

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**PREP FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Oct. 25  
Clermontville at Hamlet, 4:30 p.m.  
Fenton at Redford Union, 7 p.m.  
St. Agatha at N.D. Prep, 7:30 p.m.  
Luth. Westland at Luth. East, 7:30 p.m.  
Eden Ford at Garden City, 7:30 p.m.  
Romeus at Wayne, 7:30 p.m.  
(Western Lakes Championship)  
John Glenn at W.L. Western, 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Oct. 26  
Taylor Township at Thurston, 1 p.m.  
Bishop Bressa vs. Cawlin  
at Downriver Community, 1 p.m.  
Redford CC vs. Divine Child  
at D.H. Crestwood, 1:30 p.m.  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Monday, Oct. 23  
Saline Christian at Agape, 5 p.m.  
St. Agatha at Greater Luth., 7 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 22  
Cville at Luth. N.West, 6:30 p.m.  
Hennepine at Luth. West, 6:30 p.m.  
N. Farmington at Churchill, 7 p.m.  
Monday, Oct. 23  
Saline at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Saline at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Monroe, 7 p.m.  
Fenton at Wayne, 7 p.m.

Thurston at Melvindale, 7 p.m.  
Ladywood at Divine Child, 7 p.m.  
Marion at Mercy, 7 p.m.  
Borjess at H.W. Regina, 7 p.m.  
Huron Valley at Tay. Baptist, 7 p.m.  
Roeper at Fly. Christian, 7 p.m.  
Thursday, Oct. 24  
Clermontville at Luth. North, 6:30 p.m.  
Churchill at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at John Glenn, 7 p.m.  
W.L. Central at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at Saline, 7 p.m.  
Waynesville at Garden City, 7 p.m.  
Redford Union at Trenton, 7 p.m.  
Crestwood at Thurston, 7 p.m.  
Marion at Ladywood, 7 p.m.  
Mercy at H.W. Regina, 7 p.m.  
Divine Child at Borjess, 7 p.m.  
Doneschline at St. Agatha, 7 p.m.  
Lanswee Christian at PCA, 7 p.m.  
Friday, Oct. 25  
Franklin Road at Agape, 5 p.m.  
**BOYS SOCCER**  
Monday, Oct. 23  
Saline at Franklin, 7 p.m.  
Stevenson at Harrison, 7 p.m.  
John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.  
Farmington at W.L. Western, 7 p.m.  
Garden City at Monroe, 7 p.m.  
Fenton at Wayne, 7 p.m.

# Chiefs beat Hawks in defensive battle

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Who needs offense?  
Plymouth Canton and Farmington Harrison combined for a classic defensive struggle before the host Chiefs escaped with a 44-34 victory in girls basketball.

Both teams struggled on offense earlier in the week, but the lack of scoring Thursday was more a testament to Canton's tight man-to-man defense and Harrison's active zone.

## BASKETBALL

"They played very hard and were very scrappy," Canton coach Bob Blohm said of the Hawks. "But I think we also played hard."

"Both teams played tough offensively tonight. We're getting back to where we want to be and putting the other things behind us."

Canton improved to 13-2 overall and 8-1 in the Western Lakes cities Association. The Chiefs slipped to 8-5 and 6-3.

The Chiefs were led by senior center Kristi Florenzi, who scored 15 points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Nkechi Okumwabua added eight points off the bench, and Tiffany Williams chipped in

seven points.  
Junior Amy Roble played a great game for Harrison, giving Canton headaches in the post. She finished with a game-high 16 points on 6-of-15 shooting.

The problem for the Hawks was the rest of the team didn't shoot well, making only five of 25 shots combined. Harrison relied on the three-pointer, nailing only four of 20 tries behind the arc.

"Canton is a strong, physical team, and it's hard to get good shots against them," Harrison coach Pete Mantyla said. "We're used to having more room to shoot."

The Chiefs jumped to a 6-0 lead before the Hawks went on an 8-3 run. Three of the baskets came on post-up layups by Roble.

"We had trouble with Roble inside," Blohm said. "We have to learn to give better help or sag down more."

Harrison rallied to tie the game at 13 with a 6:09 play in the second quarter after another Roble layup. But that was the last points the Hawks would score until early in the second half.

The Chiefs took advantage of Harrison's dry spell to lead 19-13 at halftime.

A pair of three-pointers by Ali Ault kept the Hawks within striking range, 28-22, with 1:34 left in the third quarter. Ault netted nine points off the bench.

But the Chiefs regained the momentum after Roble's shots by Florenzi and Okumwabua.

Canton converted six of seven free throws in the fourth quarter to hold off the Hawks, who could get no closer than eight points.

"I felt we were in this game the whole way," Mantyla said. "They got an eight-point cushion and protected it. They're a team that can pass and catch the ball as well as anybody."

At the free-throw line, the Chiefs made 15 of 19 attempts; the Hawks made only four of 10. Canton also held a 29-16 advantage on the boards.

Blohm said after the game he was happy that Harrison is now off his schedule -- unless they meet in the WLA playoffs.

"I believe Harrison is one of the most improved teams in the league," he said. "They went to Central, which is a hard place to play, and lost by only three."

"They're a young team and will win a lot of games in the future. And I think they'll be tough down the stretch and make a good showing in the league playoffs."

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numbers at the University of North Carolina-Greensboro.

The sophomore forward is ranked fifth (tied with three others) in scoring nationally among Division I-A women.

Lord's 18 goals this year is a single-season school record for UNC-Greensboro. She also has seven assists and 45 total points.

She has twice been named to the Soccer America Women's Team of the Week and twice Big South Player of the Week.

Lord, who is majoring in physical therapy, has 27 career goals. The UNC-Greensboro career record is 63 goals, a mark that seems well within her reach.

The UNC-Greensboro Spartans are rated No. 13 nationally in the Soccer America Top-20 women's poll with an 11-3 record.

Lord, who scored 104 goals in her four-year varsity career at North and a school-record 34 as a senior, was a member of the 1995 All-State Dream Team in Michigan. She also played volleyball for the Raiders.

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champions. They've won 13 of the last 157. In my opinion, they are (the champions)."

Franklin outgained Harrison 63-43 on the ground as Anthony Grech led all rushers with 77 yards on 22 carries.

But the Hawks had a big advantage in passing yards. Franklin quarterback Brian Facione was 9-of-22 for 98 yards with most going to Paul Terek, who had six catches for 75 yards.

"We had to give them a few short passes, because we were so



All arms: Farmington's Jenny Neale and North Farmington's Tricia Traczuk get tangled up as they battle for a rebound Thursday.

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ing), but she makes the big assists, too."

The Raiders missed on their next two possessions, too. Farmington's Sarah Rattai made a one-handed save to keep the ball in bounds, and Angi Newman tipped and then grabbed the loose ball out of the air.

"The ball bounced in our favor at the end, but you have to credit our girls for their hustle," Verdura said. "The whole key to the game was rebounding better than we did in other games."

North still had six fouls to give. The Hawks repeated the inbound process as many times before Porter went to the free-throw line with five seconds left.

She got all net on both attempts to give Farmington a 44-40 lead and sufficient point cushion. North missed a three-point shot at the end.

"There's no question she's our coach on the floor," Verdura said.

"We wanted to make sure we got the ball to her. She made it a comfortable win instead of one you hold your breath on."

"She was involved in the last three plays. She hit shot to tie it, she made the pass to Angi Newman and she made the free throw to clinch it."

Katie Vithell scored 12 points to lead North. Kathie Collins, who made three triples, and Fournier added nine points each. Rattai and Jenny Neale contributed eight points apiece for Farmington.

"The Raiders led 21-15 at halftime, but the Falcons made a comeback in the third quarter. Porter, who was 6-of-10 from the floor in the second half, had seven points and Neale six as

Farmington outscored North 17-9 in that period.

"We weren't reacting to the ball well," Perkins said. "We weren't shifting fast enough every time they passed the ball. When they're getting seconds shots, it's hard to win the game."

The Falcons scored the last six points to go ahead 32-30. Rattai lobbed the ball inside to a wide-open Emily Engelman, who made the layup just before time expired.

In the second quarter, North was winning with its transition game and leading 19-13. Porter stole the ball and made a breakaway layup to make it a four-point difference.

"Amanda got a little frustrated, because she missed some shots she usually makes," Verdura said. "Her steal on the wing when North seemed ready to get a little lead was the play of the game. That gave our girls some confidence."

Farmington was 8-of-19 from the field in the third quarter, 13-of-23 in the second half and 20-of-55 for the game. North made 14 of 45 shots. The Falcons were 3-of-4 shooting free throws, the Raiders 7-of-11.

"We have to resurrect ourselves and play hard against (Walled Lake) Central on Tuesday," Perkins said. "We have the talent to beat any team in this league when we're playing hard and executing well."

"This is a terrific group of kids to coach," Verdura said of his team. "They work hard and hustle; they try to do, as best they can, what you want them to do. They're just a lot of fun to coach."

## Spartans down Raiders

Livonia Stevenson played efficient football before a homecoming gathering Friday, drubbing North Farmington, 35-7.

The Spartans improved to 5-2 overall and wrapped up second place in the Lakes Division with a 4-1 mark. North is winless.

Stevenson senior tailback Gado Clark gained 195 yards in 14 carries to raise his season total to 882.

Stevenson built a 28-0 halftime lead as Chris Colley threw a pair of touchdown passes, a 4-yarder in the first period to Kevin Marvin and a 7-yarder to Dave Swich in the second quarter.

Ken Kullisz added a 1-yard TD run, while senior safety Joe Jeffrey picked off a North pass and raced 60 yards for a score just before the half.

In the third quarter, Mike Alli-

son added a 7-yard touchdown run.

North averted the shutout in the third when junior tailback Kirk Mondross, who rushed for 83 yards in 17 carries, scored on a 17-yard run.

Kyle Kreson booted the extra point. Stevenson's Seth Carriere, meanwhile, was five-for-five.

Stevenson outgained North in total offense, 243-230. Colley was three of three for 14 yards, while North junior Brant Reilly was four of 22 for 62 yards.

Allison led the Stevenson defense with seven tackles and a knockdown. Swich added an interception and five tackles.

"It was a great night for the whole team to play a good game on homecoming," Stevenson coach Tim Gabel said. "They prepared well all week, were focused and executed the plan."

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drive to the Harrison 10 but settled for a 27-yard field goal by Nick Anagnostopoulos and a 9-0 lead.

After the Hawks went ahead 26-9, the Patriots lost a fumble at the Harrison 15, and their next two possessions ended with interceptions, including one in the Harrison and sons.

Sarsfield had four receptions for 69 yards, Bryant two for 114. Chris Ohannam was the leading rusher for the Hawks with 25 yards on nine attempts.

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The plan can be reviewed at the City of Farmington Hills Clerk's Office, 3655 Eleven Mile Road (SW corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads). Contractors interested in obtaining plans and specifications may get them from Siegal/Tuomola Associates, Inc., 31731 Northwestern Highway, Suite 201, Farmington Hills, (910) 851-3322.  
This project bid will be opened and read aloud on Monday, October 28, 1996, at 10 a.m. in the City of Farmington Hills Clerk's Office. The schedule for completing the work outlined in the plans and specifications is December 1996.  
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**CITY OF FARMINGTON ELECTION NOTICE**  
Public Accuracy Test  
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a Public Accuracy Test will be taken by the City of Farmington to test voting equipment for the November 5, 1996, General Election. The test will be taken on Tuesday, October 29, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. at the Farmington City Hall, Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan.  
PATSY K. CANTRELL, Clerk/Treasurer  
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