party, scoring a hat trick Monday as host Livonia Stevenson (4-1) hosted Farmington Harrison in a Western Lakes crossover.

Senior forward Mark Dietrich added two goals, while senior defender Jason Roy, junior striker Ryan Broderick and junior midfielder Neum Popovski added one goal apiece. The Spartans led 5-0 at halftime.

FRANKLIN 2, WESTERN 0: Goalkeeper Shaun MacGillis made 15 saves and sweeped Bill Fischer led a stubborn defense Monday, as Livonia Franklin opened Western Division play in the WLAA with a win at Walled Lake Western.

Franklin is 5-3 overall, while Western falls to 2-4-1. Bill Wigles scored what proved to be the game-winner with 10:15 left in the opening half. Adam Sharke's cross led to the goal.